



January, 2019

Happy New Year Broadwater Families!

I hope you all had a wonderful, restful break. January is going to be a very busy month! Starting tomorrow, January 2, our students will be taking their winter benchmarking assessments in math and reading. Remember, the most important score we are looking at is the growth percentile. We really want to see that all of our students are growing in their learning. Please make sure to ask your child's teacher, or me if you have any questions at all about your child's progress.

We were sad to hear that our snowshoeing events have been cancelled due to the government shutdown. We are hoping for a quick resolution and rescheduling soon!

Our January movie night will be held on **Friday, January 11** at 6:15. This is a great chilly evening event to do with your kids. Popcorn is provided. We hope to see you there! Thanks again to our Parent Council for sponsoring this monthly event.

On **Monday, January 14**, our Parent Council meets at 6:30 in the teacher's lounge. Please join us! We are already planning for our spring fun run and the more help we get, the better! We always keep our meetings at just one hour and we also provide FREE childcare. Please join us!

On **Tuesday, January 15**, all of our students who have been involved in the Book Pals program will be having a Meet and Greet dinner with their families and their Book Pal. This has been an exceptional program and we so appreciate these volunteers who come in once or twice a week to read with our kids. If your child is involved in Book Pals, PLEASE mark the date and more information will be coming.

On **Thursday, January 17** we will **dismiss at NOON**. We will **NOT** be serving lunch on that day. We do not have school **on Friday, January 18 or Monday, January 21**. Enjoy the 4 day weekend!

This also means that we will have completed the first semester of the year! It's hard to believe that we are half-way through the school year. All students also start fresh with discipline second semester. Everyone starts the second semester with ZERO tune ups or detentions. If your child received any tune ups or detentions during first semester, this will be a good time to set some goals for second semester. It's also a good time to look at your child's attendance. Can that improve second semester? Our students are working hard setting goals for themselves in lots of different areas. Please help us continue this work.

Students will be learning about our 3rd habit this month: **Put First Things First!** Students who put first things first spend their time on things that are most important. This means that they say no to things that they should not do. This also means that they set priorities, make a schedule, and follow a plan. They are disciplined and organized.

On **Wednesday, January 23**, our 5th graders will be skiing. Please make sure that your child dresses for skiing! One of the most impressive things about this program is that all of the 5th graders will receive a season pass to Great Divide to continue skiing this season. I hope you all can get an opportunity to get back up to Great Divide and have your child show you what they learned.

On **January 28**, Missoula Children's Theatre will be here for the week! If you haven't had the pleasure of seeing a show, this is your chance! All interested students will be trying out for parts in the production of "Peter and Wendy." Try-outs are **Monday, January 28 beginning at 2:45**. Students will receive a rehearsal schedule right after try-outs and will rehearse throughout the week of January 28. If your child is going to try out for a part, please make sure that they are available EVERY night after school during this week and also all day on Saturday. The students will perform twice on **Saturday, Feb. 2**. This is always such a treat. I wish I could say that there are parts for every student, but there will be some students who do not get selected. Please encourage your child to try out and really talk about what happens when we get disappointed and how we handle that disappointment. Our students are so supportive of each other and I love to watch all of the students cheer each other on.

Each year, families host the two Missoula Children's Theatre actors. Right now, I have one family committed to housing one of the actors, but we are looking for one more family. The actor will stay in your home from Sunday, January 27-Sunday, Feb. 3. All they need is their own bedroom, wifi access, and an available bathroom. Please let me know if you would be interested in hosting one of these fine actors. It is always fun getting to know these young adults. They are an inspiration!

As always, my door is open. Please stop in and visit if you ever have a chance. I love to brag about Broadwater! 😊 We have such a special school-a school full of creative, smart students and fabulous staff members! Thanks for your support.

Mrs. Sweeney