

**Athletics/Activities Report**  
**Board Report**  
**May 2026**

## **Napi Athletics**

### **Track**

We have 36 sign up for track and started practice Monday, April 13, 2026  
They practice at the football field and will transition to the track field when necessary.  
Napi Track Participants- 36

### **Softball**

We have 13 sign up for softball which is a very low number and our Athletic Coordinator will be trying to recruit more athletes. 13 is a very low number and concerning so we will do our best to try and make this season happen.  
Napi Softball Participants- 13

## **Middle School Athletics**

### **Termination of NMSAA**

This report outlines the recent dissolution of the Northern Middle School Athletic Association and the resulting challenges facing our middle school athletic programs. The withdrawal of all 1B schools and the formation of a separate conference has created immediate and long-term concerns regarding scheduling, equity, and program sustainability.

1B schools in our surrounding area have established their own independent conference and we are not included. As a result, we no longer have access to their established master schedules, divisional tournaments, or coordinated league.

This change significantly affects our volleyball and basketball programs. Traditionally, our middle school operates with 2 teams per grade level, allowing for broader student participation and development. In contrast, the newly formed 1B conference structures participation with only two teams per entire middle school.

This discrepancy creates a major scheduling imbalance. When games are scheduled against 1B schools, those contests will only accommodate one of our teams per grade level. Consequently, one team will have the opportunity to compete while the other will be left without a scheduled game. This leads to inconsistent participation and potential inequities between teams.

In response to these challenges, efforts are underway to contact as many middle schools as possible to explore alternative scheduling opportunities for the upcoming year. The goal is to build a functional schedule that maximizes participation for all student athletes while maintaining program integrity.

## **Possible Solutions:**

### **Solution 1**

*Games:* We do a random schedule for each team per grade and hope for the best regarding travel, competition, and availability.

*Practice:* Practice will remain the same as we do it now with A & B teams per grade and practicing together. 3 time slots for 3 grades- 6th,7th,8th.

*Coaches:* 6 coaches all together, 2 per grade.

### **Solution 2**

We play inner city basketball and try to create 4 teams and play each other while also having a tournament at the end of the season. This would require 7 players at the least to be on a team. 7x4 is 28 kids who would need to go out for basketball per grade.

*Practice:* Practice would change completely and we would need to teach the fundamentals together and have a 1 hour practice plan developed by the Head Basketball coach of the high school.

*Games:* Possible of 10 games with potential to travel

*Practice:* Practice would remain the same and would still have collaboration as much as possible.

*Coaches:* 4-8 coaches per grade, if possible.

**As of now we have Solution 1 scheduled for Football, Volleyball, and Basketball.**

## **Track**

We have 33 that came out for track at the middle school level. We are down numbers from last year but the commitment is there. 30 kids show up continuously and we are happy about that. We are running into weather situations when it comes to track meets so we have only attended 2 track meets and are looking at maybe doing 3 or 4 for the year.

Finished Participants- 16

## **High School Athletics**

### **Track**

We have 96 student athletes going out for Track. We sent 84 track athletes to the Kalispell Track meet and our coaches handled that pretty well.

17-20 of those athletes qualified for Divisional and will represent us in Frenchtown.

### **Softball**

34 girls joined softball this year which is a significant amount compared to last year. This is great for the program and we had to work to get some sub-Varsity games established but we will have ourselves more room for development. So far all 34 girls have been showing up and practicing which means we have a strong sense of dedication.

## **Baseball**

28 boys tried out for Baseball and we are sitting around 20-25 fully dedicated days in and out. This number does change each practice but the improvement is vast when the season started on March 16th to now April 28th.

## **Student Activities**

### **EEkakhimaht:**

Eekakhimaht is actively working to establish intramural programs and collaborate with coaches to develop structured leagues for each sport offered within Browning Schools. Rather than hosting open gyms, the focus will be on fundamental development and skill progression.

We will start with an open gym to see where the numbers are at for the program and announce when we will start doing intramurals.

Weightroom time will be established to work on the various sports specific types of training such as absorption training, velocity training, plyometric training, weight training and more.

We will be collaborating with Robert Hall and the Blackfeet Culture Department to establish a culture aspect to Eekakhimaht. This will allow students to do crafts, art, and other creative ways to express themselves through culture.

Our Goal is to create intentional training opportunities that strengthen core fundamentals, provide all students with meaningful experiences, and directly support the long term success of our sports programs. If we can get 80-90% of our athletes utilizing the weight room and facilities, we will build a confident, athletic, and extremely scary moving force to all our competitors when they face the Browning Indians.

### **PROM:**

Prom went smoothly with a few last minute changes. We were proud to be able to provide a great experience for our students. All credit goes to Melody Small as she orchestrated the entire event with the Junior Class. Melody did an exceptional job covering all bases to such a huge event. We cannot thank her enough for her contribution and time.