

BNAS board report Nov. 2021

BNAS gifted all veteran personal in the district with sweet grass, a flag, and a Blackfeet pin in celebration of Veterans Day. As a cultural department, we take pride in being able to do things like that. On our YouTube page, we uploaded a video of how to say the pledge of allegiance in Blackfoot as translated by the late Chief Earl Old Person. The link is included in the email.

KW and Vina BNAS teachers hosted a virtual powwow for their schools and we edited a video for them, which we also uploaded to YouTube, link has been provided in the email.

BNAS is hosting a book club that is only open to our department. We will be reading 'Blackfoot Ways of Knowing: The Worldview of the Siksikaitsitapi' by Betty Bastien. This will start in late November and continue to February 2022.

BNAS team member have also requested to attend the Class 7 PD training in Billings on December 10-11. Paper work will be done and a list of names will be given to the Board Secretary.

The BNAS department wants to recognize and honor Anita Crow Show and Jocelyn Big Throat for their wonderful presence in teaching young children in our schools. Both ladies show our children compassion and kindness and teach them well and leave them with excited eyes and faces. They bring that old school feminine kindness that is a direct reflection of our old ways. We are so thankful they are where they are. They truly are wonderful assets to our department and to both schools.

Christmas is around the corner and each building's immersion classes will be singing a Christmas song that we hope we can film.

KW & Vina: Silent Night

BES: Jingle Bells

Napi: Santa Clause us Coming to Town

BMS: Little Drummer Boy

All classes will sing 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p88IIECdb7M>

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