

From August 1st-5th we had staff meet up on an extended contract. The staff who was able to attend went over ASLA (Accelerated Second Language Acquisition) and went through a lot of language. We also emphasized the writing system that we are pushing and how color coding words helps learners understand translations of words. Here are some examples:

ă•pō'ŭkii – s/he is working

nittă•pō'ŭk' - I am working

kittă•pō'ŭk' - You are working

ămō āakiiko'ăn iită•pō'ŭkii iitāk'tsō'•p' - This girl working at casino

iitāk'tsō'•p' - we gamble there

āk'tsii – gamble

āk'tsō'•p' - WE (in) are gambling

niitsită•pō'ŭk' iitāissksiniimăttstō'kyō'•p' - I work at school

iitāissksiniimăttstō'kyō'•p' - we teach there

āissksiniimăttstō'kii – teacher

āissksiniimăttstăa – student

iităwaisstŭmăttst'•kyō'•p' - classroom we instruct there

nittăwaisstŭmăttstăiyăa āissksiniimăttstăiks – I instruct students

nittăwaisstŭmăttstăa ii•nŭksiiŭiităa – I instruct little eagle

nittăwaisstŭmăttst'•kătoōp' niitsii•po'•sin - I instruct that, the real speak

so'yiiŭiiksii āwaisstŭmăttst'•kătoōm niitsii•po'•sin – Art instructs that BckftLang

nittsiikăakō'mimmăa niitănă – I love my daughter

nittsiikăakō'mimmăiyăa niitsittŭŭiimiks – I love my family

This works for all verbs in Franz labeled as 'vta'

How to make commands

sinōsskip- = to kiss

sinōsskipoōkīt' = kiss me

sinōsskipis = kiss him/her

ăakōmimm- = to love

ăakōmimmooōkīt' = love me

ăakōmimmis = love him/her

siksip- = to bite

siksipooōkīt' = bite me

siksipis = bit him/her

kimm- = to pity

kimmooōkīt' = pity me

kimmis = pity her/him

spoōmoō- = to help

spoōmoōkīt' = help me

spoōmoōs = help him/her

ō'ksskääsi- = to run
nittō'ksskääs = I am running
kittō'ksskääs = you are running
ō'ksskääsi = s/he is running
ō'ksskääsiyää = they are running
kittō'ksskääspo'wää = ya'll are running
nittō'ksskääspinnään = we (ex) are running
ō'ksskääso'p' = we (in) are running
ō'ksskääsit' = run!
ō'ksskääsik' = yall run!

ai'pii- = to dance
nittai'pii = I am dancing
kittai'pii = You are dancing
ai'pii = s/he is dancing
ai'piiyää = they are dancing
kittai'pii'po'wää = yall are dancing
nittai'pii'pinnään = we (ex) are dancing
ai'piyo'p' = we (in) are dancing
'piiyit' = dance!
'piiyik' = yall dance!

BNAS has never got shirts as a department for our staff but this year we decided to purchase (which is still pending) toques for our staff. They really like them and we will take a picture of our team once we can organize a time for all of us to be together.

We also want to train all staff members who were unable to attend the summer sessions in ASLA and the writing system asap, we will try and take them for a few days in the early weeks of school and have a retreat with them. Logistics for such event will be planned out soon.

We will also start to have more evening language classes for our faculty, which they will received CEU's (logistics still pending) and evening classes for immersion student's guardians.

Our curriculum for Blackfoot language is coming on smoothly and our team has high hopes for this year. We looking forward to this coming school year and keep everyone in our hearts and thoughts.