

Advisory

7th and 8th grade advisories had their first meetings during Orientation on Wednesday. 6th graders have been placed into initial advisory groupings, and they will receive their official advisories in October. This week, students are spending their advisory sessions discussing the ins and outs of their classes, familiarizing themselves with their schedules, and going over some key procedures and rules that are outlined in our student handbook. As the year goes on, our advisory curriculum will be adopting lessons from Responsive Classroom. Additionally, each week, students in advisory will be practicing and discussing an executive function task or skill, so that we ensure that students are staying on track with their organization and work load!

All School Meeting

Our first all school meeting of the year was this Wednesday! All school meetings are a time when our students and teachers can come together. In ASM, students hear important announcements about the school, play games, showcase talents, and much more. In this week's All School Meeting, Flynn won the title of "Probability Champion" by correctly guessing the outcome of a quarter flip many times in a row. Jake, Wila, and Carter all correctly guessed *what was in the cooler*: a blindfolded game in which students try to determine what item was placed in Rob's cooler. This week included a ukulele, a chamomile tea bag, and a tiny pink cowboy hat! Finally, Maiyte won this week's core value award for Integrity. Congratulations, Maiyte!! Integrity at Billings means doing the right thing, even when it is hard to do or comes at a cost to yourself. Rob gave the example of picking up someone else's trash at lunch: nobody wants to do that, but it benefits everyone if you do.

Planners

This year, teachers at every grade level are stressing the importance of planners! Each student was given a planner that includes the Billings community calendar, and a copy of their schedule. Students should be writing something in their planner everyday for every class - even if they don't have homework. We encourage parents and caregivers to take a look at your student's planner at home and talk about what they wrote down!