



K. W. Bergan & Vina Chattin Schools
Board Report for December 13, 2016



THANK YOU for being our visitors for little over an hour on Wednesday 11/30, it was a great honor hosting the school board meeting in our building and having you as our guest on that day!

It was a bit nerve wracking and I hope our team presented from the heart.

We also LOVE when visitors come to visit, so come again !!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS (Parent)

I would like to **THANK** Corrina Guardipee-Hall for presenting on Attendance Matters and providing copies of the BTBC Resolution along with the letters given to the parents.

- **Early- Kindergarten 53 children enrolled = 80.54% attendance for November**
Early- Kindergarten 54 children enrolled = 84.35% attendance for October
Early- Kindergarten 54 children enrolled = 86.54% attendance for September
- **Kindergarten 157 children enrolled = 80.90% attendance for November**
Kindergarten 158 children enrolled = 83.49% attendance for October
Kindergarten 159 children enrolled = 87.06% attendance for September
- **First Grade 167 children enrolled = 89.32% attendance for November**
First Grade 171 children enrolled = 88.89% attendance for October
First Grade 175 children enrolled = 90.01% attendance for September

Here's my little update:

(Submitted by: Sydney St.Goddard)

This month has flew by. I have a few family partnership agreements to finish with parents. Our parent meeting was not very successful, as only 2 parents showed up. I need to figure out a better day/time. We had our mini powwow on November 22 and had a lot of families attend. I completed home visits for attendance and will be doing more since we can enforce the new tribal resolution for our pre-k and kindergarten students. We raised enough money to pay for the train ride and will continue fundraising for graduation. The Conscience Discipline training was very informational and is an awesome tool for our staff. I hope we can create more positive behavior by enforcing the skills we learned. We are now gearing up for our holiday activities.



GRADUATION MATTERS (Student)

I would like to THANK Brandy Bremner and Sandi Campbell for presenting on Graduation Matters and sharing with all of you our CELEBRATION! If you missed the presentation, the KW/Vina students have already met and exceeded our Winter Goal in ISIP Reading and it is ONLY NOVEMBER!! The students and staff are working very hard and it's showing!!

- All non-tenure staff were evaluated and the hard copies were submitted to Sherie Blue. The school leaders observed great things happening in the classroom with instruction.
- Monte celebrated with our District for the Cat vs Griz get-together.



Early Kindergarten/Preschool

(Submitted by: Ruth Shea, Cherie Show, & Sheila Grady)

We had a very busy month. The turnout for Parent/Teacher conferences was excellent. It is great to see so many involved parents. The Early Kindergarten/preschool staff were very fortunate to be able to attend a Conscious Discipline workshop presented by Angela Fraley. We came back to our classrooms with a plethora of strategies to enhance a more positive classroom environment. Our annual mini pow-wow was fun and well attended by the community.

Our children have been quite busy and engaged while learning about Our Community. They are learning about jobs in our community, and the places in our community. We continue to work on letter recognition, letter sounds, counting and solid shapes. We have started learning songs and fingerplays for our Christmas Program, on December 15th at 10:15. Hope to see YOU there.

Kindergarten

(Submitted by: Cheri Dauphanais)

We had a very busy month as the students worked hard in both Reading and Math. **Reading:** The students finished learning letter names/sounds of all 26 letters. Learning stretch and read, say-spell-say, and quick erase. Preparing to transition to KinderRoots. **Math:** Teacher are making sure students are solid and can fluently read and write numbers 0-5, building on that knowledge to learn up to 10. Preparing to begin adding and subtracting within 5.

Kindergarten ISIP Reading Data

(Submitted by: Brandy Bremner)

Breakdown of student numbers in each Tier for September

Benchmark (Tier 1) - 22%	Strategic (Tier 2) - 21%	Intensive (Tier 3) - 56%
33 students	31 students	83 students

Breakdown of student numbers in each Tier for November

Benchmark (Tier 1) - 29%	Strategic (Tier 2) - 27%	Intensive (Tier 3) - 44%
43 students Increased by 10 students since Sept.	40 students Increased by 9 students since Sept.	66 students Decreased by 17 students since Sept.

Data Analysis-Goal Setting

Fall Data	Goals for Winter(Jan.):	November	Winter Data:	End of Year-Spring Goal	End of Year-Spring Data
B: 22% S: 21% I: 56%	B: 28% S: 32% I: 40%	B: 29% S: 27% I: 44%	B: S: I:	B: S: I:	B: S: I:

First Grade

(Submitted by: Nicole Whitney)

December already?! Wow! We have been having so much fun in first grade, we're not sure where the time has gone! Well, we started the month off with one of the tougher days of the year (November 1st a.k.a Halloween Coma Day), and it has only gotten better since then. :) Students and parents were excited to get their first report cards of the year, and many came to Parent-Teacher Conferences on the 9th and 10th. The students were probably more excited about the book fair in the library, but who could blame them? Students were looking pretty fancy on picture day this year, and we are excited to see how many teeth the students have lost since they got their pictures taken. On November 22nd, the students participated in a Pow-Wow at KW Bergan, and had a great time dancing around the drummers in the gym. Their favorite part was during the round dance when everyone would go into the middle towards the drummers and scream. Parents who came were given some tips on creating a comfortable reading environment in the house to promote literacy at home. Coming back from break, holiday-themed writing activities being implemented to practice stating and defending opinions. All in all, it has been a great month! Bring on December!Stay warm!!

First Grade ISIP Reading Data

(Submitted by: Sandi Campbell)


Breakdown of student numbers in each tier for September

Benchmark- 29%	Strategic- 28%	Intensive- 43%
50 students	48 students	73 students

Data Analysis- Goal Setting

Fall Data	Goals for Winter:	November	Winter Data	End of Year-Spring Goal	End of Year-Spring Data
B: 29% S: 28% I: 43%	B: 32% S: 28% I: 40%	B: 37% S: 25% I: 38%	B: S: I:	B: S: I:	B: S: I:

Breakdown of student numbers in each tier for November

Benchmark- 37% 	Strategic- 25%	Intensive- 38%
62 students <i>Increased 12 students since Sept.</i>	41 students <i>Decreased 7 students since Sept.</i>	64 students <i>Decrease 9 students since Sept.</i>

SAFETY MATTERS (School)

I would like to THANK Kim DesRosier for presenting on our emergency evacuation plan, the emergency bags, and our floor plan (this will be shared with other principals during a Leadership meeting as requested by Mr. Rouse).

I would also like to THANK Cheryl Lock who presented on MBI.

(Submitted by: Dana Hellinger)

YAYE at the beginning of the month we celebrated by filling our bucket with "Caught Ya" tickets and every students was rewarded with a cup of hot cocoa. The month of November also brought about a noticeable positive change in expected behaviors at KW and Vina. The students are really getting to know and understand the BEAR rules. At Vina there is a wonderful addition of colorful posters created by Misty Tatsey, an MBI committee member. The students can read the posters and are reminded of expectations in the different areas of the school. The MBI team is meeting with the MBI sisters soon , to work on the Tiered Fidelity Inventory. The parent surveys that were filled out have been tallied and now the needs are being assessed and the team will take a look at the results and address the areas of concern.

CULTURE MATTERS (Community)

Lastly, I would like to THANK the Immersion Students (The Beaver Children & White Weasel Children) along with their teachers Darcy Skunkcap, Misty Tatsey, and Carolyn Zuback for saying the Blessing and singing their Animal and Weather Song.



- The annual Pow Wow was a huge success the children danced their hearts out, the Armstrong brothers (Everett, Pat, Sheldon) sang from their hearts, and Miss Blackfeet Shauntyana Bullshoe looked beautiful as ever.
- We rolled out our first distribution of our books with a literacy message inside to the parents, "Pick a comfortable spot to read in one with plenty of light. Pull them close and read a book together, make up a story by looking at the pictures." We also documented 182 signatures on our sign-in sheets & were very pleased with our Family Engagement activity.
- Immersion staff and I, attended the Blackfoot Curriculum Development meeting at the Holiday Inn Express where we met with the Four Bands of the Blackfoot Confederacy.



Kindergarten Immersion

(Submitted by: Darcy Skuncap)

Okil! Tsa Nii Tapii? Kindergarten Immersion is now known as the Beaver Children Ksisskstakii Pookaaks. We received our classroom name, as well as individual names for those students who didn't have a Blackfoot name. It was an honorable experience for the students and we appreciate the support of the Blackfeet Tribal Councilmen, School Board, Superintendent, Principals, and of course the parents and families that attended. We welcome our "Grandpa", Art Deroche, to our classroom. Grandpa Art helps us daily with the language from 8:30-10:30 and we are grateful to have him with us in the classroom.. Until next month, kii takita matsin!

First Grade Immersion

(Submitted by: Misty Tatsey)

I tom moh koh poota (when the snow comes)

The month of November was a very busy month here in the first grade immersion class. First of all, we were very excited to have Mrs. Zubach back into our classroom as she was on leave for a month.

Having her back into the classroom allowed us to utilize the language more as well as learn new words. We were very much honored to have Mr. Marvin Weather wax in our classroom temporarily as he had so much to share with our class. While Mr. Weatherwax was here we completed a few lessons using our Buffalo Box, hearing stories about the different parts and different uses of the buffalo while implementing the Blackfoot Language into the lesson.

Here in the first grade immersion class we continue to work on our colors song, our Blackfoot numbers 1-20, weather song, and animal song as well as commands on a daily basis. Every day we add a new animal to our song and talk about the importance of those animals. We also enjoy meeting every Wednesday with the Kindergarten immersion class and together we have played the rock in the fist game.

Due to the thanksgiving holiday during the month of November, we discussed the importance of being thankful, as well as giving. Our class each brought in a food item and we made one large thanksgiving basket that we donated to a family in need in the community. We focused on how we say "turkey" in Blackfoot and planned to share our new word at the dinner table with our families. We have recently added singing silent night in Blackfoot to our daily routine, so that we can sing it at our Christmas concert.

Our visitors for the month of November:

- Angela Fraley (Conscious Discipline Trainer)
- Great Falls Tribune (staff visited Immersion classrooms hosted by Billie Jo Juneau)
- Terri Barclay (OPI Instructional Coordinator)
- Leah Esmont (Title 1 Math Consultant/Coach)
- Lynda Collins (Literacy/Pre-School Consultant/Coach)
- Jennifer Darlington (Regional Specialist-OPI Instruction, MPSDG)
- Brandi Lock (Regional Specialist, DPHHS, MPSDG)
- and all how wonderful parents/guardians, along with school members and members of Admin team!!

Have a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

If you are available our children would like to invite you and your family's to our Christmas Programs, which will all be performed in the KW Bergan Gymnasium.

- 4 - year olds on Thursday December 15
 - ❖ 10:15 - 11:00 Shea, Show, Grady
 - ❖ 12:00 - 3:00 Santa will visit & deliver gifts from our local Veterans
- Kindergarten on Friday December 16
 - ❖ 9:00 - 9:30 ~ After Buffalo, Sharp, Edwards
 - ❖ 9:30 - 10:00 ~ Grant, Henry, Conway
 - ❖ 10:00 - 10:30 ~ Dauphanais, DesRosier, Skunkcap
- First Grade on Friday December 16
 - ❖ 10:30 - 11:00 ~ C. Ziegler, Brock, Molenda
 - ❖ 11:00 - 11:30 ~ Whitney, Light, Gray
 - ❖ 11:30 - 12:00 ~ N. Ziegler, Show, Tatsey

Mrs. Carolyn Zuback would like to share Silent Night in our Blackfoot Language.

1ST VERSE

In ssipa pi ko ko
Natoyi ko ko
Ka nan ssipa pi
Ka nai ka natsi

REPEAT:

ANNOHK MAA NATOYI MARY
KIMMA NATOYI POO KA
NATOYI INSS PAPII YO KAAN

2ND VERSE

In ssipa pi ko ko
Natoyi ko ko
Aa mois sskimai ksi
Akio ta wa ya