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From The Superintendent's Desk



Welcome to 2026!

Dear BPS Families-

As we begin a new year, we do so with excitement, optimism, and a shared belief in what lies ahead for our students, staff, and families. The spring semester brings renewed energy—a time for deep learning, meaningful exploration, strong connections, and continued success across our schools.

Over the past four years, BPS has realized strong and consistent academic growth. This progress reflects not only the hard work of our educators and students, but also the improved systems of instruction that continue to strengthen teaching and learning every day. These systems are making a real and lasting impact, helping ensure that all students have access to high-quality learning experiences.

While we may be small communities—both individually and collectively—our mindsets, aspirations, and ambitions are anything but small. We believe in thinking boldly, supporting one another, and holding high expectations for what our students can achieve.

As we look forward to the months ahead, we remain committed to building on our momentum and delivering the growth our students, families, and communities deserve. Together, we will continue moving forward with purpose, pride, and possibility.

Here's to a strong and successful spring semester in 2026. *

Best,

Matt



Message from School Board President, Paul Madrid Riding into 2026 together!

Dear BPS Community,

Happy New Year, and welcome to 2026.

Out here, we know a simple truth: when the horse is moving in the right direction, you don't jump off—you ride with purpose and keep your eyes on the horizon. That's where Bernalillo Public Schools finds itself today. We've built momentum the honest way—by showing up every day, doing the work, and keeping our word to students and families.



As a Board, we're proud of the steady, consistent message from our Superintendent: focus on students, use high-quality materials, hold high expectations, and support the people doing the work in our classrooms and schools. That message hasn't changed, and that's a good thing. In ranching terms, it's a straight fence line—you don't wander far if you want the job done right.

We see the results of that consistency across our district. Growth is happening. Opportunities are expanding. More importantly, trust is being built. That doesn't come from quick fixes or flashy talk—it comes from sticking to your values and pulling together when the work gets tough.

Looking ahead, the future of BPS is bright. We're not chasing trends; we're building something that lasts. With dedicated educators, engaged families, supportive communities, and clear leadership, we're setting our students up not just for the next grade, but for life beyond our schools.

So as we step into 2026, let's keep riding forward—steady hands on the reins, eyes forward, and faith in one another. The trail ahead is full of promise, and we're stronger traveling it together.

On behalf of the Board of Education, thank you for all you do for our students and our community. Let's make this a year to be proud of.

With appreciation,

Paul Madrid
Board President

Personal Use of Electronic Communication Devices by Students, J-3150

Adopted by the BPS School Board: 28 MARCH 2024

English

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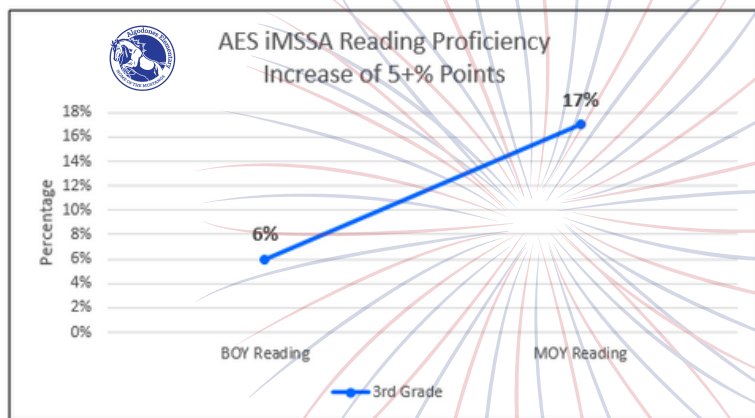
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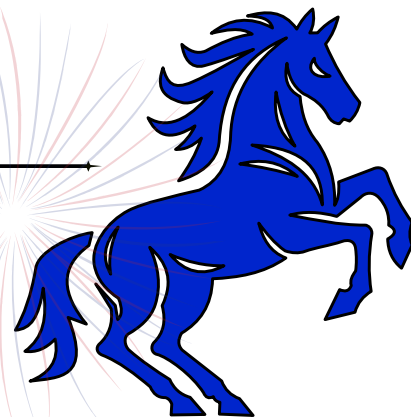


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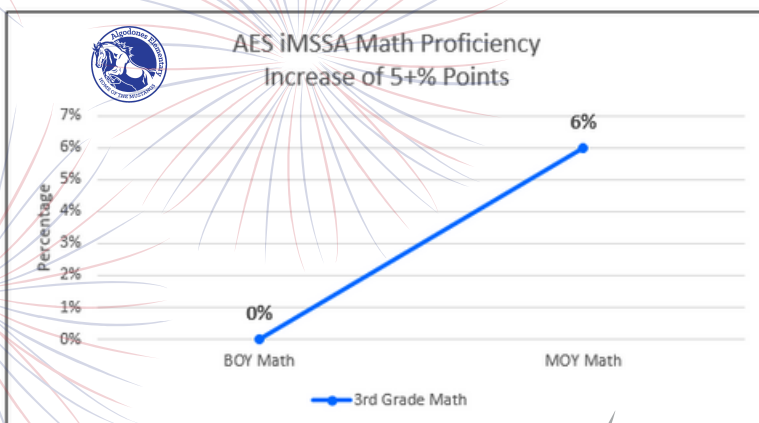
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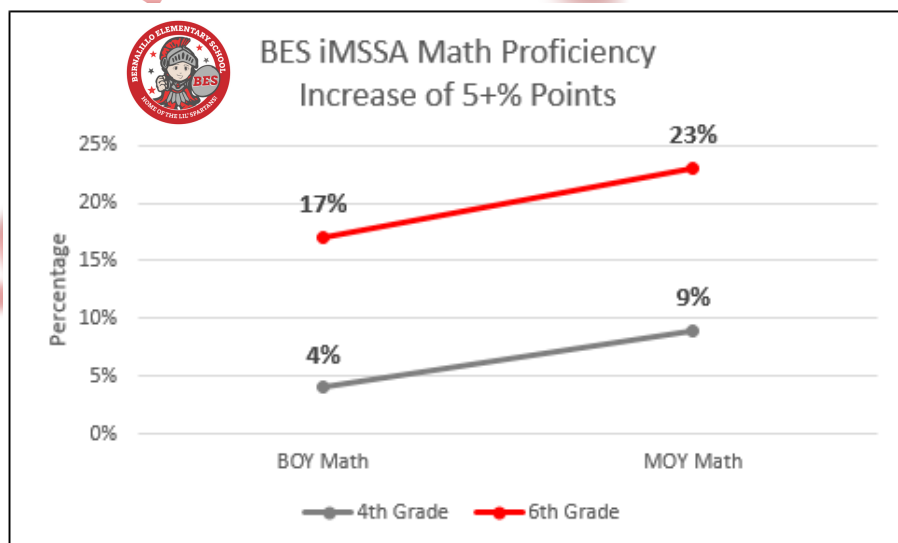


Bernalillo Elementary

Lil' Spartans Soar

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You're doing GREAT, keep it up!

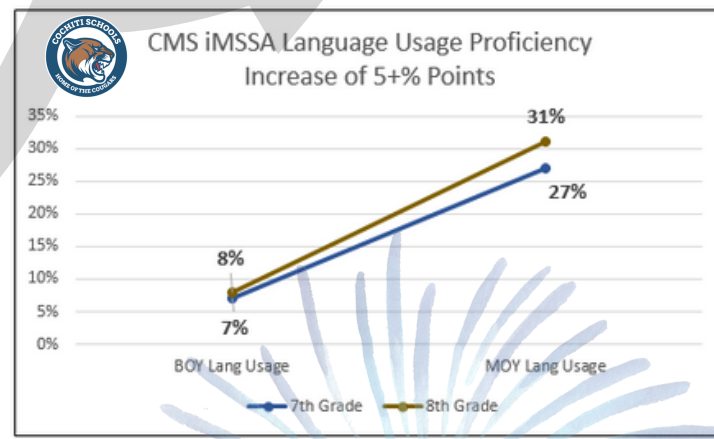
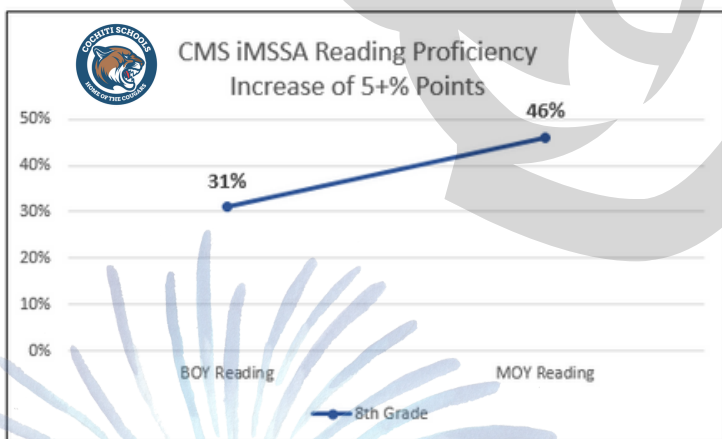
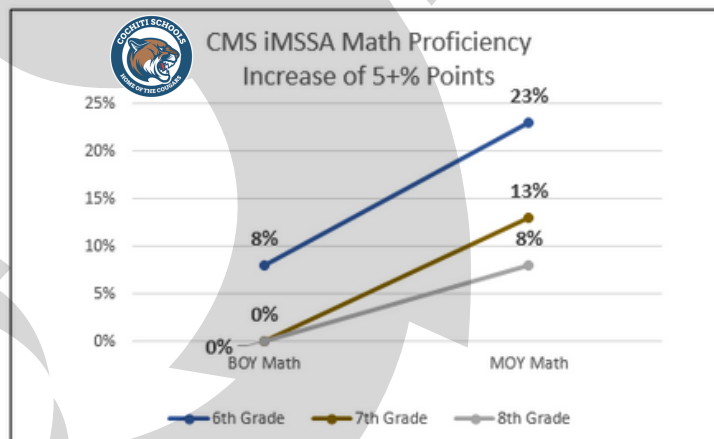
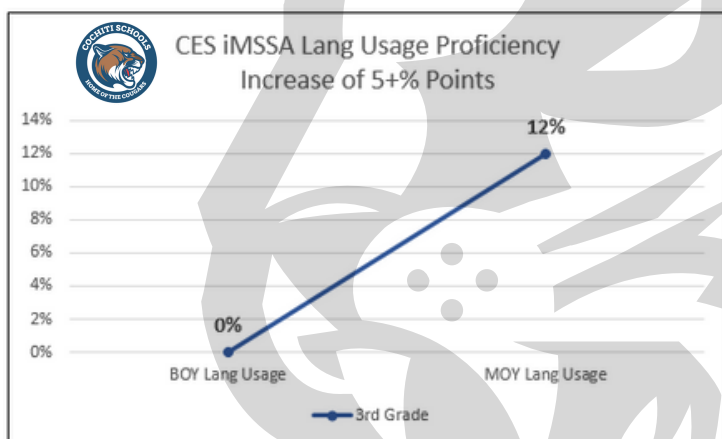
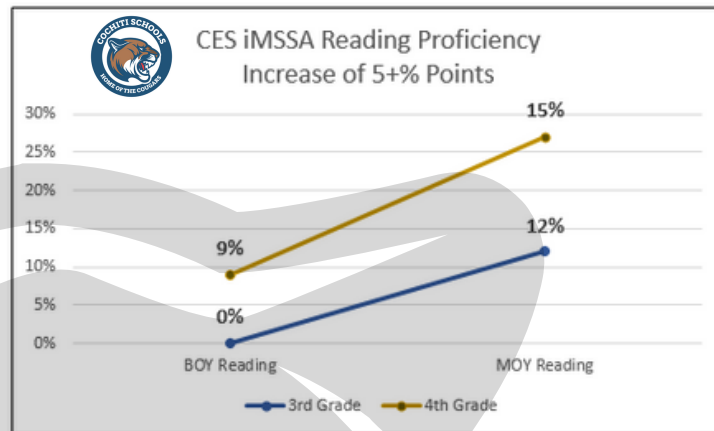
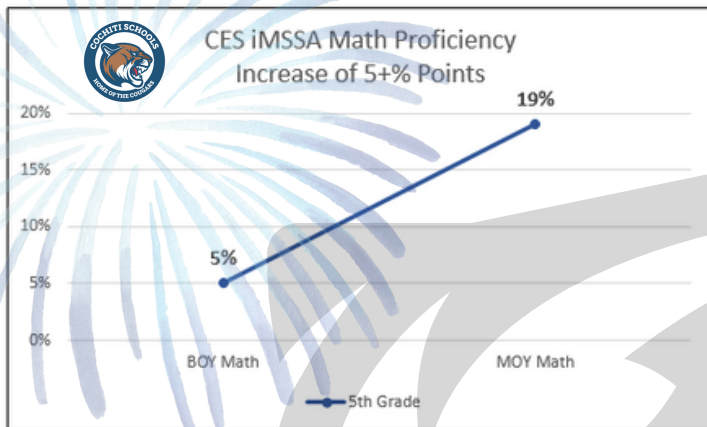


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Cochiti Schools Cougars Climb

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You should be proud
of yourself!

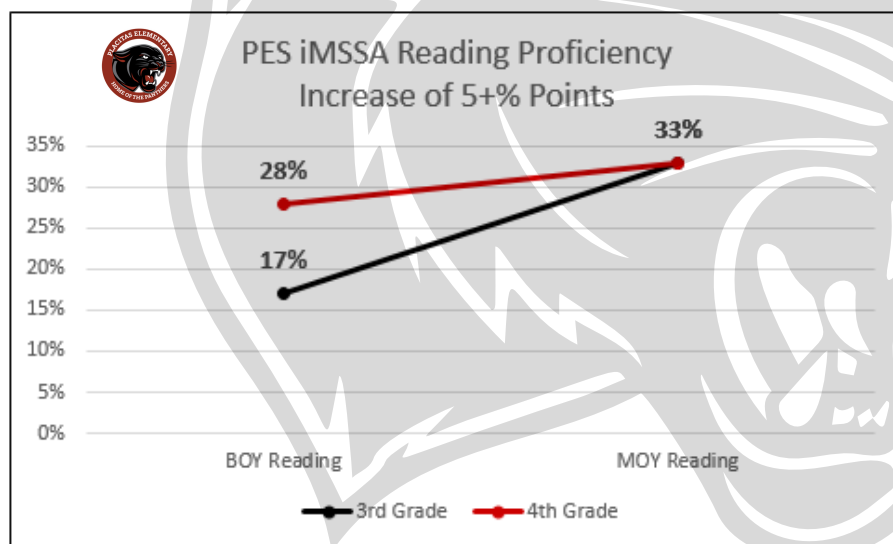
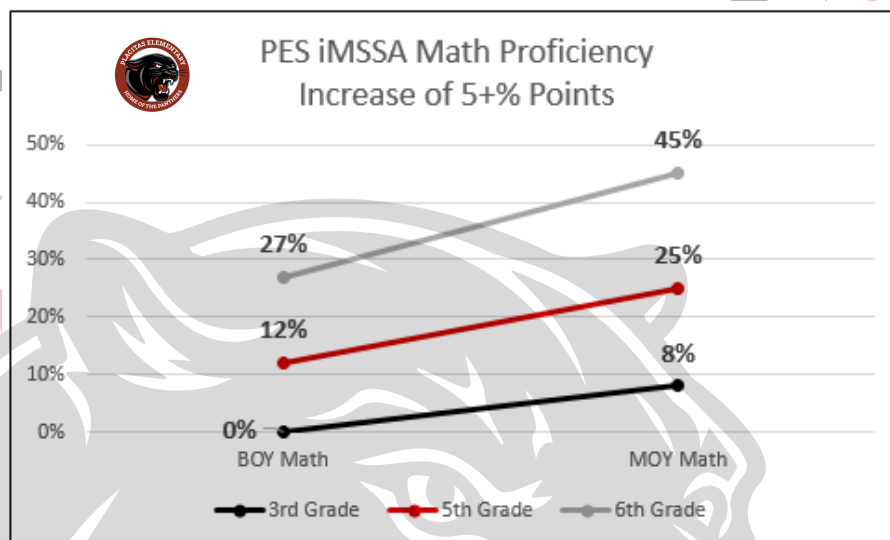
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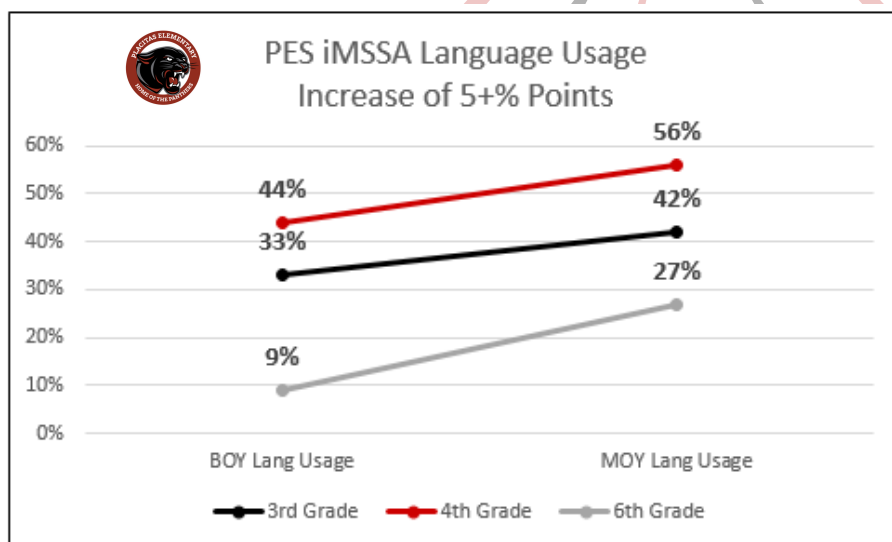
Placitas Elementary School

Roaring to Success!

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You're getting
better every day!



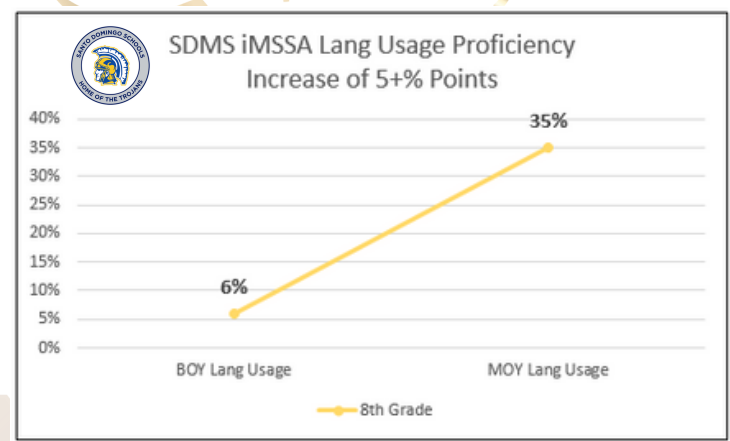
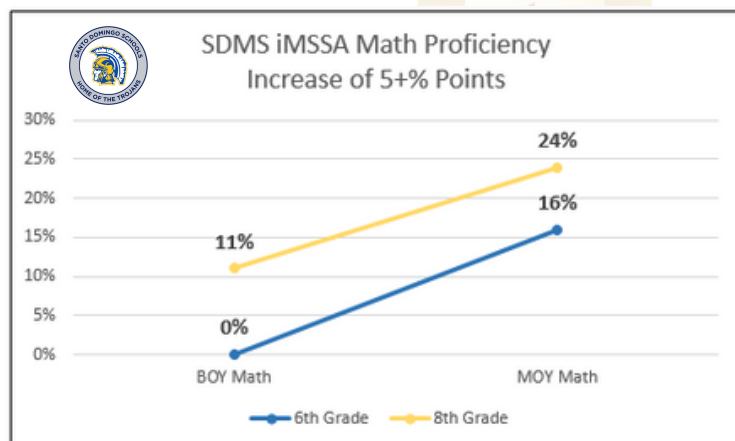
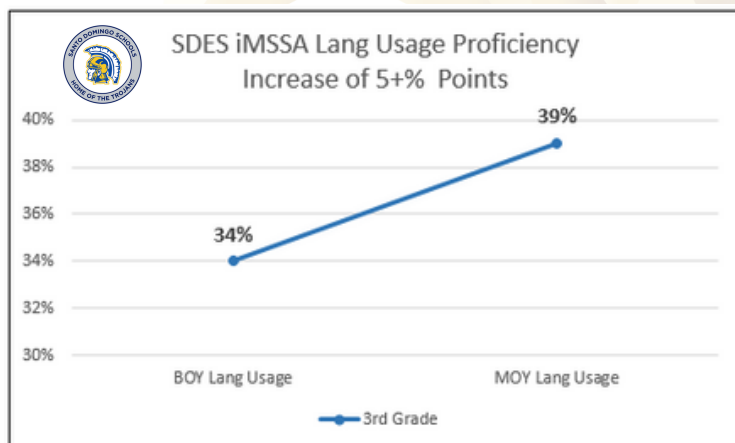
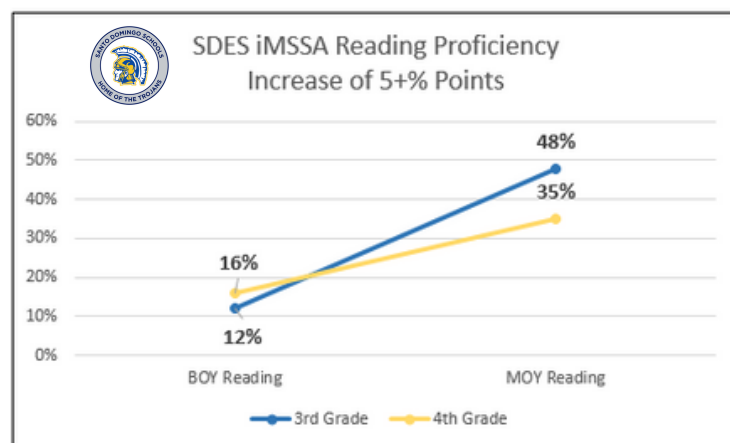
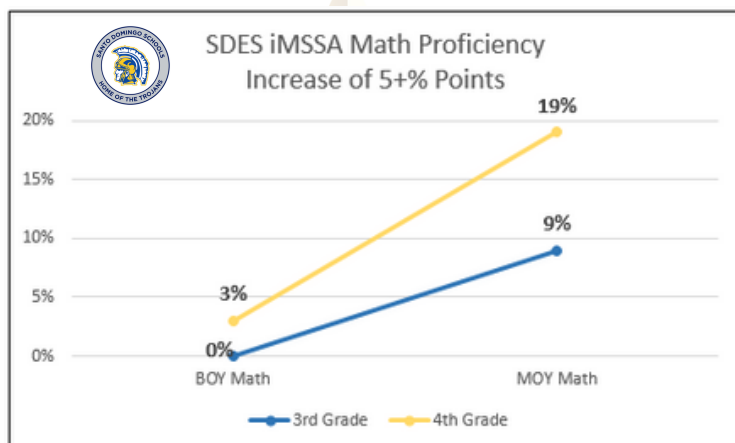
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Santo Domingo Schools

Trojans Succeed

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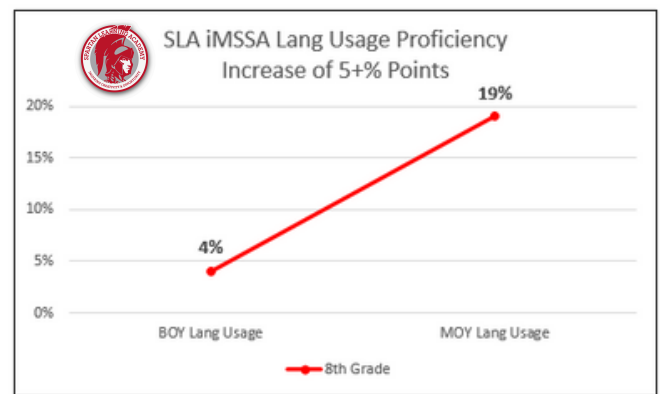
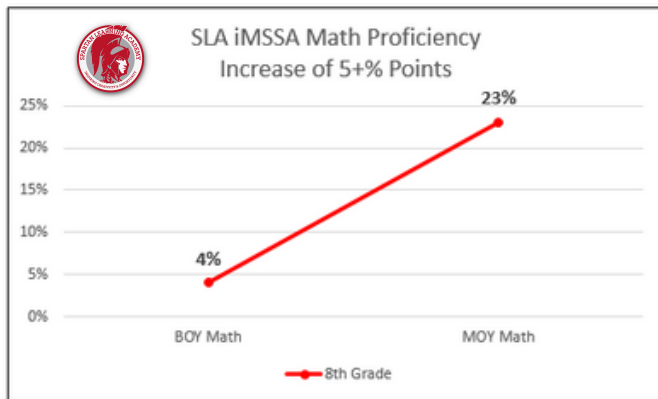
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Spartan Learning Academy

Strive for Excellence

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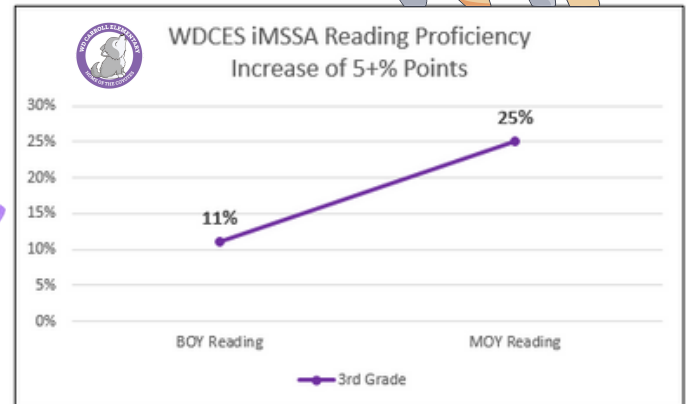
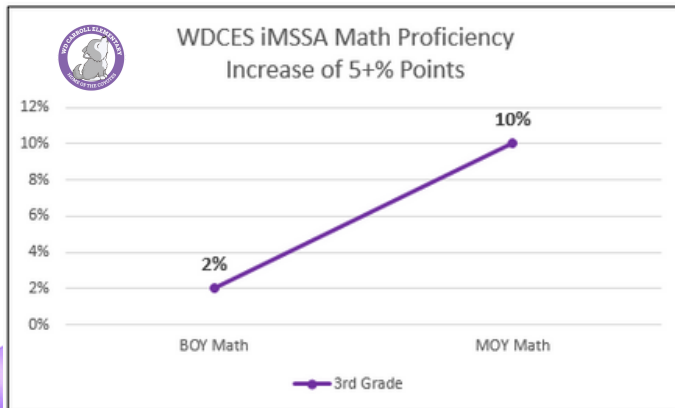
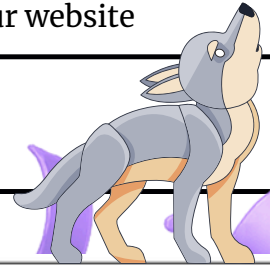


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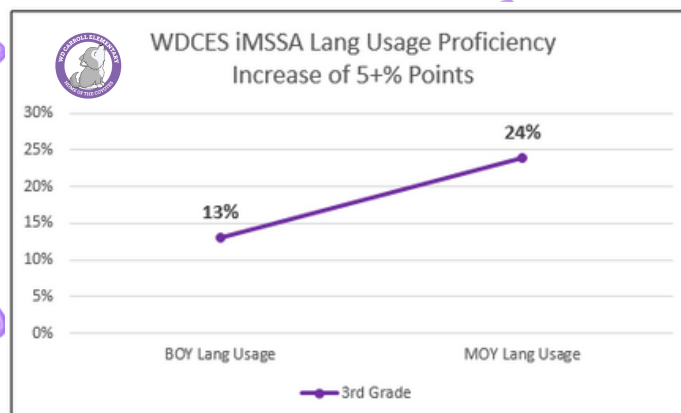
WD Carroll Elementary

Coyotes Can Do It!



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Keep up the
awesome
work!



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The Spirit of Outstanding Service Award



THE DISTRICT of BPS — To honor the diligence and dedication to our students by employees is a privilege. Through the Employee of the Month award, employees are recognized for their efforts in making Bernalillo Public Schools one of the best educational institutions.

Congratulations to the December award winners:



Angelina Garcia
10th grade student, BHS
Students of the Month
Sponsored by Circle B Ranch



Melba Acantilado
Teacher, Bernalillo High School
Teacher of the Month
Sponsored by Ashley Duran Insurance Agency



Sarah Armstrong
Principal, WD Carroll Elementary
Administrator of the Month
Sponsored by MA Strategies



Victor Trujillo
Maintenance Technician
Operational Support of the Month
Sponsored by Wire Nut Electric



Krystal Candelaria
Medicaid Specialist
Instructional Support of the Month
Sponsored by J & M Printing



Meredith Vargas
Cross Country Coach
Coach of the Month



Samaria Brown
11th grade student athlete, BHS
Female Athlete of the Month

Congratulations!



Mario Molinar
12th grade student athlete, BHS
Male Athlete of the Month

If you would like to nominate a BPS employee for the Spirit of Outstanding Service award, please complete the nomination form using the QR code or web address below. Thank you.



<http://bit.ly/3YJbpqi>



JANUARY



January 12 th	Native American Educator and Parent Advisory Committee (NAEPAC) Cochiti Elementary – 5:30pm-7pm
January 13 th	BPS Supporting Academics at Home: Understanding Your Child's Learning Style to Encourage Growth and Achievement Parent Training –District Office Boardroom 9:30am-11am
January 13 th	AES Community Meeting –Algodones Elementary 5pm
January 14 th	SLA NJHS Food Distribution 12:30pm-2:30pm
January 16 th	SLA Student Council Happy New Year Dance 12:30pm-2:30pm
January 19-23	School Board Appreciation Week
January 20 th	AES Community Meeting –Algodones Elementary 5pm
January 21 st	BHS Spartan Booster Club Meeting BHS Main Gym 6pm-8pm
January 22 nd	THE DISTRICT of Bernalillo Public Schools Regular Board Meeting- Algodones Elementary 5:30pm
January 26 th	100 th Day of School
January 26 th	BHS Football End of Year Banquet BHS Cafeteria 5:30pm
January 27 th	WDCES Star Gazing Party 5:30pm-8pm
January 30 th	No Hate Tour BMX Assembly BHS Main Gym
February 2-6	School Counseling Appreciation Week



HAPPY SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION WEEK!

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR THE STUDENTS OF BERNALILLO PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The BPS Special Education Department is hosting a series of Parent Meetings to support you at home.
 📍 All meetings will be held at the BPS District Office Boardroom and will be followed by discussion.

📅 Supporting Academics at Home: Understanding Your Child's Learning Style to Encourage Growth and Achievement

📅 January 13, 2026

📅 The Who, What, Why, Where, and How of an Individualized Education Program (IEP)

📅 February 10, 2026

📅 Key Components of an IEP Through the Lens of a Parent

📅 March 10, 2026

All families are welcome!

**As of October 1st 2025 THE DISTRICT
of Bernalillo Public Schools requires that**

**ALL EVENTS hosted on Bernalillo
Public Schools property- including but
not limited to sporting events, festivals,
performances, and concerts- follow the
clear bag policy.**



**ALL bags and backpacks MUST BE
CLEAR to enter the event. Failure to
comply may result in denied entry.**

We appreciate your cooperation.