

Browning Middle/High School /WBH GEAR UP May 2023 Board Report

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*We celebrated “Decision Day” on Monday, May 1st with a high school pep rally with parents as our special guests. This was a celebration of our seniors and their post high school plans. A luncheon was provided for seniors and their parents. Thank you BPS Food Service and BHS Kitchen Staff for the awesome food!

*BHS Senior Grad Walk Through. On Thursday, May 18th, about 60 of our BHS and WBH seniors walked through the schools after lunch. Head Start also invited us to walk through their schools. It was again an amazing experience! See some of the photos below.

*This was a busy month helping our seniors finalize their post high school plans which included completing college applications and FAFSA (if they hadn't already), promoting several more scholarship opportunities and making sure they were squared away with other paperwork. GEAR UP also helped with graduation practice and the senior awards banquet.

***Summer Programming**

Our State Office, in preparing for one more year before they reapply for a new GEAR UP grant has cut our summer funding so we didn't fully recruit for all of the MTGU summer camps. We have 3 students signed up for MedStart Camps in the following areas: Billings, Great Falls and Missoula. We will be working on getting them to those camps along with a little time to do summer reporting

We again have our MT AIMS (American Indians in Math and Science) Summer Camp scheduled for 2 weeks next month. This will be for 13 of our students (10 Juniors, 1 Sophomore and 2 8th graders).

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*BHS Senior Decision Day. We had a google meet open so that BMS classrooms could also watch our live event.

*Girls Power Your Future (Formerly called Expanding Your Horizons)

We had recruited 20 7th and 8th grade girls for this annual event that we have been attending for years. This was scheduled for Monday, May 15th at FVCC but we had to cancel since it was the Wellness/Staff Appreciation Day.

*Summer Camp recruitment. The MT AIMS (American Indians in Math and Science) Program of which we piloted the first year with our students, is recruiting for a new cohort this summer. They originally recruited at the southern Montana reservations but we are helping them fill up remaining slots. This is open to current 6th-8th graders, preferably 6th - 7th since they will still be in middle school next year.



