

Welcome to Bullshoe Elementary where we lead from the heart, we value life, family, and know the children "Sacred Beings" we serve are as valuable as the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the ground we walk on. In this up and coming school year please join us in our children's education journey.

Attendance Matters

(William Huebsch: V-Principal)

December 2024

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Enrolled</u>	<u>Attendance %</u>
Little Learner	54	85.62%
Kindergarten	117	79.24%
First Grade	152	79.50%
Total	323	80.63%

Student Perfect Attendance

<u>First Grade</u>	<u>Kindergarten</u>	<u>Little Learner</u>
ATK-DuCharme, Sebastian	Braverock, Tobias	AfterBuffalo, Ezra
Big Back, Grayson	Carlson, Alani	BullShoe, Chase
Big Back, Jameson	Carlson, Hudson	DayRider, Harleigh
BigBeaver, Carson	Castillo, Wayne	Grant, Joann
BigBeaver, Rilynn	Hipp, Amelia	Mittens, Nyx
Bullshoe-RATD,Sahkooyi	Morris, Jacelynn	Monroe, Kalista
Burd, Christian	Shooter, Adelaide	Rattler, Reubie
Croff, Easton	Whitford, Tobias	Redfox, Dustin
DeWolfe, David		Skunk Cap, Emma
Gobert, Chasin		Sun Rhodes, Tyrel
Gutierrez, Katalaya		Wells, LaRaya
Hipp, Aurora		
Hoops, Taos		
Hoyt, Keston		
Ingraham, Seneca		
Juneau, Rhiannon		
Manyhides, Kiiari		
Red Fox, Will		
Rivas, Vladimir		
Wells, Austin		
Whiteman, Isaiah		
YellowOwl, Kyo		

Staff Attendance: Certified: 81% Classified: 87%

Staff Perfect Attendance:

Toni Tatsey, Angie Pepion, Francis Vielle, Jo Powell, Louise Giebel, Nathalie Lopez, and Juliana Salois.

Prime Time Parking: Bergan - Angie Pepion Chattin - Francis Vielle

Graduation Matters

(Susie Small: LL Leader)

November was a fun month for Little Learners. We started our shapes unit in math. In literacy we are almost finished with our first cycle of the alphabet where the primary focus has been mainly recognition of upper-case letters and those letters found in their names. We finished our unit on Community and ended that with a field trip to various spots in our community. We toured Blackfeet Community College library, as well as the tribal offices, we made a pit stop at the post office as the students dropped off mail for their families. All three were very accommodating and patient with our little ones.

We ended the month with our annual Pow Wow where all students had the chance to wear their regalia, ribbon skirt or vest! They all loved dancing and listening to the drums. The kids showed a lot of interest in the drumming, so Hollywood volunteered to come in and have a mini drumming lesson with the kids. He showed them his hand drum and how to use it, he even let the kids try drumming!

For Native American Heritage month, we read various books by Native American authors, one of the books was called Fry Bread and with this book we brought in an elder to make fry bread with our classes. The students

loved mixing all the ingredients and tasting the fry bread when it was done. We also read many Napi stories and even got a visit from Napi himself! The teachers and students enjoyed all the cultural activities.



(Carol Grant: Kindergarten Leader)

November was a busy month for our Kindergarten students as well as the teachers and support staff. November started off with a much-needed wellness day after the Halloween festivities. Family/Teacher conferences were well attended. Teachers met with parents and guardians, discussing their child's progress.

Classrooms practiced their traditional dance for the PowWow while listening to the beat of the drum. The students learned about the various dances and regalia both girls and boys wear while dancing. Students were exposed to various Native American literature, including "Napi" stories and other tribe's stories. The students also made their beaded necklaces for the PowWow. The PowWow was a huge success with many parents and guardians in attendance. Every classroom had a surprise visit from "Napi". The students were very excited and enjoyed his visit.

Our attendance incentive took place on November 21st with all students participating in the bouncy houses. A group picture was taken of students that missed three or less days of school for the month of November. It was a good month for the BullShoe/KW Kindergarten students. We're looking forward to the month of December.



(Marcie Burd: First Grade Leader)

November was a busy month for our team and kiddos.

We kicked off the month with Family conferences which was a great success. It was nice to see so many families show up and take part in their child's education. It is always nice to see that we have involved families.

The staff enjoyed having the Friday off after a long week of work.

Our students got their pictures taken this month and it was a smooth process. It is always nice to see a local taking pictures.

Our students enjoyed the jumpy house attendance incentive. They always really look forward to it. As a first grade class we had 79% attendance for the month which is a great accomplishment for our school.

The last week of November was pretty crazy and busy.

We kicked it off with our mini pow-wow. So many people showed up and the kids really had a great time dancing. It was nice to see most of the students in a skirt or vest thanks to our program we had a few years back of the ribbon/vest closet.

Our students also got a surprise visit from the real live Napi. We spent the whole month reading Napi stories so it was nice to see one of our Blackfeet hero's come to life.

Our first grade immersion class also hosted our first ever Indigenous Wax Museum. Which was a hit.

(Angela Archeleta: Specialist Leader)

The school year is flying by faster than Santa's sleigh. BNAS, Music, Health & PE are diligently practicing for the Stamkisiitsiikin Elementary Christmas concerts. In additions, Mrs. Powell recently read, Ice Breaker: How Mabel Fairbanks changed figure skating. She introduced our Little Learners to ice skating and exposed them to a plethora of new vocabulary. In the meantime, in the library, The reaching forth The Gold Reading Program is climbing to new heights. As of November 22nd, the end of the first round our students are doing amazing this year. We have had a 261% increase of Reading Responses turned in from last year. We had 632 turned in for the academic school year 2023/24 and it's only December and we are at 2283! 1st Grade Mrs. Bird Ratter 547 earned games in the library, Kindergarten Mrs. Shooter 229 earned puzzles and Ms. Small 189 earned colorful pencils. Moreover the staff is engaging as well. We read 25 books last year and this year we are at 42. BNAS Teacher, Kortni Guardipee is in the lead with seventeen books read. Compliments of the Librarian, she received a coffee card!



Culture Matters

(Britney Shooter: Cultural Leader)

K Immersion - In November our BNAS theme was song and dance with a thematic learning focus on exploring our culture, both past and present. We delved into various styles of dance, learning about their significance and meanings. Each day we read books highlighting cultural dances and traditions, preparing for our mini powwow. To deepen our understanding of cultural heritage, we studied influential Native Americans who made significant contributions to their communities. One of our primary focuses was on Elouise Cobell. The students learned about her life, her fight for justice, and the importance of the causes she championed. Inspired by her story, the students showed a keen interest in land rights, leading us to explore the topic further.

First Immersion - Ms. Marci Burd did a Native American Living Wax Museum with her students. Each student was able to pick someone they look up to or who inspires them. The students worked hard all month learning facts about the person they chose. The families were invited to attend and KRTV highlighted the students on their evening news.

BNAS - Jocelyn Vielle focused on our annual powwow. The students showcased dancing practicing all month long. We are especially thankful for our MC - Jesse DeRosier, the student drum group from BMS - Stan Whiteman and our Royalty; Miss Blackfeet Alyssa Blackman, Lil Miss Kyiyo Kiiari Many Hides, and Heart Butte Society Tiny Tot Princess Tzipporah Lytle.

