

**Buffalo Hide Academy  
School Board Report  
4/3/25**

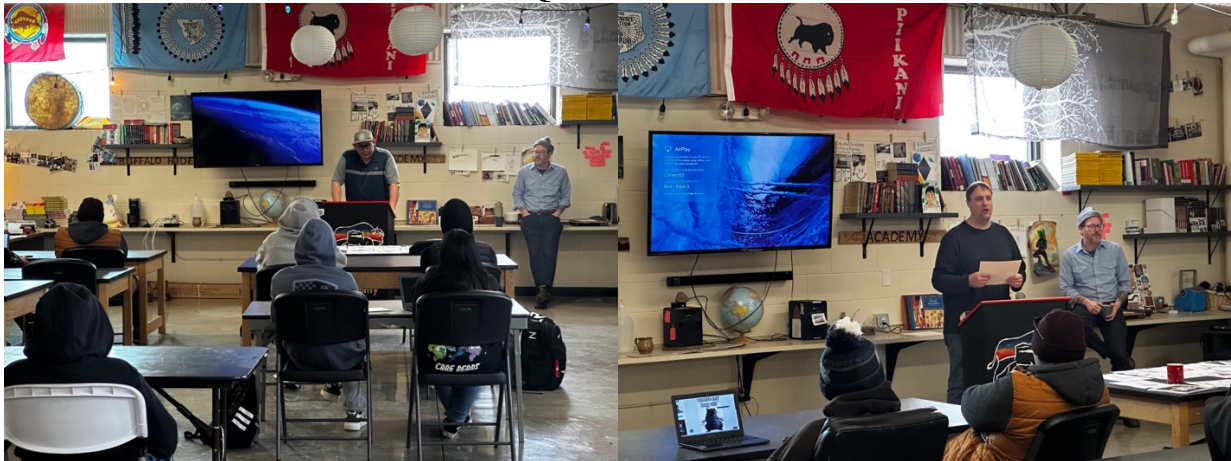
**BHA Community Feed/Survey**



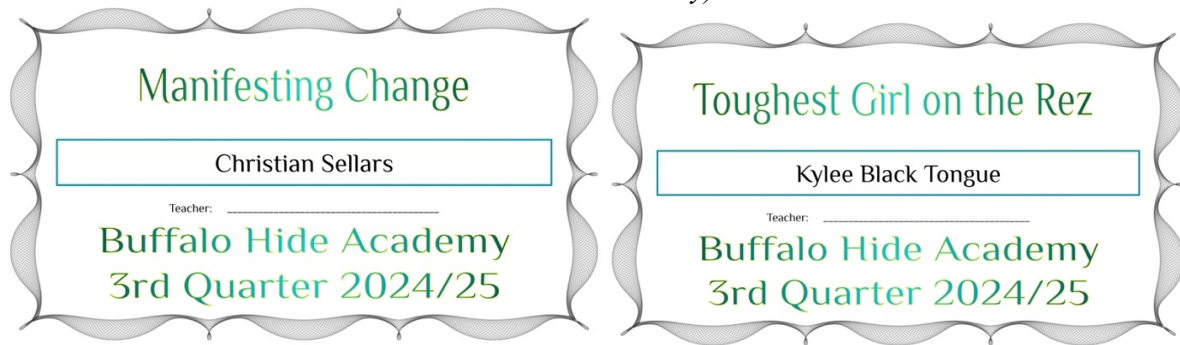
On Tuesday, April 1, in collaboration with the Tribal Council, Manpower, the Fire in the Mountains festival organizers, and the BPS maintenance department, we hosted a community feed and “community survey push” at Buffalo Hide Academy. The original plan was actually to do the feed at Government Square. However, mother nature had different plans. As we saw the giant snowflakes piling up, we quickly pivoted plans and decided to do a “drive-by” feed at BHA. Big thanks to Rebecca Rappold and Reid Reagan for both approving the change in location and for helping us out with the grill.

Though we had a last-minute change, the event was a huge success. We got lots of survey’s done (not sure exactly how many) had some great visibility with the Tribal Council to promote the upcoming music festival (the organizers will be putting our students to work this summer as interns in July) and we were able to provide lunch for nearly 500 families. It’s always great to have the community in and around our building to learn more about what we do and how proud we are of our work.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Awards**



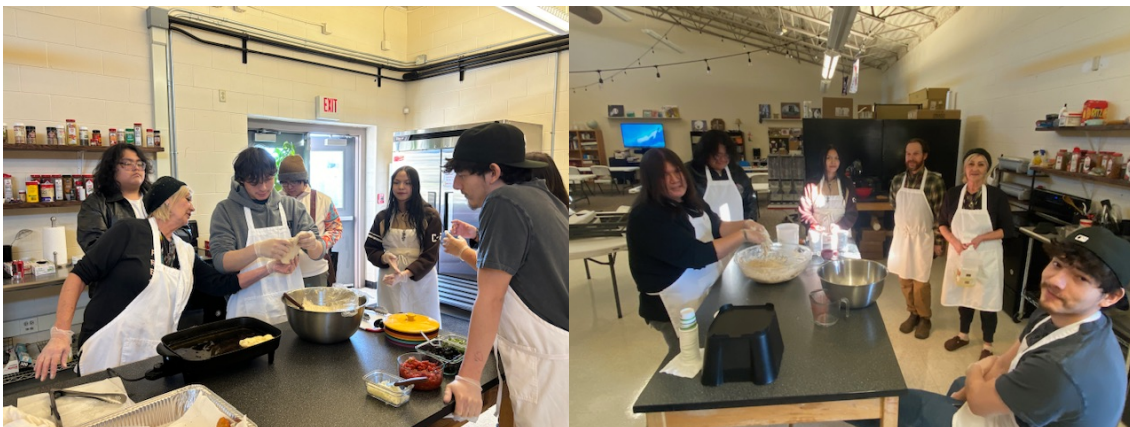
At the end of every quarter, we hold an awards ceremony at BHA. It's always a highlight because we get to publicly celebrate the accomplishments and strengths of our students. Our kids are literally our hero's due to their resilience and ability to overcome obstacles in life. Each teacher has an opportunity to select a student or two to celebrate, and we put a lot of thought into publicly acknowledging them. Our students usually get pretty shy during these events, but the pride they feel clearly supports them and reinforces their accomplishments along their journey to graduation. Here's an example of some of the awards we issued this quarter: *(Christian Sellars has transformed during his time at BHA from a shy, reserved dude to a confident and outspoken scholar!; we don't mean Kylee is physically the toughest girl, but her mental and emotional toughness has carried her through some extremely hard times, which is a total inspiration to our school community)*



### Senior Push to Graduation

Our seniors are now in their final quarter of high school. Some are in great shape and are well on their way to graduation day, and some definitely have to hustle between now and then to get it done. At the top end we will have up to 45 students earning diplomas this year. At the low end it will be in the high thirties. Either way, we're extremely proud of our senior class and we're ready for the big push to graduation.

### Brenda's Kitchen Crew



We're big on family at BHA – and one thing that seems to always bring people together is food. So Brenda tries to cook for us as much as possible. On this particular day, Mr. Klauk's Health class decided to pitch in to help her make the whole school frybread. Mr. Klauk uses these

opportunities to reinforce healthy nutrition lessons as well as the importance of sanitary cooking practices.