

## Bradford School Report to the Public

New employees of the district: Kayla Lock [first grade], Blair Cochrum [5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade], Lesley Hollis [English /Spanish], and Donald Swiney [coach/PE/health]. Patti Stevens will be the elementary principal.

New additions to the school: a grant to build a quarter mile walking trail has been completed; we received a grant for a School Based Health Center which is a joint effort of the school, Unity Health, and the State Department of Education. We plan to have the center open in the early part of next year. The center will provide medical, mental health and optical service to our students and provide opportunities for the community to take advantage of these services. An Alternative Learning Environment [ALE] will be started this year for grades 3 thru 8; the gym floor has a new surface; and the business department building has been updated.

The school is fully accredited by the State Department of Education and meets all the guidelines set by federal and state regulation. We are currently waiting on results of the new testing given this past year. The state has decided on a new assessment for students this coming year. School personnel will continue to analyze the new assessment and search for ways to improve and strengthen our curriculum. Our school was given a B in both elementary and high school on the new grading system for school districts.

We will have our open house on August 13, 2015, from 5:00-7:00pm and a brochure will be given to parents or interested patrons containing information concerning the progress toward reaching our goals, accreditation status, website information, federal programs other regulations set by the state or federal government. Principals will be available to answer questions and share information concerning the upcoming year. During the September school board meeting this report will be presented to the board and patrons detailing the above information with time allowed for questions. [Board meeting will be Sept. 7, 2015 at 7pm]

The school has entered into an agreement with the Arkansas Department of Education [Child Nutrition Unit] under the Community Eligibility Provision to allow all of our students to eat free during the 2015-16 school year. Adults will continue paying \$1.90 for breakfast and \$3.25 for lunch.