





## DECEMBER 2009

# MIDDLE MATTERS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 BBB @ Mishicot	2	3 BBB vs Reedsville	4
7 	8 10:A.M. START GBB vs Wrightstown	9	10 BBB @ Valders	11 
14 MS Christmas Concert 6:30 @ EPAC	15 "Say Yes to Your Best" Caroling – 3:15 p.m.	16	17 BBB vs Hilbert	18
21	22 Celebrating Successful Students	23 11:30 Dismissal	24 WINTER BREAK	25 WINTER BREAK
28 WINTER BREAK	29 WINTER BREAK	30 WINTER BREAK	31 WINTER BREAK	

## JANUARY 2010

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 Classes Resume	5 GBB @ Hilbert	6 	7	8
11	12 GBB vs Valders	13	14 BBB @ Wrightstown	15 End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester
18 NO SCHOOL	19 GBB @ Reedsville	20	21 GBB vs Mishicot	22
25	26 GBB @ Chilton	27 Celebrating Successful Students	28 GBB @ Wrightstown	29



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## FEBRUARY 2010

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4 GBB vs Hilbert	5
8 MS WR vs Reedsville and Mishicot	9 10:00 START GBB @ Valders	10 Academic Awards Luncheon – 11:00 a.m.	11 GBB vs Reedsville	12
15 	16	17	18 MS Solo/Ensemble Festival - 1:45 @ HS	19 NO SCHOOL
22 NO SCHOOL  Parent/Teacher Conferences 11:30-7:00  MS WR @ Wrightstown	23	24 Celebrating Successful Students	25	26 

**LATE STARTS** – The Board has included four late start days, for teacher training, within this year’s calendar. School will begin at **9:55 a.m.** on the following days:

- Tuesday, December 8
- Tuesday, February 9
- Tuesday, April 20

**EARLY DISMISSALS** – School will be dismissed at 11:30 on the following days:

- December 23 – Winter Break
- March 9 – Teacher Training
- May 11 – Teacher Training

**NO SCHOOL** – There will be no school on the following dates:

- December 24-Jan 1 – Winter Break
- January 18 – Records Day
- February 19-22 – Teacher Training
- April 2-6 – Spring Break
- May 31 – Memorial Day

## News and Notes from Ms Hatch



Brillion Middle School has been recognized for the second time in the last three school years by the Association of Wisconsin School Administrators (AWSA) as an Exemplary Middle School. We received this recognition for being in the top ten percentile in our mathematics score on the Wisconsin and Knowledge Concepts Exam (WKCE) last fall. This achievement entitles our school to apply for the Middle School of Excellence Award. Congratulations to the students, teachers and parents for this well deserved recognition!

*Celebrating Student Success:* We will continue with our celebrating student success format. Each month, grade level staff will recognize students for their growth and achievements. We will not have a minimum or maximum number of students chosen. We have great students at Brillion Middle School and our staff is excited to be able to recognize students every month for the many positive contributions they make to our school.

*Principal's Advisory:* Our Principal's Advisory student committee met on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, during lunch. We have nine students on the committee with each grade level being represented. We discussed changes to our first fun night/dance and fundraising. We will meet several times throughout the school year to make positive improvements to the school environment.

*Power Hour:* The Power Hour has been a success over the last two years. Power Hour started in September of 2007. It is an after school program funded by a grant from the Boy's and Girl's Club of Appleton. Power Hour is a homework program that provides support and structure so that students can successfully complete their homework. In addition to homework support, students are given a snack and they are involved in a leisure time activity. We have had trouble with funding sources to continue the program once the grant expired. Calumet County has agreed to provide the funding. We are fortunate enough to be able to expand the program to three nights after school hopefully beginning in December. If you would like more information, please contact Ms. Hobbs at 756-2166 ext: 323.

*Athletics:* Our winter sports are underway. Athletics is just one of the ways we can extend our curricular objectives in sportsmanship, character, leadership and self-control. Please refer to your handbook that was sent home with your child the first day of school regarding our athletic code. If you have questions about our activities code, please feel free to call me at 756-2166 ext. 310

*Veteran's Day:* Brillion Middle School recognized Veteran's day by each grade level planning age appropriate activities. Sixth grade used poetry from veterans as their mentor text. Students were introduced to [www.kidsthankavet.com](http://www.kidsthankavet.com). Our students in boy scouts shared a flag folding activity. Seventh grade completed several activities. During Advisory they discussed why we are thankful and why we pay tribute to our veterans. They analyzed the words to the pledge of allegiance. Finally, they wrote letters to veterans. Eighth grade completed a scavenger hunt (electronically) especially for students regarding Veteran's Day.

*H1N1:* In the news, there are daily reports about the H1N1 virus in Northeast Wisconsin. To provide you the most accurate and up to date information, there is a new link on our middle school website. Click on the bar to the left labeled H1N1. That will link you to Calumet County's Website. Their website can link you directly to the Center for Disease Control. Brillion Middle School is monitoring the daily attendance and making the necessary reports to Calumet County Health Department. On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, nursing students from UW-Oshkosh spoke to all of our students regarding the H1N1 virus. The fifteen minute presentation focused on prevention of spreading viruses and symptoms of H1N1



**LUNCH NOTES** – The cost for hot lunch per month is: December - \$32.00; January - \$38.00; February - \$36.00. If your child purchases items from the Ala-carte line, takes a juice box, extra entrée or extra milk with their lunch you will need to adjust accordingly. You may send one check for the family, but be sure to put the student names, grades and how much to put in each account on an envelop with the check inside.

New this year we started offering breakfast before school. On November 2<sup>nd</sup> the middle school started serving a nutritious breakfast from 7:30 to 7:50 a.m. in the middle school cafeteria. The breakfast is free to students preapproved for free lunches, \$.30 for students preapproved for reduced lunches and \$1.00 for all other student.

If you have any questions you may contact Mrs. Nicklaus, Food Service Director at 756-2166, ext 317 or email her at [Nicklaus@brillion.k12.wi.us](mailto:Nicklaus@brillion.k12.wi.us)

**MS CHRISTMAS CONCERT** – The Middle School bands and choirs will be performing in a holiday concert on Monday, December 14. The band program will feature the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade bands under the direction of Mr. Hussey. The band program will begin at 6:30 p.m.

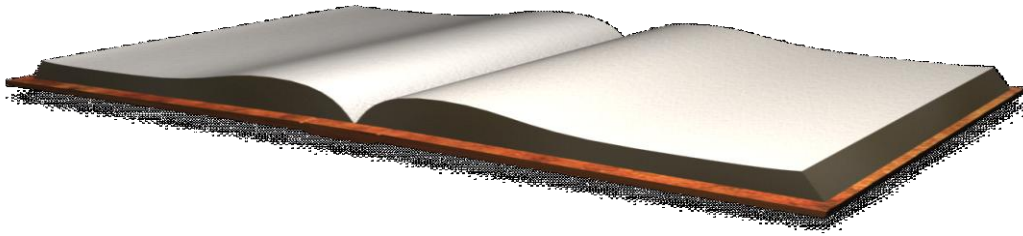
The 6th grade music students, and 7th and 8th grade choir students will sing several holiday tunes starting at 7:30 p.m. The groups are directed by Mrs. Rajkovich.

The concert will take place at the Endries Performing Arts Center (EPAC). Tickets will be sold at the door. Adults - \$3.00 and students, grades 1-12 will cost \$2.00. Children who are in kindergarten, or younger, get in free. One ticket will cover both concerts. The Olympian Conference pass will be accepted as will the senior citizen pass.

**MS STUDENTS RECOGNIZED** – Congratulations go out to **Alex Cooney** who took first place in the Reedsville Knights of Columbus Punt, Pass and Kick Contest. Alex will receive a trophy at their Awards Banquet in February 2010.

Also congratulations to **Tia Irish!** Tia was chosen as the Optimist's Student of the Month in November and was honored at the Optimist's dinner on November 19.

**ACADEMIC AWARDS LUNCHEON** – On February 10 we will be having our annual student luncheon to honor the achievements of our high performing seventh and eighth grade students. Students will be honored based on quarter grades since the beginning of sixth grade. A grade point between 3.0 and 3.49 is worth one point and a 3.5 to 4.0 is worth two points. After cumulating 10 points you are eligible to receive a certificate and 15 points, you are eligible to receive a medallion. Since there are four quarters in a school year, the most points a sixth grader can accumulate would be 8 and therefore they can not be a part of the luncheon. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students that meet the criteria will be notified by letter within the first week of February. The luncheon, for those students, is held at 11:00 in the library.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS FOR THE MONTH  
OF SEPTEMBER:**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

*Rylee Braden  
Hunter Knater  
Paige Bastian  
Hope Klessig  
Ristin Gauger  
Alex Meyer*

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

*Katie Hopman  
Brooke Vanderloop  
Max Calaway  
Philip Geiger*

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

*Jeff Zuella  
Amber Klepps  
Tia Irish  
Chance Svatek  
Milayna Haushalter  
Jeremy Meulemans  
Monica Geiser*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS FOR THE MONTH  
OF OCTOBER:**

*Austin Reabe  
Courtney Janey  
Dakpta DeWindt  
Jordan Roth  
Mattea Schlender  
Ty Williams*

*Nathan Campshure  
Jade Gehrke  
Alison Gade  
Rachel Kratz*

*Alex Junyor  
Jessica Kennedy  
Patrick Cooney  
Anthony Rieder  
Max Scharf  
Tia Irish  
Dakota Lieburn  
Miranda Roepcke*



# EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

**Brillion Elementary: 756-3624**

**Brillion Middle School: 756-2166**

**Brillion High School: 756-9238**

Emergency school closing information will be given on these TV/Radio stations:

WBAY-TV 2  
WACY UPN 32  
WHBY 1150  
WNAM 1280  
WOSH 1490

WFRV-TV 5  
WOGB 103.1 FM  
WNFL 1440 AM  
WCUB 980  
WNCY 100.3 FM

WLUK-TV 11  
WGEE 1360  
WIXX 101.1 FM  
WPCK 99.5 FM  
WLTU 92.1 FM

NBC-TV 26  
WAPL 105.7 FM  
WVBO 103.9  
KFIZ 107.1 FM

Please listen to these stations. **DO NOT call school to see if it is cancelled.** When early dismissal is necessary, we will call the Brillion Iron Works, Ariens and Endries so employees may be notified of the closing. All activities for the remainder of early dismissal days are cancelled including practices and any events.

