

BNAS board report October 2023

The BNAS celebrates Kevin Kicking Woman in being named MT teacher of the year. This shines a positive light on our department and shows that we are on a terrific trajectory. We do not claim that BNAS, alone, is what got Mr. Kicking Woman this prestigious accolade, his personality and passion for education and teaching and learning propels him forward but it is cause to celebrate that a Blackfoot Language teacher using the BNAS curriculum has proven to invite success and joy in his classroom. This is also a cause for celebrating our entire BNAS team.

We are continuing to create more lesson materials for Blackfoot language instruction. Recently we released a near 45-minute YouTube video (also on the BPS Facebook page) aimed at promoting and teaching Blackfoot. The video was made 45 minutes as a goal to be used as an emergency lesson plan for subs within a BNAS/Immersion Class. However, we will be releasing the individual segments for shorter form very soon. We also will produce more videos in the future.

The BNAS/immersion assessment is being administered and we are facing technical problems rolling it out but they are being smoothed over, primarily by the BNAS instructional coach. In addition, the BNAS instructional coach continues doing walk throughs in all BNAS classes and consistently offers materials for instruction and guidance in its implementation.



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Montana teachers are the best in the business, so being named Montana Teacher of the Year is a real honor. Congratulations to Kevin for this well-deserved recognition, and thanks to all of our teachers for working so hard to shape the next generation.



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Kevin Kickingwoman of Browning High School wins Montana Teacher of the Year

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