



BROWNING BEST Bulletin

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Dear Browning Families,

The month of March's claim to fame is warmer weather, rain showers, and the first day of spring, but at Browning the Best, March is Reading Month is really what we celebrate. Our theme this year is *Reading Paints the Most Colorful Picture*.

The students received a hard copy of the calendar and weekly goal sheets during our kick-off assembly. That same information is on our Browning website. The culmination event will be a book parade at the end of the month. Happy reading!! ☺

Kindergarten Open House will be held on Wednesday, March 11th at 7:00. p.m. More information in this newsletter. Kindergarten is the start of "regular" school and we want to make sure our little "bears" are prepared for success. What's fantastic is seeing how five-year olds come in with fresh faces and big smiles ready and eager to learn. We can't think of a better foundation to build upon.

The Browning Staff encourages all families to read together at home. Why do educators stress the importance of children reading 20 minutes every evening in addition to the reading done at school? According to a study by Nagy and Herman, reading at home increases children's attention spans, stimulates their imaginations, improves their self-esteem, increases the probability of graduating from high school and going on to higher education or a career, and strengthens children's problem-solving and critical thinking skills. When children are successful readers, they can be successful in other parts of their lives. While we believe all subject areas are important, they all start with the ability to read and comprehend. I can think of very few activities that don't involve reading of some sort.

April 3 ends the third card marking period. I am asking our families to check their child's PowerSchool grades and completion of assignments. These grades are one indicator of how well your child is doing in school. Please spend a few minutes talking to them and get their perspective. You may be surprised how well they are able to self-reflect.

Happy Reading,

Lou Misovski
Principal



Mission – Vision – Belief

Mission: The W. B. Browning staff, with the support of our parents and the community, will encourage all students to attain their academic potential and enable them to become productive members of society by providing programs of academic excellence.

Vision: The vision of the Browning Elementary staff, with the support of parents and community, is to provide students with a rigorous, high quality education which meets their individual needs. The Browning community will respect, encourage and empower each student to acquire the necessary skills.

Belief: Teamwork is an essential part of a successful learning environment. Student success is the focus of the learning process. Effective teaching inspires, motivates, and engages students. The Browning community is moving forward together as lifelong learners.

Lost and Found

We have many items of clothing, coats, boots, hats and mittens in our lost and found. Please stop by to check out the lost and found in the back hallway for any items you may be missing. The items will be available until **FRIDAY, APRIL 3** at which time usable items will be donated to charity.



Nondiscrimination in Education

In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act and the Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act, it is the policy of Utica Community Schools that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, age, disability, height, weight, or marital status be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination during any instructional opportunities, programs, services, job placement assistance, employment or in policies governing student conduct and attendance. Any person suspecting a discriminatory practice should contact the Executive Director of Human Resources at Utica Community Schools, 11303 Greendale, Sterling Heights, MI 48312 or call (586) 797-1000.

MARCH

March 3rd (Tuesday)

- March Is Reading Night
6:00 p.m.

March 4th (Wednesday)

- Mother/Son Event – Airtime
5:00 p.m.

March 11th (Wednesday)

- Kindergarten Open House 7:00 p.m.

March 12th (Thursday)

- Author Visit – Shelley Johannes
9:00 a.m.

March 13th (Friday)

- Sixth Grade Bemis Visit

March 16th (Monday)

- Spirit Week
- Silly Sock Day

March 17th (Tuesday)

- Wear Green



March 18th (Wednesday)

- Career Day – Dress up as what you want to be.

March 19th (Thursday)

- Career Expo at Eisenhower
6:30 p.m.
- Color Day/Grade Colors TBD

March 20th (Friday)

- PJ Day for Flashlight Friday

Dates to Remember

April 3rd (Friday)

- Early Dismissal at 12:04 p.m.

April 6th – 10th

- Spring Break

April 13th (Monday)

- Classes Resume



Make it Count for Students: Participate in 2020 Census. Utica Community Schools is joining area communities in helping to share information about the importance of participating in the 2020 Census. Participating in the census survey will have a positive impact on the resources that the communities receive from the federal government, and local programs for students is no exception. The census data is used to determine federal funding levels by determining the number of residents and the needs of the community.

The census also provides funding to address key community needs for road improvements, housing, block grants and student college loans. Census materials are scheduled to be mailed in mid-March with information on how to complete the questionnaire online, by phone or mail. More information is available at <http://census.gov/>.

Student and Family Health Newsletter Article

We want to share with you a series of important links that have been created related to student and family health. Both the Center for Disease Control and the Michigan Department of Health have created fact sheets regarding the 2019 Novel Coronavirus. The information is available at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019ncov/about/index.html> -

Center for Disease Control and https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71550_5104_97675---,00.html - Michigan

Department of Public Health. As always, we encourage students to practice healthy habits such as proper hand washing and coughing or sneezing into a sleeve or tissue, as well as staying home when sick, to prevent germs from spreading.

National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS)

We are in the process of identifying Browning fourth, fifth and sixth graders to join our NEHS chapter. We will join elementary schools around the nation as we work to promote excellence in academic achievement and involvement in leadership and service for the nation's youngest students. More than just an honor roll, NEHS engages its members in service activities and leadership development that help strengthen the programs for all students at the school and improve life in the community.

Selection is based upon careful consideration from our NEHS council through an application process. Students who are applying demonstrate good grades, leadership and responsibilities shown at home, at school, and in the community. We are looking forward to inducting the National Elementary Honor Society class of 2020.

Congratulations to our Browning DI Teams

The Five Ingredients to Success:

Dean, William, Justin, Brady and Lucas placed 2nd and will be going to state.

The Highflyers:

Nalayah, Grace and Isabella D. placed 3rd and will be going to State.

The Golden Risers:

Tommy Q., Micah S., Bradley, Kennedy R. and Olivia placed 5th.

Rising Stars:

Gabriella, Jonathan, Sylas, Rosalie, Norah, and Peyton.