

October Board BNAS Board Report.

On September 25th the BNAS department, Robert Hall and Lea Whitford, along with the Superintendent, honored Earl Old Person by visiting him at his daughter's home. Kevin Kicking Woman, along with Chee Chee Whiteman, accompanied us and they sang him and honor song and The Flag Song. We gifted him a coffee mug and a blanket and thanked for his lifetime of support of the Browning Schools and all schools on our Reservation. He told us, "Gotta keep going?" and going we shall remain. We shared our thanks and spoke some Blackfeet and thanked his family for supporting us in our efforts to honor the chief.

Our department continues going, Lea and I are doing our best to help our staff with their classroom needs. Every BNAS class, immersion and electives/specials, chose a project they wanted to do with their students and we provided the materials. Middle school and high school are making drums, kids in Napi will be making ribbon skirts and shirts, and other younger students will be beading and other miscellaneous art project focused on culture. We were able to purchase 8 standing desks for our staff and plan on ordering 10 more for the rest of the BNAS staff.

The Department also values the everyday culture BPS has and is proud of and will start taking more pictures and sharing them on the BPS facebook page. Students and parents have expressed their gratitude at this shift. In addition, the BNAS department has spoken to the leaders of the high school and the Buffalo Hide Academy and offered to do senior pictures for any student who would appreciate the offer. Logistic will be worked out and a few students have already jumped at the opportunity.