



## Culture Matters

(Britney Shooter: BNAS/Immersion)

The BNAS staff attended the Indian Education for All (IEFA) conference in Helena.

We were all able to take information back into our classrooms to help with implementing IEFA.

The Kindergarten immersion class has been working on learning new Spring words like; rainbow, clouds, spring season, and wind. Each week the class focuses on a new focus that fits with the science/social studies curriculum.

The 1st grade Immersion class has been working hard on learning their words of the week, each week Ms. Burd makes a new set of words each week. They're in the process of starting to learn about Natoyis and will work on symbols, how to set up a Natoyis and will be having a guest presenter come in to show students how to do this.

Each class has been working hard at increasing attendance, and the 1st grade class is working on their reading goals. Both Immersion classrooms have been doing their best. Each classroom has a student teacher who is teaching the class and both ladies (Kourtnei and Angela) are doing an amazing job at teaching the language, culture, traditions, and implementing IEFA.

## Attendance Matters

(Bill Huebsch - Assistant Principal)

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Enrolled</u>	<u>Attendance %</u>
Early K	52	77.62%
Kindergarten	105	71.00%
1st Grade	135	72.70%
Total	293	73.05%

### March Perfect Attendance

<u>1st Grade</u>	<u>Kindergarten</u>	<u>Early K</u>
Alaysia Carlson	Morgan Calf Robe	Arianna Ehlers
Laken Castillo	Victoria Cree Medicine	Hoyaanii Kipp
Conner ComesAtNight	Hazelee Cross Guns	Victoria LaPlant
Kasey Head	LynnDee DeRoche	Tylee St.Goddard
Kenzley Kittson	Thalissa DeRoche	Kaslynn Whitford
Paisley LaPlant	Malik Fish	
Jesslyn Marceau	Camden Little Dog	
Mannilynn Monroe	Blake Sinclair	
Lailani Mountain Chief	Hartley Sinclair	
Preslee St. Goddard		

### March Staff Attendance

Certified: 87%

Classified: 83%



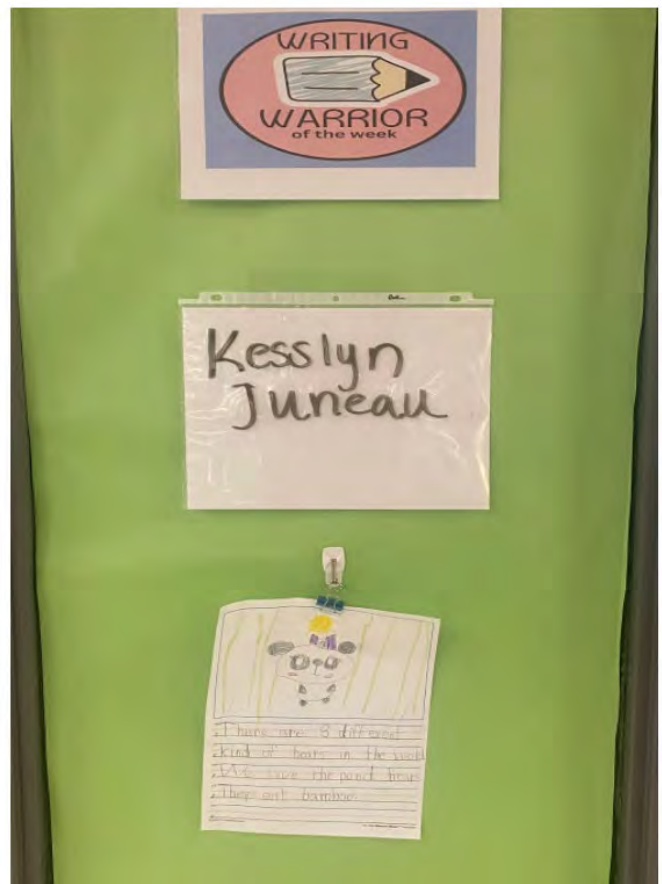
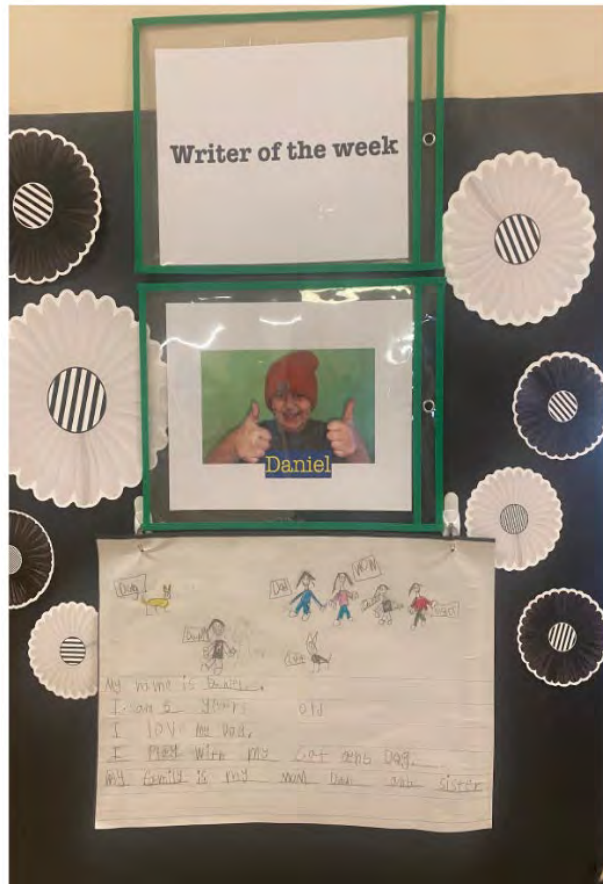
## Graduation Matters

(Andrea Evans: First Grade Instructional Coach)

In March, our first - grade team continued to work diligently on teaching our students the foundational skills of reading and writing. This month we completed our second round of Multi -Tiered System of Support (MTSS) in reading. Our students are making great gains in their ability to recognize letters, sounds, and blend those sounds to make words and read sentences.

I am so proud of our team and their amazing ability to collaborate and move our students closer and closer to becoming great readers. We also o progress monitored our students in writing using Ehri's Phases of Writing Rubric. We have been working really hard in writing and helping students generate their own sentences and get it on paper.

This summer during SBE we will be refining our framework for writing and adding many new best practices to our everyday literacy teaching. Here are a couple award winning writers from Marci Burd's and Ashley Burd's classes.



(Marci Burd: First Grade Team Leader)

First grade has had a busy month of March.



Our biggest celebration is having the highest number of 80% Sukapii Attendance students this month. Our students were rewarded with a Jumpy house.

We started the month off celebrating Dr. Suess' birthday. Our students participated in a week-long dress up/activity. Which they enjoyed very much. Our staff was able to meet and have a mini MTSS to check on the progress our students are making in small groups. We made adjustments and mostly kids moved up a level which is a huge celebration.



We are really working on implementing and designating more time to work on Social Skills with our students that promote more Kindness. We have our Kindness tree up and when a student is caught being kind they receive a pencil and sticker along with their picture on the kindness tree. Our first graders have been practicing being kind to each other and staff. Today some of the students gifted all of 1st grade staff with a treat and a kind note. We made a lesson out of it.

1st grade students also got the chance to meet the easter bunny and have an easter egg hunt. It was nice to see our students so excited.



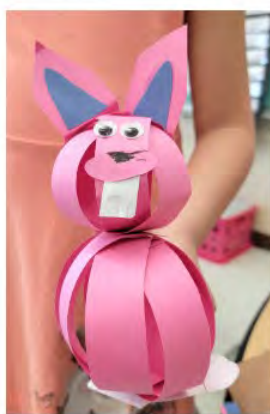
Our KW/Vina student council representatives went around the campus and gifted every student a Kindness month gift which included a Kindness pencil and Kindness sticker.

As a first grade team we have been collaborating ways to promote kindness and more reading at home. Which has been successful as a team effort.

We are excited for all the upcoming events.







*(Kelley Sharp: Kindergarten Team Leader)*

March was an awesome month for Kindergarten. I had the pleasure of going to New Orleans. I learned so much. I came back and was excited to teach what I learned to my class. My favorite presentation I went to was on Sound Walls and the importance of them in Kindergarten. It was a great time of year to show my students because we are working on long vowels this month and the sound wall helps them with the articulation and phonemes. I am so appreciative of that opportunity. Thank you so much.







Kindergarten's theme this month was spring and the weather. We got to have the weatherman from KRTV come. He was so nice and our students loved the Project based learning that went along with our weather. We made tornadoes in a bottle. Thanks to Mrs Carol Grant for inviting the weather man.



This week we had the easter bunny visit.



(Susie Small: Early -Kindergarten Team Leader)

March came and flew by for us. In Early K we had a lot of activities, in which time passed quickly. We started with Family Fun Friday where we counted and graphed Lucky Charms. The mischievous leprechaun came and played some good tricks on our classes that had our students in awe!



On the 23<sup>rd</sup> we partnered with Head Start to participate in their annual basketball games. The kids had so much fun and we had so much good feedback on how much their families enjoyed it too.

We ended our month with a field trip to Big Sky Colony, who are always very gracious hosts!

Finally, the Easter Bunny came by to visit bringing goodies and eggs! It was a busy month for us, and we are looking forward to a good Easter break and coming back rejuvenated and ready to teach and connect with our kids!



*(Anne Schuschke: Specialist Team Leader)*

March sure flew by at KW/Vina!

Ms. Archuleta wrapped up the I love to Read month with two pizza parties for the door decoration contest and was awarded a grant to purchase a set of N books for each classroom! Thanks Angela for growing our libraries. We hosted our second sukapii attendance incentive with the GIANT bounce house this week.

We are proud to say a few classrooms had ALL students with 80% or better

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attendance for the month of March! Keep it up kiddos and THANK YOU FAMILIES  
for getting your students to school. Graduation matters.

The snow is melting off and PE will start our units on bicycles, soccer, track, and  
capture the flag after the break.

Our newest BNAS teacher made the rounds as the Easter Bunny today! The  
students had photos and eggs before heading out for egg hunts with their  
teachers.

**Many Blessings from KW/Vina Elementary!**

**We wish you well ...** 