

We Rise



Helena

September, 2018

Dear Broadwater Families,

WELCOME BACK!

We have had a fabulous first couple of days at Broadwater. Thank you for letting us teach your children. It is an honor.

I hope you have all noticed that September is Attendance Awareness Month! "We Rise Helena" is all about making an effort to get your kids to school. Kids are considered to have chronic absences if they miss 10% of the school year, which is 18 days. That means your child only has to miss 2 days a month to quickly miss 18 days!

Please consider joining the Broadwater Parent Organization! We have a wonderful group of folks and we could always use some more help! Our first meeting of the year will be Monday, September 10 at 6:30 PM. If you can't make the meeting, please try to sign up on our online volunteer form whenever we send it out. This group does a lot of great work and we can always use more help! We also provide free childcare during the meeting.

Attention Montessori families: This year, all HPMP meetings will be held at Smith Elementary School. They are generally held the first Monday of each month. This month's meeting, however, will be an Open House/Ice Cream Social for Montessori families from all three schools: Smith, Central-Linc and Broadwater. Please join us at 5:30 PM on Monday, September 17 at Smith! Smith is located at 2320 5th Avenue.

Broadwater students will be very aware of our universal expectations for the school year! We want everyone to **BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL, BE RESPONSIBLE and BE A LEARNER!** Please ask your child about these!

Fabulous Firsts is back! First Grade parents are welcome to attend this celebration of reading. The kids really love it when their parents do come, so if possible, please try to attend! Sponsored by the Helena Education Foundation, every first grade student in the district is given a new book. Please join us at 2:30 on **Thursday, September 6**. Learning to read IS a wonderful celebration!

Celebrate the start of the school year at the annual **Carnival Classic!** Join the Helena Education Foundation and Helena schools at this community-wide event on Sunday, September 9th from 11am-3pm. There will be dozens of booths hosting activities for kids of all ages and for their families. Visit your neighborhood school's booth, support student organizations and teams; learn about various community groups that serve students and families. Students will entertain throughout the day as well. Food Share will be there accepting donations to KidPacks, so help spread the word!

Please remember that school starts at 8:30 AM and ends at 3:15 PM. We have quite a bit of congestion, so please remember that all students are dismissed to the **BACK** of the building. We only have supervision on the playground, not the front yard, so all students are led to the back of the school. **ALSO**-if you park in the handicapped area, you will get a ticket! Even if it's only for a few minutes....please park in regular spaces only. Thanks!

We have already had many children arriving well before breakfast. Please know that teachers (and the principal and secretary) use this time to get a lot of work done, simply because no one is here! When kids start arriving early, we are pulled from getting our work done. Supervision is on the playground starting at 7:50 AM. **PLEASE** do not send or drop off your kids before 7:50.

Don't forget that we dismiss **EVERY MONDAY** at 2:30. The teachers will be working in grade level teams to bring the very best instruction to your child. Thanks for getting this on your schedule.

Picture Day is Friday, September 21. The picture packets will come home closer to the 21st.

My second grandbaby is coming this month! I will be taking Sept. 24-26 off to spoil the baby! I will also be gone to a training in Bozeman on September 27. There will be an administrative intern here during those days.

Mrs. Hovley and Mrs. Delaney's classes will be going to Water Watchers this month. Mrs. Delaney's class will go on Tuesday, September 25 and Mrs. Hovley's class will go on Wednesday, September 26. The kids will be gone all day. PLEASE dress for all kinds of weather. It's not fun to be too cold or too hot when you are out all day! Don't forget water!

We are also asking that you do NOT send soda of any kind for lunch. We are trying to stay as healthy as we can in the lunchroom and kids really struggle to finish that much soda anyway. Thanks for helping with this! If a child has a soda, we will ask that they save it for afterschool.

We are looking forward to a wonderful learning adventure this year! WELCOME!

Dream It, Believe It, Achieve it!