

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)

<u>Grade</u>	<u>December 2024 Enrolled</u>	<u>Attendance %</u>
Little Learners	54	83.85%
Kindergarten	117	75.72%
First Grade	153	76.04%
Total	324	77.47%

### December Student Perfect Attendance

<u>First Grade</u>	<u>Kindergarten</u>	<u>Little Learners</u>
Bigback, Grayson	BigBeaver, Jazzie	Billy, Braxton
Bigback, Jameson	Braverock, Tobias	Campos, Jose
BigBeaver, Carson	Bremner, Hollis	DeRoche, Tacilee
BigBeaver, Rilynn	Hipp, Amelia	Grant, Isadore
Bullshoe-RATD,Sahkooyii	Running Wolf, Grayson	Pinkerton, Gene
Gutierrez, Katalaya	Thomas, Kesleigh	Wells, Kaylilah
Hipp, Aurora	Weasel Tail, Noah	
LittleDog, Cassien	Wells, Annslee	
Melton, Kelsey		
St. Goddard, Tylee		
Wells, Cody		
Whitford, Kaslynn		

### December Staff Attendance

Certified: 92%      Classified: 91%

### Staff Perfect Attendance

Darren Magee, Louise Giebel, Mr. H, Dawn Marxer, BobbieJo Powell

### Prime Time Parking (for January)

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## Graduation Matters

(Marci Burd: First Grade Leader)

Time flew by this month.

Our first grade team went all out this year decorating our hallways. The North hallway was a gingerbread village and the South hallway was Whoville. They both turned out really cute and the students loved participating and decorating. We plan to try this every year during December. The kids really enjoyed it and looked forward to it.

We spent a good amount of time practicing for our Christmas concert and all the songs. Every first grade class sang at least one song in Blackfeet and that was super awesome to hear and see. It is important that our students get that opportunity to learn a song in our Blackfeet Language. All the parents were pleased with that! The para's did an amazing job setting up and decorating for the program.

We also helped with our annual Winter Make-It Take-It event which was nice and the kids were excited to be bringing home Christmas crafts for their homes and Christmas trees. We all enjoyed having this during the Holiday Season. It's always nice to have the families come together for this event.

Santa made a visit to our school and the students were elated! Some students wanted puppies, others wanted orbi guns but every child left with a whisper in Santa's ear, a hug and a smile. Every child received a gift from Toys For Tots and fruit/candy from the BTBC. Everyone went home with something! Our first graders get to enjoy fun things and we are proud and honored to provide these opportunities for them.

We are all looking forward to a break and nice rest to reset and get rejuvenated. Our teachers and teams have been on the go, going and going.

*(Carol Grant: Kindergarten Leader)*

December, the final month of 2024 has been an exciting and short month for the Kinders and staff here at the BullShoe/KW east wing. December started off with Christmas art projects, decorating the classrooms and hallways for the upcoming holiday. The students continued to practice singing the Christmas songs for our Christmas program which was held on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Group Sukapii attendance pictures were taken with the students who had 80% or better attendance. Bear Day pictures of individual students from each classroom were taken for being a "BEAR ACHIEVER"! Make It, Take It, on December 18<sup>th</sup> as always was a huge success with many students, parents and guardians in attendance! Christmas celebrations and attendance incentive were celebrated on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> with a visit from a very special guest, "Santa Claus"! Along with wearing PJ's and a movie! *Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year to All!*



## *Culture Matters*

*(Britney Shooter: First Grade Leader)*

*Bull Buffalo Immersion:* this month, we began preparing for the Christmas program by learning our songs. All the students sang Jingle Bells in Blackfeet. Our December BNAS theme focused on buffalo and the story behind our school's name, Stumitsikitsikin-Bullshoe. We explored the different types of buffalo and learned how they adapt to the changing seasons throughout the year.

*Fox Children Immersion:* The first-grade BNAS theme is "Goods and Products." My students and I have been focusing on cultural foods, learning the names of different foods in Blackfeet and creating sentences to incorporate into our lessons and writing activities. We've also been exploring traditional beadwork, discussing its various styles and

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techniques. Lea from the BNAS Department kindly emailed to ask if any staff needed materials from the Trading Post, which allowed us to gather supplies for beading. Soon, my students will be learning how to bead. We are excited to bead projects in the upcoming New Year!

*BNAS Specials (Jocelyn/Kortni):* In December, our focus was on learning the Blackfeet language and visited topics such as animals, numbers, colors, and other vocabulary. Looking ahead, we are excited to begin our next unit on Winter storytelling, where we will explore more about Napi and his adventures.

*(Angela Archeleta: Specialist Leader)*

Our Specialists are dashing to the sleigh this month. In music, the wonderful Christmas concerts are complete with over five-hundred family members coming to enjoy the pleasing sound of their children's voices. Now, music classes are preparing for the introduction of instruments and wrapping this month up with Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer art and native gingerbread coloring pages. In First Grade and Kindergarten physical education classes they are doing the line boogie, focusing on cooperative learning and teamwork. Meanwhile, Little Learners are focusing on fast and slow movements. The library continues with Christmas spirit reading, The Polar Express, and coloring wooden Christmas tree ornaments for the students to take home to their families. In addition, we held our Winter Make-It Take-It, where one of your first grade students exclaimed he made "an epic dinosaur" showing it off.

We would like to wish the BPS School Board of Trustees a Happy Holiday and thank you for the support of our school!



From Stamiksiitsiikin Bullshoe Elementary  
We hope you had a very Merry Christmas and will have a prosperous New Year!!

