Dutton/Brady PSD

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FROM THE DEN: THE DIAMONDBACK BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 17, 2026

"A well-rounded education for students to confidently navigate their world"

THE WEEK AHEAD: SCHOOL & COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY*
8/17 PIR Day for Staff First Day of Practice (junior high football and volleyball) HS FB @ Power from 4:00 - 6:00 pm HS VB @ Power from 4:00 - 6:00 pm HS/JH XC @ Power from 4:00 - 6:00 pm JH FB @ Power from 4:00 - 6:00 pm JH VB @ Dutton/Brady from 4:15 - 6:15 pm **Breakfast** Breakfast burritos **Lunch** PIR Day Staff BBQ Hamburgers and hot dogs Salad bar	**8/18** PIR Day for Staff 2026 MTSBA's School Activities Management Virtual Series HS FB @ Power from 4:00 - 6:00 pm HS VB @ Power from 4:00 - 6:00 pm HS/JH XC @ Power from 4:00 - 6:00 pm JH FB @ Power from 4:00 - 6:00 pm JH VB @ Dutton/Brady from 4:15 - 6:15 pm **Breakfast** Donut and fruit **Lunch** Pizza Salad bar	**8/19** First Day of School HS FB @ Power from 4:00 - 6:00 pm HS VB @ Power from 4:00 - 6:00 pm HS/JH XC @ Power from 4:00 - 6:00 pm JH FB @ Power from 4:00 - 6:00 pm JH VB @ Dutton/Brady from 4:15 - 6:15 pm **Breakfast** Donut and fruit **Lunch** Turkey sub and chips Fruit Salad bar	**8/20** MAST Peaks of Practice Virtual Conference HS FB @ Power from 4:00 - 6:00 pm HS VB @ Power from 4:00 - 6:00 pm HS/JH XC @ Power from 4:00 - 6:00 pm JH FB @ Power from 4:00 - 6:00 pm JH VB @ Dutton/Brady from 4:15 - 6:15 pm **Breakfast** Breakfast sandwich and fruit **Lunch** Corndogs and tots Fruit Salad bar	**8/21** School in session* HS FB @ Power from 4:00 - 6:00 pm HS VB @ Power from 4:00 - 6:00 pm HS/JH XC @ Power from 4:00 - 6:00 pm JH FB @ Power from 4:00 - 6:00 pm JH VB @ Dutton/Brady from 4:15 - 6:15 pm **Breakfast** Scrambled eggs w/ ham, cheese, and toast Fruit **Lunch** Mac and cheese w/little smokies Fruit Salad bar

* Note: Our hybrid four-day schedule will change on Fridays throughout the school year. We will notify you of any changes on when we operate school and when we will be closed on Fridays.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

As we prepare for the start of school on August 19, 2026, finishing touches around the building are being completed. The front office has been renovated to better serve our students and families! We're excited to share those changes

ASSESSMENT & LEARNING SUPPORT

Optional Assessment for College Placement: Accuplacer testing will be available throughout the school year for students enrolled in dual-credit English, Math, and writing classes. Please contact jlocke@dbps.us to schedule an Accuplacer test for

with you as we continue to improve our incredible and unique school! Each school year brings something new and different for students and staff. As always, we will continue to work collaboratively to improve the education and opportunities for students at Dutton/Brady PSD. We are the best rural school in the state of Montana! Each opportunity and program has its own successes.

Little Diamondbacks Daycare is the most highly recognized school daycare program in the entire state. We were recognized as the best place for working families for two years in a row, and received recognition by the National Association for the Education of Young Children for the work in our daycare. Our school daycare participated in the Quality Recognition System state pilot program to help enhance daycare improvement and monitoring across the state of Montana.

The Aviation and Aircraft Mechanics program is in its third year and going strong. We have partnered with the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) to bring pilots and speakers directly to our school this year! An exciting opportunity through a national organization.

Our district also leads in grant writing that provides incredible opportunities for students and professional development for staff.

We're excited for another school year here at Dutton/Brady PSD, and ready to provide a high-quality education to your children every single day.

Have a great school year!

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we are gearing up for the new school year, I hope you take some time to enjoy the fresh air and sunshine. The school is buzzing with preparations for an exciting new year full of fun your student.

M-Hit Intervention Tutoring Available for Grades 1-3:
Progress monitoring and intervention tutoring will begin for students who require extra academic assistance in grades 1-3. Please reach out to jlocke@dbps.us for more information.

Level All Access for Post-Graduation Planning:

Jobs for Montana (JMG) class this year will have access to a unique and free resource this school year! Level All is **100% free for all Montana schools, educators, and students statewide**, providing every learner with personalized guidance, practical skill-building, and accessible resources for life after high school. **For more information, please check out the video at** https://www.levelall.com/montana-opi

PARENT & STUDENT SUPPORT HUB

Need Help With?	Resource / Contact Action
Infinite Campus	Request grades, logins, or demographic updates via the Registrar at the Infinite Campus Portal.
Enrollment or Registration	Please contact Melissa Gemar at mgemar@dbps.us for questions about enrollment or registration.

and learning.

I recommend that you download the Dutton/Brady district app, as it provides all school information in one convenient location.
I cannot wait to share the wonderful activities that Dutton/Brady staff have planned for our students. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at jmischel@dbps.us or (406) 476-3424.

COUNSELORS CORNER

Our new counseling curriculum provides a unique experience that helps students develop key character traits to boost positive social development. This curriculum supports our continued effort of Multi-Tiered System of Supports for extra academic assistance and positive behavior learning and support. Please contact jtoner@dbps.us for any questions.

LIBRARIAN'S SQUARE BOOK OF THE WEEK!

The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson.

Available for checkout now!

WANT SCHOOL SWAG?

You can now purchase Diamondback and Titan gear at the front office! We have apparel, hats, coffee mugs, and pens. Please stop by and see our inventory.

2025-26 SCHOOL YEARBOOKS FOR SALE!

The 2025-26 Yearbook is available for purchase

School Meals & Menu	Access menus, track balance thresholds, and complete free/reduced applications on the District website or phone application, under dining.
Wellness Check-ins	Connect directly with our mental health and student welfare liaison for any concerns at jtoner@dbps.us.

LITTLE DIAMONDBACKS DAYCARE

We are so excited to welcome back our kiddos in August. The daycare was alive and bustling throughout the summer. The kids and staff took walking field trips around town, played in the water almost every day, and had the time of their lives. Thank you to Gloria and Seth for keeping the kiddos fed and nourished throughout the summer.

As you prepare for the 2026-2027 daycare year, please note the following important changes:

- Daily tuition has increased by $10 per child.
- The available childcare rates are as follows:
    - Infant (0 - 2yrs old):$45 - full day / $35 - half day
    - Toddler (3yrs-5yrs old): $40 - full day /$30 - half day
    - School Age (6yrs+):$35 - full day / $25 - half day
    - After-school fee for school-aged children (3:45 PM – 5:00 PM): $20/child/day
- During the school year, daycare will only be available on Fridays when teachers have PIR day. Daycare will be closed on all other Fridays.

at the front office. Last year's yearbook theme was our favorite music playlist. Yearbooks can be purchased at the front office for **$45.00**.

ADVERTISE AT DUTTON/BRADY PSD!

Whether it's during games or special events, you can be sure your business will be seen at Dutton/Brady PSD!

Banners are **$300.00** for the entire school year. Funds go directly to our PK-5 elementary classrooms for supplies, field trips, or special projects.

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LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS AND INFORMATION

THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The American Legion Auxiliary meets the first Tuesday at 4:00 pm at the Dutton Legion Hall. We serve our veterans, children, and youth. We collect gifts for the Christmas gift shop at Fort Harrison. We sponsor the Red Cross blood drawing during the year. Our members are involved in all the community projects. We also provide items for baby showers at Fort Harrison for our lady veterans. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Betty Burtness.

DUTTON CIVIC CLUB

Begin the 2026-27 school year by checking out the Dutton Civic Club! The first fall meeting will be Monday, September 14 at 6:45 PM at the Dutton Senior Center. We support Dutton/Brady School by offering a scholarship to a promising senior graduate each spring. We support the town pool and your children by cooking and serving breakfast (donating all proceeds) on Fun Day. We support the county via an annual donation to the Teton County Food Pantry. And so much more! Thank you to everyone who has supported the Civic Club by becoming a member, attending our fundraising events, or bringing ideas to us. We appreciate your help! New members and new ideas are always welcome!



Please contact Jeremy Locke at jlocke@dbps.us for any information or events you want added to the school's weekly newsletter.

Have a great school year!