



Culture Matters

(Britney Shooter: BNAS/Immersion)

The Kindergarten and 1st grade students received their Indian names, and the Kindergarten class was given their class name; **Star Children**. The BNAS staff have been working hard to get materials prepared for community volunteers to sew skirts and vests for each classroom in KW/Vina.



KW/Vina Elementary had great representation in the Homecoming/Native American Day parade. Our Immersion students under the direction of Britner Shooter and Marci Burd sang their little hearts out in our Blackfeet Language. Thank you to our team. They came together Friday morning and did a beautiful job with our float. We are waiting for the results to see if we have placed in the District's float competition.





This month in BNAS, we have been learning How to introduce ourselves, Colors, Numbers, Classroom phrases (stand up sit down, chair, door etc.), and we have made an elk tooth necklace as our hands on learning project. The Children enjoyed making our craft.

My main focus has been our routines, and making sure the students are pronouncing the Blackfeet words correctly, using the guttural sound. We have some awesome students and I enjoy our Early K, Kindergarten, and 1st grade students' eagerness to learn the language.

Safety Matters

Construction has begun!

Our main entrance has been moved to the west side of the Vina and all are adjusting well to our new entry and exit routines.

Although we did not have a groundbreaking ceremony, our team is thankful a hallway is in the works to connect KW Bergen to Vina Chattin.

We are looking forward to having our students and staff out of the elements when they need to go from one building to the other. Thank YOU!!

Attendance Matters

(Bill Huebsch - Assistant Principal)

August 2022

Early K = 53 students

K = 100 students

1st = 129 students

Total = 282

September 2022

Early K = 53 students (even)

K = 111 Student (+11)

1st = 132 students (+ 3)

Total = 296

Graduation Matters

(Brandy Bremner/Andrea Evans: Instructional Coaches)

Fall Benchmarking assessments for KW/Vina are nearly complete. See the table below.



Grade	Number of Students	Number Assessed	Assessment
Early Kindergarten	52	53	OWL
Kindergarten	101	112	Aimsweb
First Grade	132	121	Aimsweb

For Kindergarten and some First-grade students, this is their first school experience.

These students are not in Infinite Campus yet, and they do not have an email address required for their names to sync to the Aimsweb platform. Once the secretaries get students in Infinite Campus, we work with the tech department to get student emails assigned. Due to this process and new students enrolling daily, it typically takes longer to assess all students.

Attendance has also been a factor in getting all students assessed. Teachers are aware of students who have poor attendance and notify assessors as they come to school.

Our goal at KW/Vina is to have Fall Benchmarking data on 100% of our students.

(Marci Burd: First Grade Team Leader)

This month was busy for the First grade campus. Our students all participated in the Homecoming/Native American Week dress up days. They really enjoyed it and got creative. The whole KW/Vina team came together for the end of the week festivities by helping decorate the KW/Vina float. Students from the building made posters and the T.A's really helped decorating. The Immersion Children sang in Blackfeet the whole parade. They were proud of themselves.

The first grade team has been working really hard getting all our benchmark testing done in a timely manner. It has been going well thus far.

First grade teachers have really been encouraging our students to be here everyday by using their personal attendance calendars. We are proud to say that this month we had 61 students who reached the 80% attendance goal. Which is well over half of the first grade glass. YAY!!!!!! They were rewarded with a certificate and treasure box toy. Their parents were awarded a certificate and their name in a drawing for a gift certificate.



(Kelley Sharp: Kindergarten Team Leader)

September went by so fast. Kindergarten teachers are starting Unit 2 next week in Wonders. We are implementing Itchy's Alphabet for writing. In Eureka math we will be starting Lesson 20 next week going over circular and scattered figurations. We just had a really enjoyable Homecoming week. Here are some of our pictures.



Sukapii Kindergarten students with 80% or greater attendance for September.





(Susie Small: Early-K Team Leader)

Our month has been busy in Early K, from assessing all Early K students to planning our first field trip. In our assessments we have assessed students with our Owl Curriculum as well as the new PAST assessment. With this data we will begin to form small groups and targeted interventions. The kids have been working so hard with assessments and classroom expectations. We are so proud of our young students!

We had our first field trip to Glacier National Park (Upper Two Med) on Thursday September 29. We had amazing chaperones to help assist with all kids, as well as our awesome TA's. The kids had so much fun learning cultural aspects of this field trip such as the story behind Running Eagle Falls and different Blackfeet words of animals and mountains. We ended our month by attending Family Fun Friday learning about different community citizens and their roles. Fun was had by all and we look forward to another fun and busy month during October.



(Anne Schuschke: Specialist Team Leader)

In early elementary students are loving being back in school. They are learning the routines and how to follow a daily schedule. Specials are always exciting but the library is particularly exciting because Mrs. Archuleta had created a BEAUTIFUL library for kindergarten and early kinder. She has purchased TONS of beautiful books by and about native americans. We all appreciate how much time, energy, and love Mrs. Archuleta has put into both libraries, at KW and Vina.



Alaysia Carlson holds the Nature of Life, a new series we just added to the library. Marci Burd is using it as a read-aloud in her Immersion classroom.



Vina Library's makeover is complete - with brand new nature themed desk cubbies for students to enjoy years to come.



We have new books in KW-Vina library for students and staff to enjoy.





(JennyJo Tail Feathers: Para Team Leader)

We the paras of KW/Vina have had a very busy first month of the school year! We have been trying to do our schedules and our duties to the best of our ability as well as helping out extra when needed. Even with our busy days we sure have enjoyed seeing our littles back in school like it used to be pre-Covid! We have been getting our benchmarking done.

The para's look forward to having our families join us for Family Fun Friday!



Many Blessings from KW/Vina Elementary!
We wish you well ... 🍀