

From the principal's desk: Board Report



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Dates to Remember!

May 13: BES traditional games

May 16-18: Grade level
transition visits

May 17: BES Night of the Arts
and spring data share out at
3:30-5:00

May 27: BES cultural day

2021-22 School Focus

We continue to collaborate around the focuses, implementing the daily focuses, monitoring with walkthroughs, providing feedback, providing professional development, coaching and completing action steps. These 4 focus areas at BES are:

1. Science of Reading
2. Science of Writing/Handwriting
3. Math plan following Mary Buck's guidance
4. Social Emotional Learning with Conscious Discipline & DESSA

Science of Reading

The staff at BES have been diligently teaching students reading skills they need. Teachers have been monitoring learning through PDSA's, small group instruction and through explicit, systematic instruction.

Writing Focus

Teachers continue to use Project Success writing to teach students how to write by interweaving instruction throughout the content areas and incorporating art.

Attendance

Month of April

2nd grade: 86.66%

3rd grade: 89.10%

Schoolwide: 88.7%

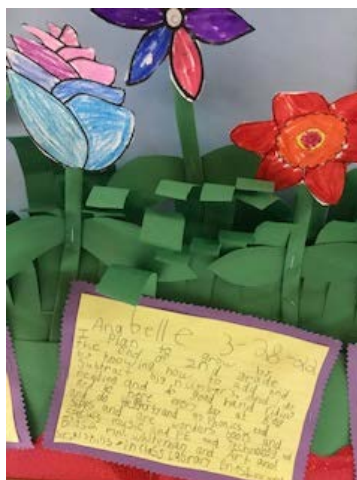
Yearly

2nd grade: 74.57%

3rd grade: 76.65%

Schoolwide: 75.57%

Home visits were conducted for identified students that we are needing to follow up on for making contact for attendance. There were 21 home visits done for the month of April



Student and staff wellness

For the month of April, staff continue to participate in the "Stepping Into Spring Fit Challenge". Staff who wanted to participate tracked their walking steps each day to promote wellness. Incentives given to the top three steppers at the end of the month.

Staff wellness

For the month of April, BES staff participated in the BES staff Easter egg hunt. The top three winners were: Michele Calf Tail, April Jimenez and Jacky Makes Cold Weather

Remote Learning

504 Remote Learning Students

- 2nd Grade - 4 students
- 3rd Grade - 1 student

Students on the 504 remote learning join in daily for their core classes with their homeroom teacher. The student joins in using Google Meet and Seesaw, the online learning platform.

April Family Literacy Event

We had a great turn out for our April Family Literacy Event. Students participated in activities with their families.

Instructional Coaching by Arlene Wippert

The month of April was busy. The teachers were busy with parent teacher conferences. It was great to see parents/guardians in the building.

The coach attended PD around Coaching Teams. It was about Core Values that include respectful relationships, commitment to work that reflects quality and professionalism, honoring the decision making of the team, and to facilitate collaborative partnerships.

Here at BES the coach attended a virtual PD on Student Focused Coaching in which coaches and teachers work collaboratively to improve student outcomes using evidence-based practices. The coach continues to support teachers through walkthroughs and feedback and offer support where necessary. Individual coaching plans were followed up on and will continue. Our school is utilizing the services of our new tutor who is busy teaching small groups throughout the day.

The IC Kim Penn visited and the focus was updating her about the coaching progress and plans to support instruction and planning next steps for SBE week.

Teachers were given time during component meetings to input data and offer support where needed.

Math Plan Focus

For the month of April teachers continue to follow the Eureka math module adjustments. 3rd grade is currently teaching module 5 - Fractions as Numbers on the Number Line. The grade level was also busy getting students ready for Smarter Balance. 2nd Grade continues to finish module 3 - Place Value, and Comparison of Numbers to 1,000. Both grade levels are implementing flashcard fluency for addition/subtraction and multiplication during small group time.

Social Emotional Learning by Ms. Little Plume

The DESSA growth strategy for the month of April is **optimistic-thinking**. Staff and students continue to utilize Conscious Discipline school-wide. The students continue to earn numerous amounts of Caught Ya Cards and feathers for following the BES TEAM expectations at school.

Counselor's Report by Mrs. Magee-Cobell

Participated in the following:

- 1) Attended and Participated eight/15 hours of Suicide Awareness Training TBD (7hrs) left
- 2) Weekly BES Attendance Meetings
- 3) Weekly SEL/MTSS Meetings
- 4) Parent Contacts: In person: (30) Phone: (40) Text/Email (5) Notes/Letters (5)
- 5) Food Distribution- Weekend BackFood Bags (84) Total (2 bags on 4/8/2022) and monthly report submitted
- 6) 504 Review Meeting Preparation - (3) (two students returned to in person) (three students still in remote learning)
- 7) 504 Remote Learning Initial Meeting (0)
- 8) 504 Preparation for 504 Plan (0)
- 9) SPED Referral Packets submitted (2) SPED Office
- 10) Daily Second Grade Pick Up Duty
- 11) Individual Students met: (50) Students
- 12) Collaboration w/ Student Support Specialist-Everett Armstrong (home visits, emails student contact, in-person)
- 13) Solutions Meeting (3)
- 14) Referrals to FIT Program (2)
- 15) HomeVisits (21) for April 2022



Earth Day Clean Up

On April 22nd, students at BES participated in Earth Day activities at the Blackfeet Community College and cleaned up areas around the school.

Parent teacher conferences

In April, we held our third quarter parent teacher conferences on April 5th and April 7th. In second grade we had 73% of the families attend and in third grade we had 61% of our families attend.

Mrs. Momberg had free books in the library for parents to pick out a book with their child to promote literacy.

The third grade team worked with Nick Rink and Greg Klauk's science and Blackfeet Native studies classes to clean up areas around the school and BHA.



3rd grade sledding field trip (Summit)

Pictured here:

Mr. Schwarzkopf and Miss Jeckell's Class explored Blackfeet Land in winter at what is modernly known as "Summit".

Students hiked a snow filled path and explored winter habitats and observed the ecosystem around them. Students were challenged in a scavenger hunt, snow angels and a snowman building contest.

They also took sleds down the snow plows burns... FEARLESS these kids are for sure.



All third grade classes went on this trip or a makeup outdoor trip for March.



Miss Jeckell and Buffalo Hide (Rink and Klauk classes)

Yellow Bird Woman - o't'kwiipiiksaakii

Eloise Cobell Protected Land

Cultural Reconnection and Traditional Games April Field Trip

Students in Miss Jeckell's class were invited to join the Buffalo Hide Academy students from Mr. Rink and Mr. Klauk's classes on a collaborative field trip. They were invited to join on the field trip to Yellow Bird Woman. Mr. Dylan DesRosier, who works with the Nature Conservancy, was kind enough to take us here and give us information all about Eloise Cobell, her purpose and mission of why she protected Blackfeet Land. She wanted the community to reconnect to the land. Walk the land of their ancestors, smell the Earth around them, see the plants and animals that cultivated the land.

Through this trip we were able to reconnect to the land that the student's ancestors lived and traveled on. They learned from Mr. Rink a new game! They were able to practice the traditional game of **double ball**, which was an indigenous game that was used to solve land disputes, train for hunting and also for a fun game. Students practiced their language using terms like **miistukiiks** (mountains), **ponokamiitaaks** (horses), **ksa''koom** (Earth) and so much more!





Students learned that you pick your stick for your opponent and then shake or fist bump to wish your opponent goodluck

.. then it is GAME ON!!

Students try to get the ball using only their sticks and have to get it through their goal...



~2nd and 3rd Students of the Month~



~Staff Easter Egg Hunt~



~Banana Splits with the Staff~



Each month we host an event for our staff, for the month of April our staff enjoyed banana splits before they split for spring break.