BHA Board Report

3/10/26

Buffalo Harvest

This month, our students had the opportunity to participate in a buffalo harvest in partnership with the Blackfeet Buffalo Program. The experience included ceremony alongside the Crazy Dogs Society, grounding the harvest in cultural protocol, respect, and gratitude.

The buffalo harvest continues to be a highlight of our school year. It offers students hands-on learning connected to food sovereignty, cultural identity, and traditional knowledge systems. Beyond the educational value, the experience strengthens students' connection to land, community, and ancestral practices. We are grateful for the partnership and the opportunity to provide this meaningful, culturally rooted experience for our youth.

WIDA Testing

Through strong collaboration and coordinated effort among BHA teachers and support staff, we have successfully completed all sections of WIDA testing for 41 students this year. This reflects significant teamwork, scheduling flexibility, and shared accountability across classrooms.

An additional 9 students have completed three of the four required sections, and staff are continuing to work together to support those final completions before the testing window closes. Overall, the process demonstrated effective communication, collective problem-solving, and a shared commitment to ensuring students had access to the assessments they needed.

I really appreciate the professionalism and teamwork of our BHA staff in carrying this work across the finish line.

BHA Attendance 2nd Quarter

School: Browning High School Calendar: 25-26 William Buffalo Hide

Grade	Student Count	Membership Days	Absent Days	Present Days	ADM	ADA	Unexcused Absences Days	Unexcused Absences Avg. Daily	Percent In Attendance
09	9	252	77.18	174.82	8.13	5.64	75.32	2.43	69.37%
10	26	796	300.22	495.78	25.68	16.00	295.85	9.54	62.28%
11	39	1184	413.89	770.11	38.20	24.86	396.75	12.79	65.04%
12	79	2393	674.46	1718.54	77.19	55.46	663.83	21.41	71.82%
13	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A
14	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A
Total	**6**	**153**	**4625**	**1465.75**	**3159.25**	**149.20**	**101.96**	**1431.75**	**46.17**	**68.31%**

BHA's attendance rate for the month of February was a little over 68%. While this is not where we ultimately want to be, we are proud of the consistent effort our staff is putting into improving daily attendance and strengthening student engagement.

Attendance in our community is influenced by a variety of complex factors, and we remain committed to addressing those barriers through relationship-building, family outreach, and a supportive school environment that students want to be part of. Our team continues to monitor trends closely, celebrate progress where we see it, and implement strategies aimed at steady improvement.

Improving attendance remains a priority, and we are encouraged by the collective commitment of our staff to keep moving that number in a positive direction.

Staff Spotlight

We would also like to recognize Sharon Tucker, who has been serving as our long-term substitute in Math and Life Skills courses. Sharon has provided consistency, professionalism, and steady leadership in the classroom, ensuring continuity for our students. Her flexibility and commitment have been deeply appreciated by both staff and families.

Additionally, our school counselor, Chris, continues to be an integral part of our school community. His work supporting students' social-emotional needs, building trusting relationships, and collaborating closely with teachers and families plays a critical role in maintaining a safe and supportive learning environment. Together, Sharon and Chris exemplify the teamwork and dedication that strengthen BHA each day.