

# From the principal's desk: Board Report



December 11, 2023

The month "The Cold Arrives" Month iitssto 'yii

## Dates to Remember!

Dec. 12: BES family literacy  
Dec. 13: 2nd grade winter concert @ 2:00  
Dec. 14: 2nd grade winter concert @ 2:00  
Dec. 21-31: Winter break

## 2023-24 School Focus

We continue to stay focused on our four focuses with the goal of refining our action steps to meet these focuses. These are:

1. Science of Reading
2. Science of Writing/Handwriting
3. Math plan following Mary Buck's guidance
4. Social Emotional Learning with Conscious Discipline & DESSA

## Attendance - November:

2nd grade: students,  
84%

3rd grade: students,  
85%

Schoolwide: students,  
84.23%

Number of home visits: 10

## Science of Reading

Our focus has been on student engagement using opportunities to respond, pacing, and routines. Teachers have been provided professional development on how to increase this in the classroom to increase engagement. Walkthroughs in the classroom show high engagement by students.

In the Tier one literacy block, teachers are explicitly teaching students the phoneme sounds, phonics patterns and teaching students language to increase their reading proficiency.

## Parent Teacher Conferences

In November we held our first quarter parent teacher conferences. We had a great turn out of families coming to the school to visit with their child's teacher.

## Science of Writing

We have been implementing Handwriting without Tears since October. In this short time, we are seeing a positive impact in students' legible handwriting when writing stories. Research shows that when students learn how to write the letters with explicit instruction, it frees up their working memory. As a result their writing increases because they are no longer focused on how to form their letters.

## Instructional Coaches Report by Arlene

Wippert and Melissa Henderson

Teachers progressed monitored their intervention literacy groups

## Attendance by Shanna

LittleDog-Leon

**We have incentives every month for our students who have 90% or better attendance. For our November incentive, the students who earned this, watched a movie and ate popcorn. For our December incentive we are having hot chocolate and candy canes.**

on Nov. 13th using AimswebPlus Reading. They completed two second quarter PDSA cycles for their WIN group. By using the digital record form from AimswebPlus to progress monitor, teachers are able to begin seeing a trend line for each individual student that informs them to see who is progressing with instruction and if the intervention is working.

Teachers agreed upon a lesson plan template and collaboratively spent time updating the lesson components for each subject area. This planning has everyone engaging with one another to better support student achievement and instruction.

Walkthrough trends indicate the need to revisit the error correction routine during WIN time of SIPPS for intervention. PD was given on Nov. 17th to support teachers to bring focus to error correction using Anita Archer's book "Explicit instruction" chapter 7.

Teachers also during the grade level meeting updated grade level planning calendars and templates they worked on at SBE. Along with sharing positives from parents during parent teacher conferences. Teachers also looked within AimswebPlus to look at progress monitoring data for their homeroom students to see who is monitored with Phoneme Segmentation, Nonsense Word Fluency, or Oral Reading fluency. Teachers collaborated about their student growth or lack of growth due to attendance, or other factors contributing to student growth.

We look forward to our January benchmark data growth!

## Counselor Report by Dana Sure Chief

- Counselor has participated in weekly MTSS/Attendance Meetings
- Parent Contacts through telephone, email/text, in person and outside school
- Solution Meeting (1)
- Individual Counseling Meetings (15)
- Food Distribution Bags (190)
- Assisted with 2nd and 3rd Grade Outside Duty in the PM
- Participated with Tamarack Grief Resource Center to provide a Grief Support Group to 3rd Grade students every other week for the Month of November 2023.

## BES Book Fair by Shawnee Skunkcap

During parent teacher conferences, our school held our annual book fair that was organized by Shawnee Skunkcap. There were a variety of books on display for families to purchase books for their children. This is the biggest book fair that we've ever had and it was a great success, with profits of \$6128.82. This provides the library with over \$3000 from Scholastic to buy books, furniture, ect. One again we would like to thank the Glacier County Library, Friends of the Library Committee and the Glacier County Library Memorial Foundation for their generous annual donation, buying books for every 3rd grade student, totaling more than \$1500. We are looking forward to our next book fair in the Spring.



## Cat/Griz assembly

Our students participated in the Cat/Griz assembly at BHS. Students and staff were excited to wear their team choice clothing gear and to participate in the district wide graduation matters assembly to promote college. Shout out to Michelle Tailfeathers who created college banners to go with our BES kindness matters.



# PBIS, Student of the Month by Ms. Little Plume

Lunch with Ms. Kailey Hall and Ms. Gina Dosch is up and going. These are designed to increase social emotional skills and groups that reinforce positive behavior. Dana Sure Chief has collaborated with Tamarack Grief Center and implemented a 6 week grief group every Wednesday from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. The Superhero Kindness Store is up and running every Friday. Gina and Dana have begun assessments and observations based on DESSA data and Tier 2 and Tier3 student needs.

Browning Elementary's Students of the Month for 2nd and 3rd grade are the following students for November. These students are recognized for their hard work, dedication and attendance. All students receive a student of the month necklace, ribbon, and award. They get their picture taken and showcased at our school as well as put on the district's Facebook page.

## November Students of the Month

### **2nd Grade:**

Brady Billy  
Sierra Kipp  
William Meineke  
Cecelia Trombley  
Raden Whitcomb  
Joseph Hall  
Kesslyn Juneau  
Leah Many Guns

### **3rd Grade:**

Jazmin Dawes  
Logan Weatherwax  
Sosa No Runner  
Jessa Butterfly  
Presley Big Beaver  
Brielle Laforge  
Alivia Castillo



# Kindness Matters

## Super Heroes of the Week

