

Napi Elementary School



October 2024 Board Report

Napi's Vision Statement:

Napi Elementary School, a community of families, students, and staff will work to ensure the very best education for all our children through teaching, guidance, support, and structure.

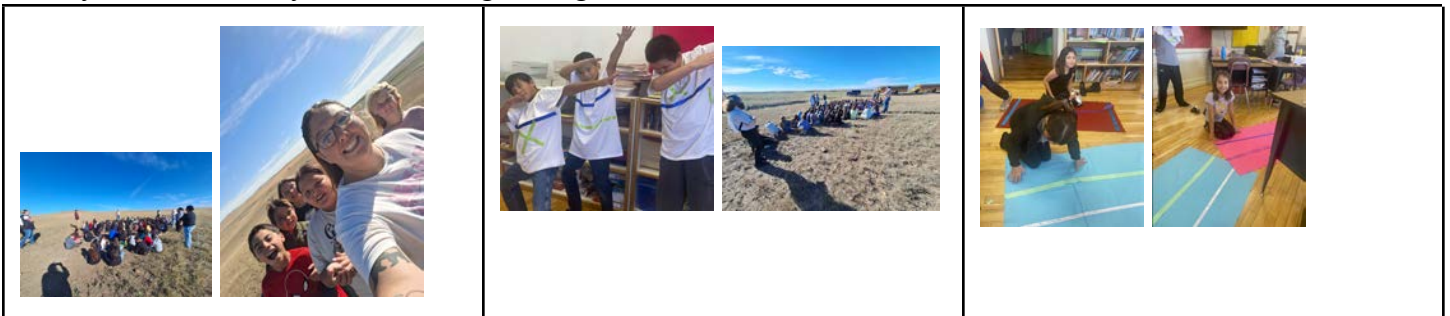
Napi's Mission Statement:

Napi Elementary School is committed to providing high-quality instruction and support to promote the highest achievement of all students, both academically and behaviorally.

Blackfeet Heritage Week

During Blackfeet Heritage Week our students participated in several activities that promoted their culture and aligned with Montana's Essential Understandings, and supported the implementation of IEFA. School-wide activities that were organized were shawl making for the girls and ribbon shirt making for the boys, all students participated in a field trip to pick Iniskims out by DelBonita, Mr. Hall set up the Star Lab on Wednesday and Thursday, and finally a Round Dance/Intertribal dance on Friday afternoon. Additional classroom activities observed were drum making, belt making, and dry meat making.

At the dance on Friday, we were fortunate to have the NAID Princess, Kylie BirdRattler, welcome the students to the dance and demonstrate a giveaway with the assistance of her parents Tim and Onna BirdRattler. A huge thank you to Mr. HeavyRunner for organizing this event for the students and staff.





NAID Princess, Kylie BirdRattler, and her mom Onna BirdRattler demonstrated a give away. Kylie gifted her friend with a shawl.



Attendance

Student Attendance: August 23-September 30th

4th Grade: 81%
5th Grade: 82%
Home Visits: 0

Staff Attendance:

Certified: 87%
Classified: 89%

Instructional Coaches--Submitted by Mrs. Wagner and Mrs. Bragg

September was a busy month for the coaches at Napi! We started off by assisting with a well-deserved “Water Day” fun incentive on the football field to reward students for attending the first 10 days of school. Right away,

both coaches started the year off by assisting and supporting all new staff while checking in with the veteran teachers to ensure everything ran smoothly the first few weeks of school. With the construction taking place, both coaches helped accommodate teachers who have been affected by the noise and the heat, offering support where needed. The Napi SLT met for the 2nd time in September, introducing new team members to the group. Data wasn't available yet, so protocols were reviewed for bimonthly SLT meetings. The team adjusted the structured agenda to meet the needs of both the staff and the data teams. Napi hosted its first Family Literacy activity on September 19, with a fun-filled hour of bingo. Family board games were given as prizes and everyone enjoyed a snack of cookies and juice. Mrs. Wagner is the Teacher Leader for Napi with the CSI OPI team. She has been attending early 7 am meetings every other Wednesday along with other district and state Teacher Leaders. September also had Napi beginning and completing the Fall 24 Benchmark testing on Aimsweb. At this time, Napi is currently 90% complete with assessing all students. Due to student attendance concerns, we will seek to extend our deadline for assessing the benchmark until the first week of October. The week of September 23 was Native American Heritage Week and both coaches assisted in supporting classes with various IEFA activities, including field trips, star lab activities and ended the week with a round dance. Both coaches are fully committed to supporting staff on a daily basis. Mrs. Wagner has one active coaching cycle occurring while Mrs. Bragg currently has 2.

Counseling Center--Submitted by Mr. Andreas

As shared with the board at a previous board meeting, Napi is now down to one (1) counselor (me) and that is having a significant impact on the amount of students that we are able to provide Tier II and Tier III intervention too. Mrs. Jessica Drewelow (school counselor in training from East Glacier) is with us for 6 hours per week and has picked up our grade 5 check and connections, which has been incredibly helpful, but we continue to struggle to provide the school based services our students deserve due to staffing. Currently, I am providing Tier I (Social Emotional, Career Counseling and Academic) counseling services to all students using the Second Step Social Emotional Learning Curriculum as part of the specials rotation. During the month of September, all students received direct instruction on empathy, listening with attention and respecting similarities and differences. Additionally, we are providing the following Tier II interventions for students that need them: Tamarack Grief Group, Daily Check and Connect, Conflict Mediation, Weekend Food, Clothing Closet, Hygiene Supplies, Lunch Bunch, 504 Plans and IEP support. I am currently working with the superintendent and other counselors to develop our Tier III supports as part of a planning team.

Sports--Submitted by Mr. Tail

September is the busiest month for sports. We have two sports going on at the same time. I am delighted to report that our sports program has enormously succeeded this year. We had 56 signed up for football and 55 for Cross Country. This past Saturday, September 29th, we had 45 football players at our jamboree in Fairfield, MT, and at our Cross Country meet on the 26th, we had 45. Jade Guardipee and Jennifer HeavyRunner started a pep club this year, and they've had several students sign up and are excited to apart of it.

In the past, kids usually signed up and lost interest, but only a few kids switched to pep club this year. This week for homecoming, we will host a scrimmage on Thursday, October 3rd, at 1:00 p.m. It'll be a homecoming game for Napi, our first home game in three years at the Napi field.

We wrap up the Cross Country season with pictures on the 2nd of October and will run in Havre on the 7th of October.

The football team will travel to Lewistown on the 5th, wrap up the season with pictures on the 10th, and travel to Havre on the 12th for their final Jamboree.

