



KW/Vina Elementary



Board Report for December 12, 2017



ATTENDANCE MATTERS (Parent)

(submitted by Natasha Siliezar)

Overall the attendance for November was 83.40%.

Pre-school had 84.02%, Kindergarten with 81.11%, and First Grade had 84.38% attendance. We did 11 home visits with most of the students their attendance has improved. We use Infinite Campus data to determine which student's attendance to focus on and every week we run a report of the previous week's attendance to see which students are having attendance issues and they're added to the list which also determines what children we do home visits on.

In October there were two students who were referred to the courts.

Staff attendance for the month of November:

KW Bergan

Classified 86.00%

Certified 88.00 %

Staff perfect attendance: Louise Giebel, Britney Shooter, Memoree Tatsey

Vina Chattin

Classified 88.00%

Certified 82.00%

Staff perfect attendance: Betty Brock

Average

Classified 87.00%

Certified 85.00%

GRADUATION MATTERS (Student)



Early Kindergarten/Preschool

(Submitted by: Ruth Shea, Sheila Grady, Cherie Show)

November was a very busy month for our preschoolers! We completed the initial ISIP screening, we participated in our first mini powwow, and we had approximately 80% attendance at parent/teacher conferences. It is so nice to see the parent involvement in their child's education at this level. We hope you had a chance to read our turkey recipes in the Glacier Reporter —there were some very creative ideas. This month our unit focused on learning about our community. We learned what a community is, what workers do in our community, what we can do in our community and different kinds of community.

As a Pre-Kindergarten we hosted the Rocky Boy Head Start teachers on Monday, November 13th, they left with a plethora of ideas and inspiration. We are hoping to continue a strong working relationship with them by mutual communication and sharing of ideas.

Kindergarten

(Submitted by: Megan Adams)

This month, the Kindergarten team has been fundraising for our spring field trip by holding "Flip Your Lid Fridays," or "Hat Fridays." Students who pay \$1.00 to their classroom teacher are allowed to wear hats all day long! We will continue this fundraiser every Friday so the participation can continue to accelerate until Winter Break. As soon as the High School basketball season begins, our team would like to plan a few bake sales to raise more funds. For the month of November our Family engagement activity included a Mini Pow-Wow that took place on the 27th. The event encouraged students and families to dress in their dancing regalia! Thank you to all who attended our Mini Pow-Wow. KW Bergan also hosted the School Board Meeting on November 29th, and we would like to thank all of the families who had children recognized for perfect attendance this first quarter!

First Grade

(Submitted by: Nicole Whitney)

How quickly November turned into December. With second quarter well under way, both the teachers and students are working hard and becoming a great community of learners. In November we got all gussied up for picture day, and dressed in our finest regalia for the mini pow-wow just before the break. Our pow-wow was a success with participation from all students, staff, and families. The Armstrong brothers graced us with their talent, and provided us with drumming and song for the event. It was a great turnout, and a great celebration before the break. After the break, Lynnel Bullshoe, the KW/Vina Counselor, started her visits to the classrooms for a culture and identity lesson with our students. Lynnel's first lesson was about the Pikuni flag and the sacredness of eagle feathers. The students were very engaged in her lesson. It is exciting to see our students building a strong identity at such a young age.

Until next month!

Kindergarten Reading/Math Data

At KW, like Vina we haven't assessed the children in time for the board report. But don't let this fool you we have lots going on. For the month of November our Math Consultant Ms. Mary Buck has provided three hours of professional development training to all the Kindergarten and First Grade Homeroom Teachers. She has expanded their knowledge about Fluency and Number Sense along with providing them purposeful planning for their instruction with whole or small group in their classrooms.

First Grade Reading/Math Data

(Submitted by: Sandi Campbell)

At Vina Chattin we haven't assessed for the month of December yet on ISIP or STAR math. This week is a busy week, full of assessments. On December 5th we will ISIP test during ELA small group time. On December 6th we will assess for STAR math during math block. All students are assessing in their classroom on chromebooks for both ISIP and STAR math. 1st grade has also

finished Unit 2 in the Wonders Program and will be unit testing on Wednesday and Thursday during small group time. The teachers do some of the unit assessment full group and then differentiates for the other part of the assessment based on students reading abilities.

The teachers will use this data to look at small group instruction and plan their instruction to meet the needs of the students.

SAFETY MATTERS (School)

MBI/Conscious Discipline

(Submitted by: Amy Molenda)

During the month of November, the MBI Team began updating the MBI Matrix for our campus. Students and parents took a survey to measure how safe they felt at our school (Which was shared at the KW/Vina Noon Board Meeting), and the results of the survey were very positive. We have met with the MBI Two Sister Consultants to continue monitoring our growth, successes, and proactive school practices. In November, we recognized 90 students for good behavior!

CULTURE MATTERS (Community)

Kindergarten Immersion

(Submitted by: Darcy Skuncap)

Oki from Kindergarten! The month of November has been a busy one! We are learning the coins penny, nickel, dime, and quarter. We had our mini powwow and enjoyed dancing! Lastly, we blessed the school board meeting with our Nitsitapi Tsimoyihkaan!



(Submitted by: Carolyn Zuback)

Mrs Zuback Immersion class is learning how to make a Saami (Warbonnet) to give to their parents as Christmas gifts. This is Implementing counting, colors, and cultural stories of where the Saami originated from.

Omahk'atoyiiksistsikaato's means (The Big Holy Moon) month of December. Students are practicing Silent Night for our Christmas concert, the students are learning the four directions Apatohsohtsi, Pinapoohtsi, Amsskaapohtsi, Amitohtsi, and they are learning to count by twos and fives in the Blackfoot Language. Ikkitaamiikssistsiko.



School Counselor

(submitted by: Lynnel Bullshoe)

November has been a very busy month and I don't know where the time went. With the cold weather here we have been busy stocking our clothing closet with warm weather gear for the students. We have received donations from the Blackfeet Boxing Club, Blackfeet Tribe, Partnership with Native Americans, Blackfeet at HEART/Susan Fletcher, Whitefish area donors and individual donors from the Blackfeet community. We have reached out to other organizations and private donors such as Patagonia and are awaiting donations promised.

I began groups for the First Grade classes and the groups will focus on Culture and Identity. I chose these topics because many of our Blackfeet Cultural Values and "who we are as Indigenous People" have teachings of how children are Sacred and how to respect themselves/others. Knowing who they are as Amskaapii Pikuni, will give them a sense of identity and pride which will enhance their self-esteem and self-worth. My first lesson was on being an Indian, Blackfeet Indian, Pikuni or Amskaapii Pikuni. I introduced the Blackfeet flag and the student's seemed to be proud that the "blue flag with feathers" in their classrooms actually is theirs' and now has personal meaning for them. I am looking forward to my next lesson and creating my own Culture and Identity curriculum to use in these lessons.

I continue to meet with individual students, teachers and parents making several phone calls to check on students, contacting parents/guardians as well as contacting various organizations for student services. We have had 13 Solutions Meetings and 6 home-visits.

The morning Meet and Greet continues to be a favorite of mine as I get to greet both the students and parents/guardians in the mornings. It's a great time to check in with students and their parents and for them to communicate with us as well. The parents/guardians continually appreciate and thank us for being outside to open car doors and greet students especially now that the weather is colder.



Family Engagement

(Submitted by: Sydney St.Goddard)

I have attended 8 home visits due to attendance. I updated the Kindergarten court referral list since some students attendance improved and one moved to another district. So far, 2 kindergarten families were referred to the courts for their students poor attendance. I will continue making phone calls and home visits to improve our attendance. I have brought one student to dental this week and am currently waiting for appointments for 2 others. We had 21 families utilize our parent center in November and 22 utilize the clothing closet.

I've applied for and received items for the pre-kindergarten classes through the Native Partnership Literacy Program. Native Partnership sent both adult and student incentives as a reward for families reading together. I have since then setup a mini library in the parent center for students and their families to check out books to read, many families have utilized the library. For the students who did not read at home, the teachers read with them so they could also receive incentives. I also requested Tom's snow boots from Native Partnership and we received a load of

snow boots, shoes, and socks, which will be distributed to our students. I will also be applying for their Easter egg hunt program and their school supplies program. Native Partnership has also sent incentives for individuals that attend the parenting class.

The first week of December I will be attending the Sacred Father, Sacred Mother, parenting class training in Havre, Mt. Once I finish the training I will be offering parenting classes at KW Bergan. We also held the board meeting in our parent center this month, which turned out very good. We recognized staff members and students with perfect attendance.

I would like to thank our generous community members who have donated to our clothing closet: Jace Racine, Charlotte Cadotte, Sherie Blue, Methodist Church in Columbia Falls, Tribal Planning Department, Frank Kipp and the boxing club, Nikki Hannon (FIT Program), and Native Partnership. Sorry if I forgot anyone, we will be starting a list of who donated so we can send proper thank you's out to them. We are very fortunate to have such good hearted individual in our community, know that you have made a positive impact on their students lives and education :)



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM TIMES

**ALL programs will be held at KW Gym
Wednesday December 20th**

Show, Shea, Grady 10:15 - 10:45

Thursday December 21st

Shooter, DeRoche, Grant 9:00 - 9:30

Burd, Sharp, Dauphinais 9:30 - 10:00

Skunkcap, Edward, Adams 10:00 - 10:30

Thursday December 21st

C Zieger, Brock, Molenda 10:30 - 11:00

Gray, N Ziegler, Light 11:00 - 11:30

Whitney, Show, Mad Plume 11:30 - 12:00