

Browning Middle/High School /WBH GEAR UP November 2022 Board Report

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***Cat/Griz Pep Rally (November 11th)**

We held our annual Cat/Griz Pep Rally to promote graduation matters by celebrating our seniors who have applied to colleges and doing class yells with all grade levels that were at the event - 6th to 12th grade! Since it was also Veteran's Day we honored our staff veterans as well. Monte, the UM Mascot rocked the house with his athleticism. In honor of Native American Month, we also added a traditional twist by having a grand entry of dancers made up of both BMS and BHS students. Monte brought up the rear showcasing his newly learned fancy dance moves. At the end of the pep rally, Monte stuck around until the end of the school day and signed autographs and took photos with our BHS staff and students.

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***Senior FAFSA Help Night (November 8th)**

We provided pizza for seniors to stay after school to work on their FAFSAs. This is part of our efforts to continue to push the priority deadline so that our seniors have access to more college funding. We had about 15 students and some parents in attendance and 90% of them were able to complete the FAFSA that evening. Since we got a small grant from the American Indian College Fund to promote FAFSA completion, all students that complete their FAFSA are also eligible for a \$25 e-gift card until they run out. So far we have submitted 32 names for this which is nearly 40% of our BHS Seniors!

***GEAR UP Career/College Prep Advisory Lessons**

We are continuing our annual GEAR UP lessons in advisory classes every Wednesday. The topics focus on anything career and/or college related topics. For Juniors and Seniors, the focus has been on getting their Financial Literacy requirement completed for the Senior Portfolio. For Freshman and Sophomores the topics have been on study skills and goal setting.

***Senior Campus Visit (November 14th-16th)**

We took 28 seniors to visit the following colleges: Salish Kootenai College, University of Montana, and Missoula College - River and West campuses. We also visited the

Rocky Mountain Research Lab in Hamilton and learned some interesting facts about the history of infectious diseases including COVID, as well as a couple of research projects that are taking place at the lab.

*Scholarship/FAFSA Luncheon (November 29th)

Since the priority deadline is December 1st for FAFSA completion, we are going to have one more event to recruit seniors to get this completed! Getting this done by the priority deadline means more money for our students.

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*BMS AVID

Nate is teaching this class. It is our principal's goal to get AVID back on track and GEAR UP will continue to support this as we are grateful that AVID is in our school because of initial funding from Montana GEAR UP and reaching out to us to pilot the program. BMS GEAR UP will also provide an annual STEM/Career Exploration trip for all of the AVID students this Spring.

*First Quarter STEM Event (October 31st)

In the 7th and 8th grade pod, we offered 11 STEM activities in a number of classrooms. Some of the activities were: homemade ice cream in a baggie, ghost story telling and mask making, fizzy lemonade experiment, stick game set making and practice, halloween catapults, and halloween origami. Angie covered the materials for 6th grade so they all had STEM activities happening in their pod as well which included: homemade candy grabber hand, halloween themed gingerbread houses, bone bridge engineering challenge, etc.

*1st 7th Grade Girls College Trip (November 9th)

This trip got postponed due to a scheduling conflict at the college.

*GEAR UP Classroom Lessons

For the 7th and 8th grade lessons, the focus was on Native American Studies/Degrees since it was Native American Month. Agriculture degrees were also discussed since that ties in with what students are learning in their Montana history books.

Cat/Griz Pep Rally Pics



Senior Campus Visit Pics:

