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July 2026

From The Superintendent's Desk



Dear School Community of THE DISTRICT of BPS,

While the calendar may say July, our schools are anything but quiet. Behind the scenes, our teachers, administrators, and support staff are already hard at work — planning lessons, preparing classrooms, and laying the groundwork for a year that will be one of our very best yet.

Their dedication during these summer months is a true reflection of their commitment to our students, and it fills me with excitement for what lies ahead.

This year, we are embarking on a path of increased academic expectations. We believe in the boundless potential of each and every student, and our staff is using this time to ensure that when the bell rings on the first day, they are fully equipped to help our students rise to meet those higher standards from day one.

In line with this, we are enhancing our support systems for both students and staff well before the year begins. Whether it's academic assistance, emotional well-being, or personal development, our team is putting the resources and plans in place now so that no time is lost once school is back in session.

Furthermore, our commitment to bridging the gap between school and community continues even in these quieter summer weeks. We encourage families to stay connected — watch for upcoming announcements about back-to-school events, orientation dates, and opportunities to get involved. A united community is a powerful force, and the partnership we build now sets the tone for the year ahead.

To our students and families: even as you enjoy these final weeks of summer, know that we are thinking of you and preparing for your return. Rest, recharge, and get ready to seize the opportunity that a new school year brings. Your potential is limitless, and we cannot wait to walk alongside you on this journey.

As we look forward to welcoming everyone back, let us carry the same determination, enthusiasm, and shared commitment to excellence that will define the year ahead. With the tireless efforts of our staff and the unending support of our families, this is shaping up to be a year of remarkable growth and achievement.

Here's to an incredible year ahead!

Best,

Matt



Message from School Board President, Paul Madrid

Dear BPS Families,

There's an old saying out on the ranch: you don't wait for the herd to line up before you open the gate — you open the gate, and the herd finds its way.

That feels like a fitting way to describe where Bernalillo Public Schools stands right now, in the middle of July, with our staff hard at work getting things ready well before students walk back through the door.



It's easy to think of summer as quiet time for a school district, but that's not the case here. This month, our teachers are attending trainings and planning out curriculum for the year ahead. Our facilities crews are deep-cleaning buildings, repairing equipment, and making sure every classroom is ready to go. Our administrators are finalizing schedules, reviewing enrollment, and lining up the resources our schools will need. None of it is flashy work, and most of it happens without an audience — but it's the foundation everything else gets built on.

I like to think of this kind of preparation a bit like tending a good piece of land before planting season. You don't get a strong harvest by wishing for one — you get it by putting in the work early, taking care of the details, and trusting the people doing that work to know their craft. That's exactly what's happening across our district this July.

I want to take a moment to recognize the staff members giving up part of their summer to do this preparation. It doesn't always get noticed, but it makes a real difference come August. Every training completed, every classroom prepared, and every plan finalized this month is an investment in the year our students are about to have.

As we move through the rest of the summer, know that the work continues behind the scenes, even when school is out of session. Bernalillo Public Schools is being readied with real care, and I'm grateful to everyone putting in that effort.

With gratitude,

Paul

The Bernalillo Public Schools Board of Education Paul Madrid, President, District 5
Cordy Chavez, Vice-President, District 4
Christine Suina, Secretary, District 1
Mike Archibeque, Member, District 3

John Gurule, Member, District 2

Personal Use of Electronic Communication Devices by Students, J-3150
Adopted by the BPS School Board: 28 MARCH 2024

English
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Welcoming JoAnn Melchor as Indian Education Director

A Pueblo leader, philanthropic strategist, and lifelong advocate for Native students joins the Bernalillo Public Schools family.

NEW APPOINTMENT

Bernalillo, NM · Santo Domingo Pueblo

BERNALILLO, NM — OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Bernalillo Public Schools is proud to announce the appointment of **JoAnn Melchor**, an enrolled member of Santo Domingo Pueblo, as its new **Indian Education Director** — one of New Mexico's most seasoned Indigenous education and community development leaders.

40+

YEARS OF SERVICE

20

TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

2,000+

NATIVE YOUTH REACHED

COMMUNITY & TRIBAL LEADERSHIP

Melchor has worked directly with New Mexico's Pueblo and tribal nations throughout her career — building youth leadership programs across **20 tribal communities**, administering an \$850,000 federal grant at **Santo Domingo School**, and championing Pueblo-centered education at **Keres Children's Learning Center in Cochiti Pueblo**.

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

As President & CEO of the **New Mexico Foundation**, she forged statewide partnerships that transformed lives. During COVID-19 she founded the **Native American Relief Fund** and **Native American Recovery Fund**, mobilizing resources for every tribe in New Mexico. Most recently, as VP of Development at **First Nations Development Institute**, she led a 12-person team and co-authored a five-year strategic plan.

LOOKING AHEAD

She arrives not simply as an administrator, but as a Pueblo woman who has spent a lifetime ensuring Indigenous communities have the resources, recognition, and respect they deserve — and winning. Every Native student in Bernalillo will see themselves reflected, supported, and celebrated in their education.

The work of generations continues — and it is in good hands.



Bernalillo Public Schools Summer Spotlights



Zero Eyes Update

Zero Eyes is an AI-powered weapon detection system that works with existing security camera network to identify visible firearms.

If a weapon is detected on school grounds, the system immediately alerts law enforcement and designated school staff, helping provide a faster response to potential threats and enhancing campus safety.

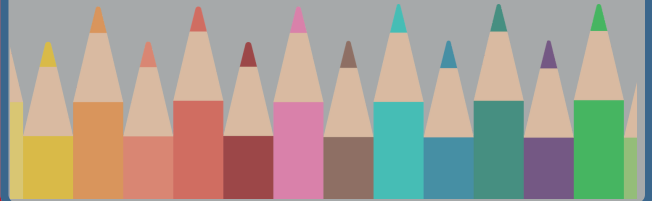


Plan Ahead

[K-3rd Grade Supplies List](#)
[English & Spanish](#)

[4th-6th Grade Supplies List](#)
[English & Spanish](#)

[7th-8th & High School Supplies List](#)
[English & Spanish](#)



Reminders

Metal Detector Screenings at BHS

Bernalillo High School will continue to utilize metal detectors daily for all students entering campus.

This measure is part of Bernalillo Public Schools' ongoing commitment to maintaining a safe and secure learning environment for students and staff.

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting school safety.

Awareness

Clear Bag Policy Reminder

Students and visitors are reminded that approved clear bags are required at all BPS campuses and district events.

Local retailers will have clear bags and clear backpacks available to support our families.

[Amazon Clear Backpacks](#)

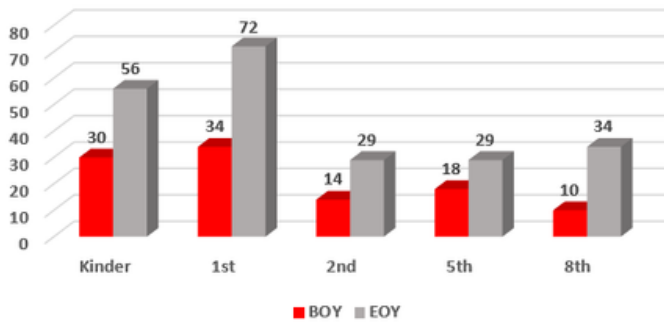
[Walmart Clear Backpacks](#)

Thank you for helping us maintain safe and secure schools and events.

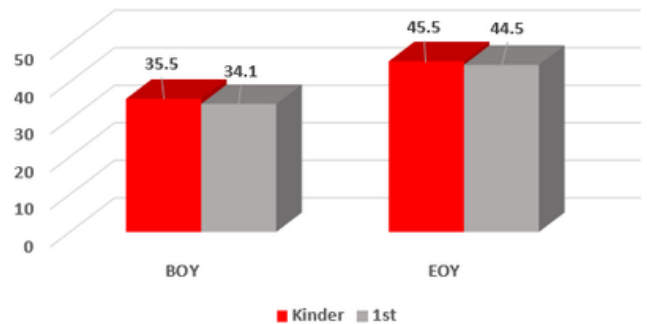


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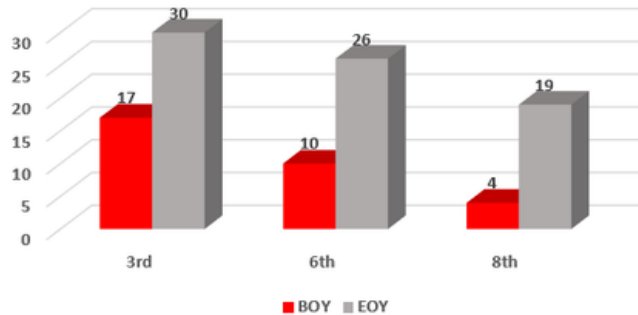
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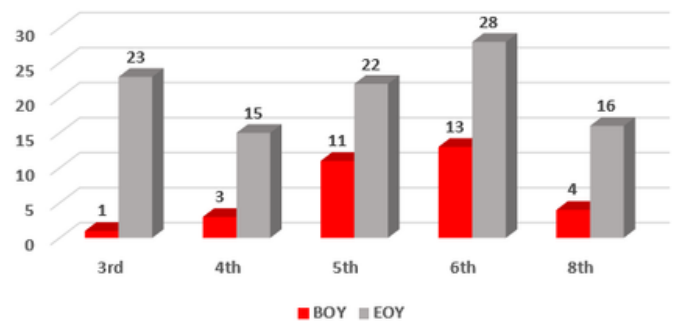
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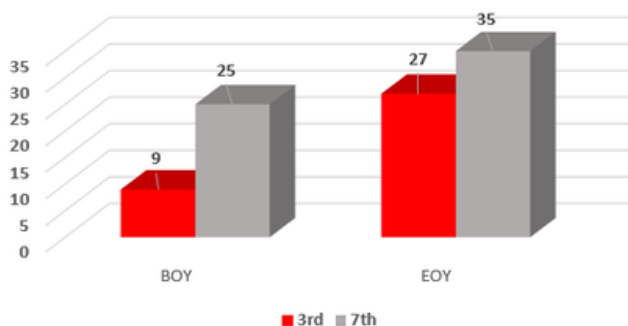
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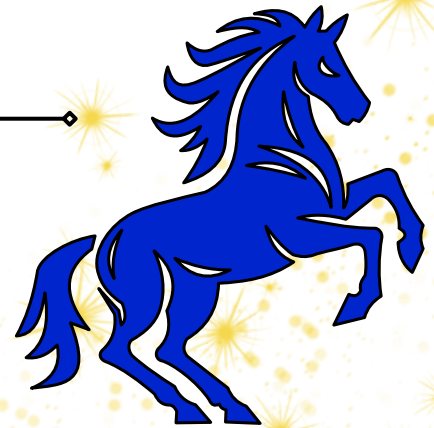


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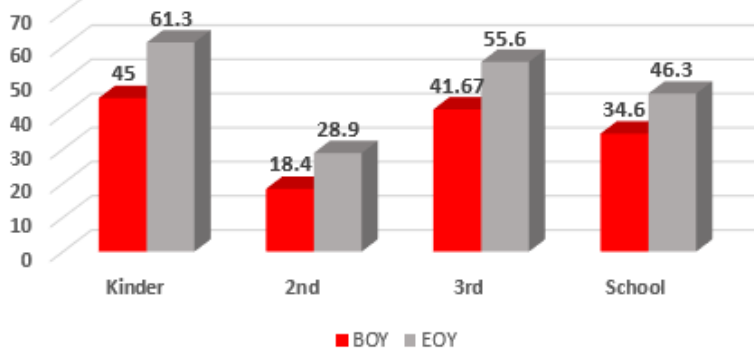




Algodones Elementary Mustangs Master



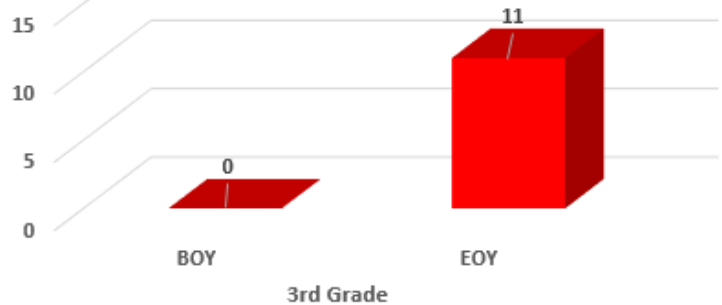
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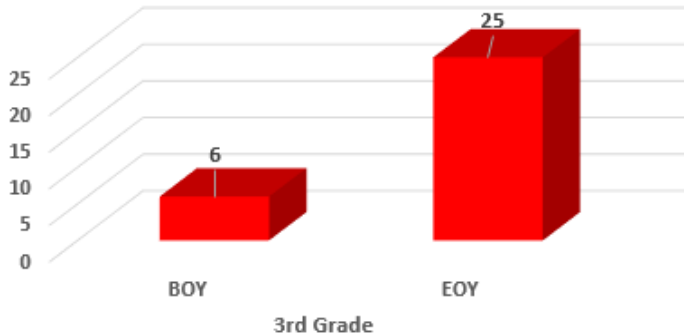
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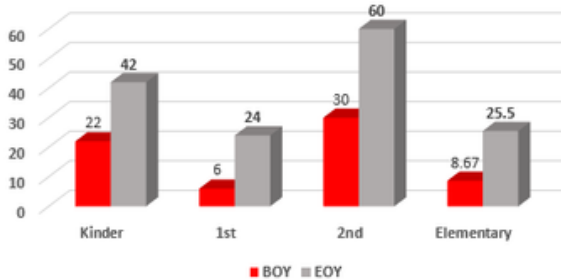
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JOB!**



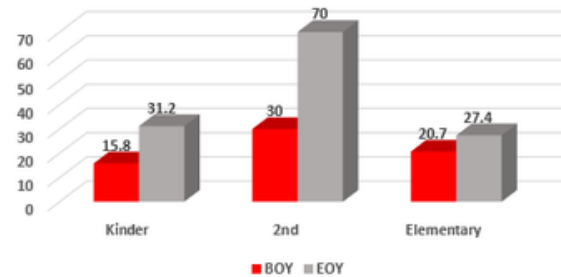
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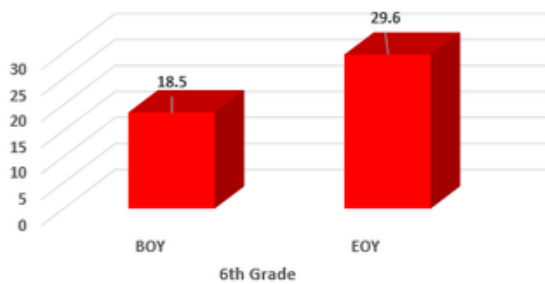
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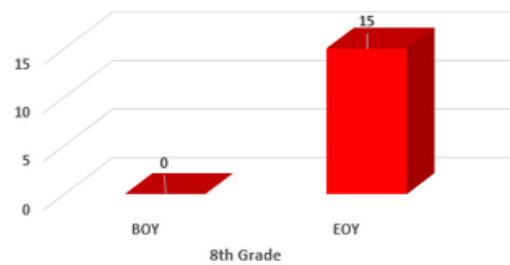
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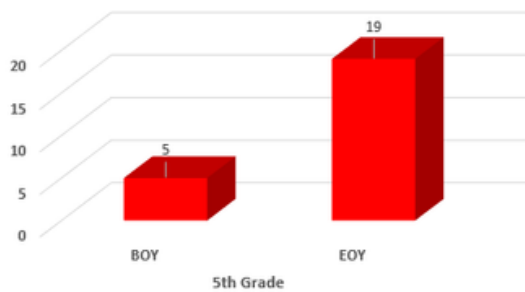
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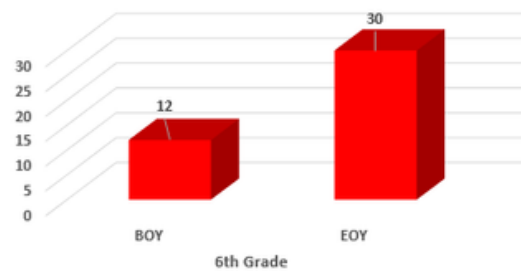
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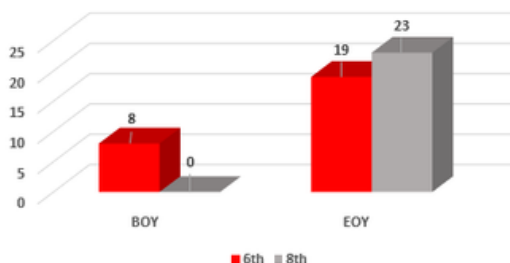
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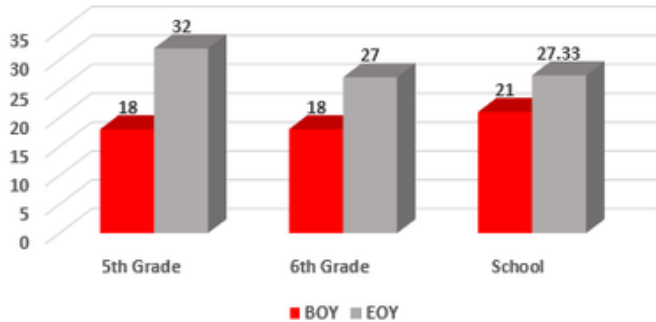


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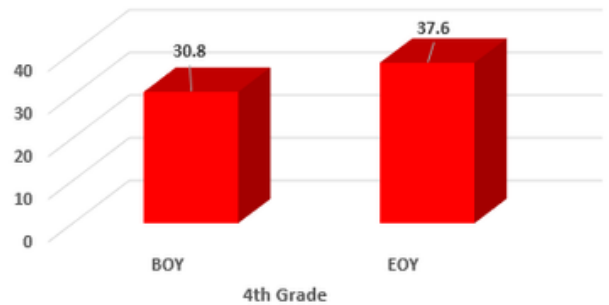


Bernalillo Elementary School Lil Spartans Spectacular

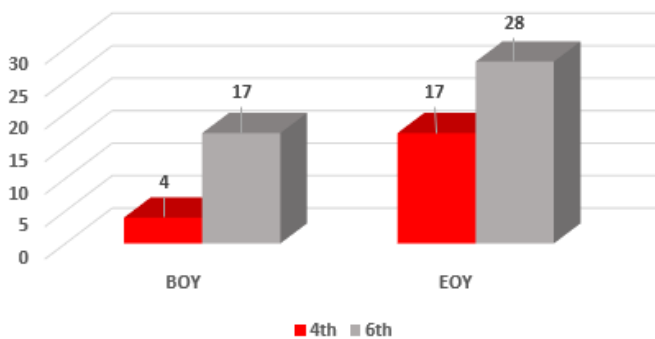
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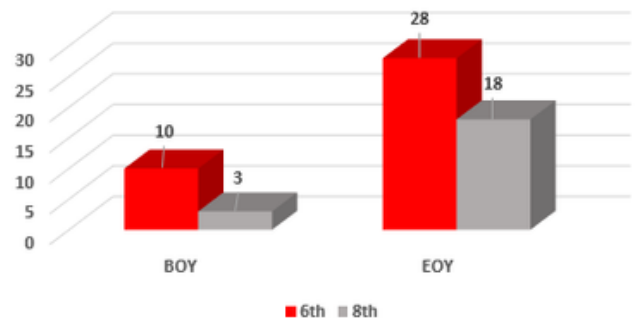
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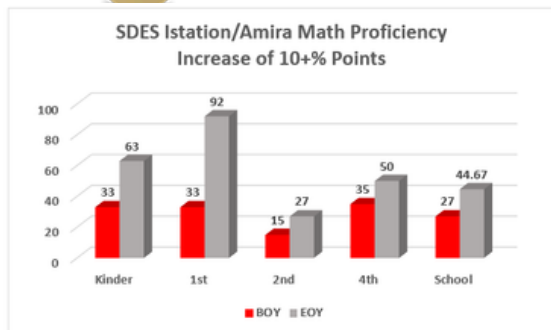
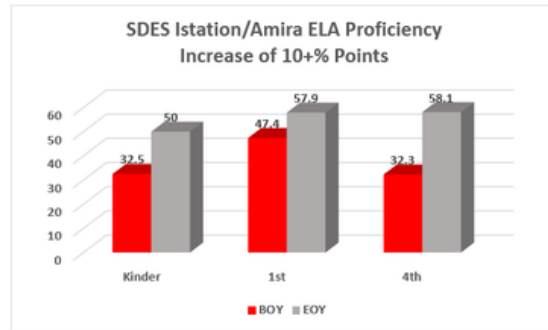
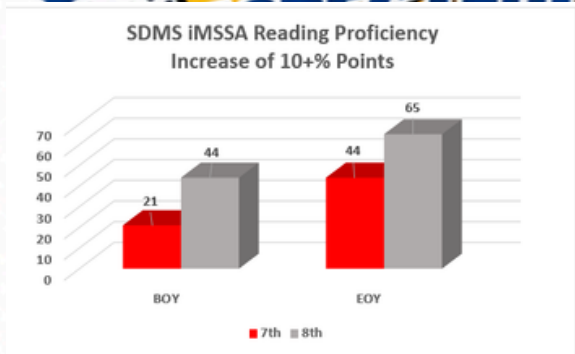
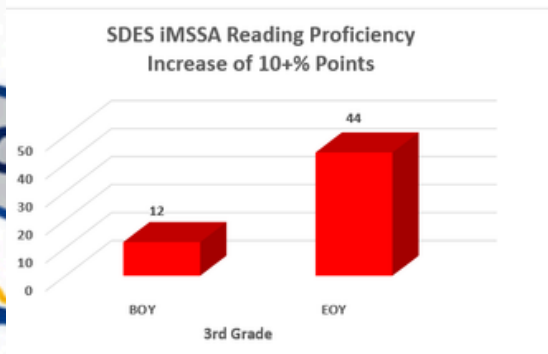
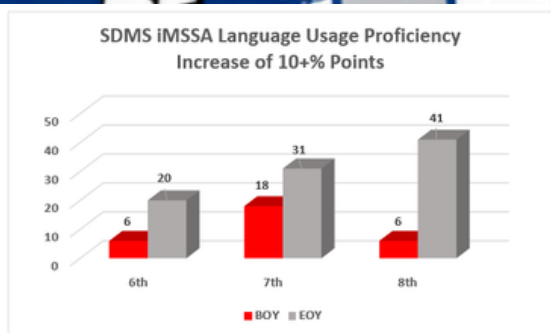
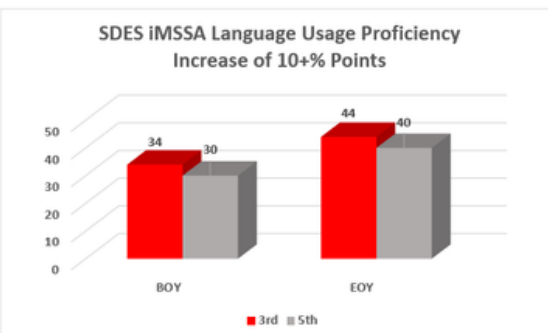
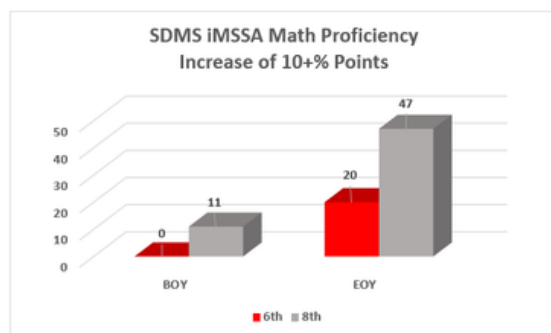
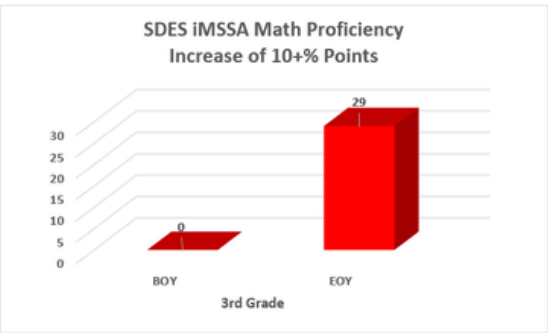


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Santo Domingo Schools Trojans Succeed



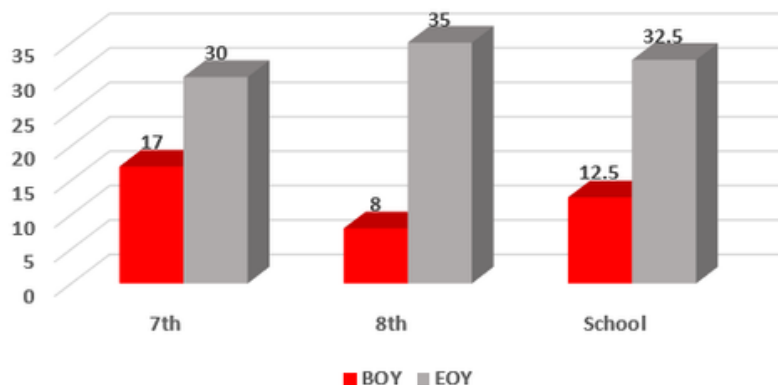
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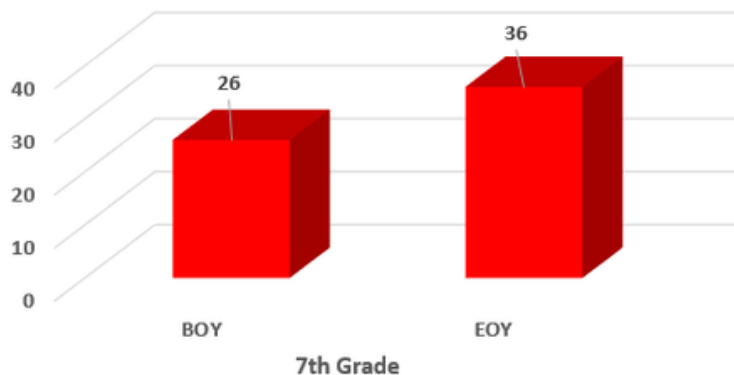
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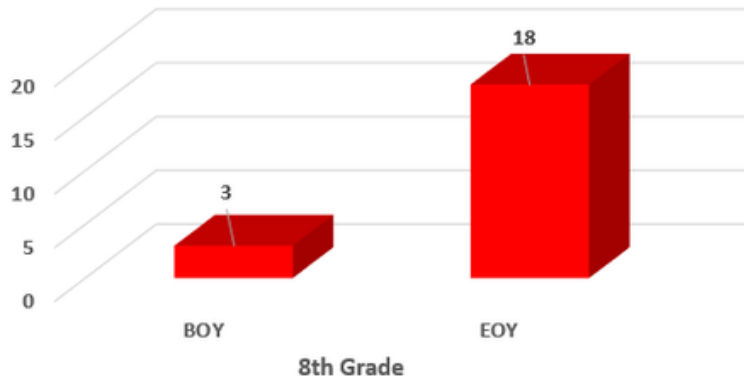


CONGRATULATIONS

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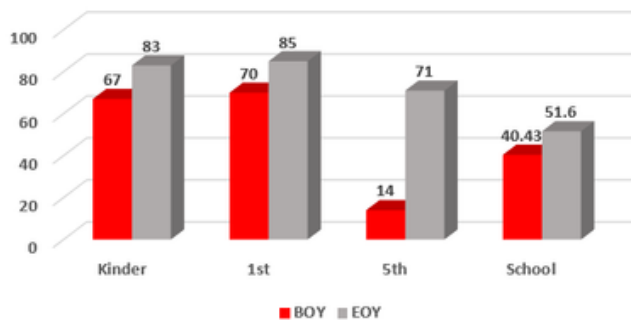




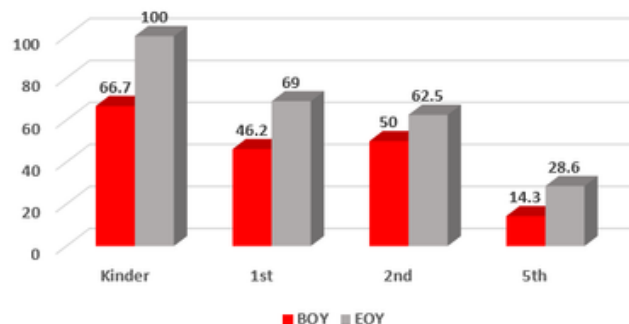
Placitas Elementary School

Roaring to Success!

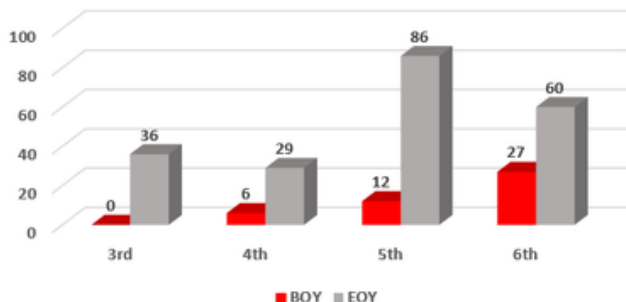
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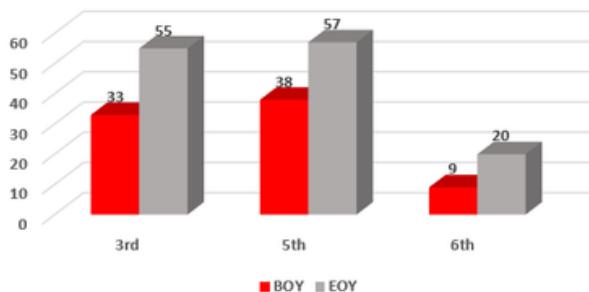
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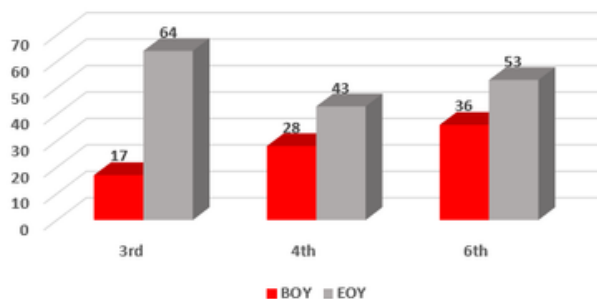
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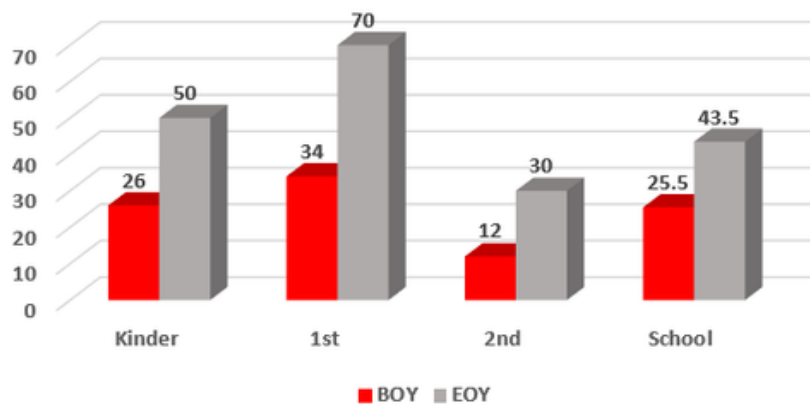
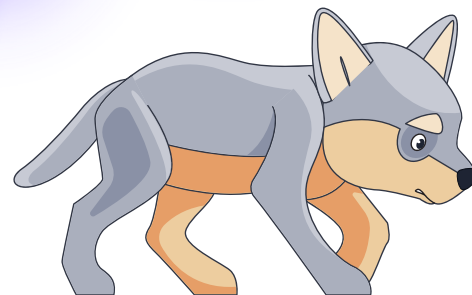


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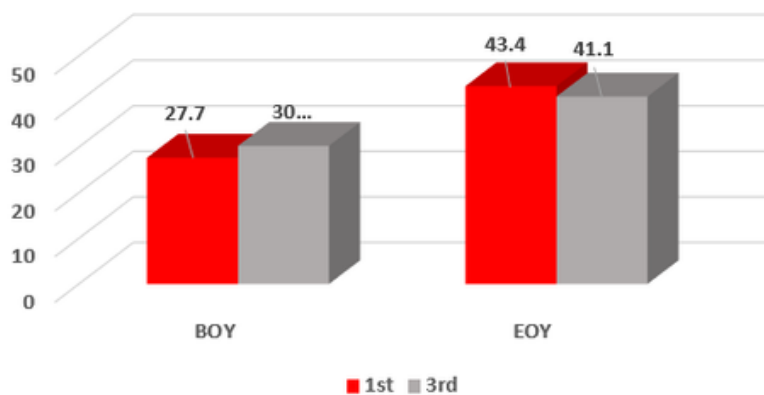


WD Carroll Elementary Coyotes Can Do It!

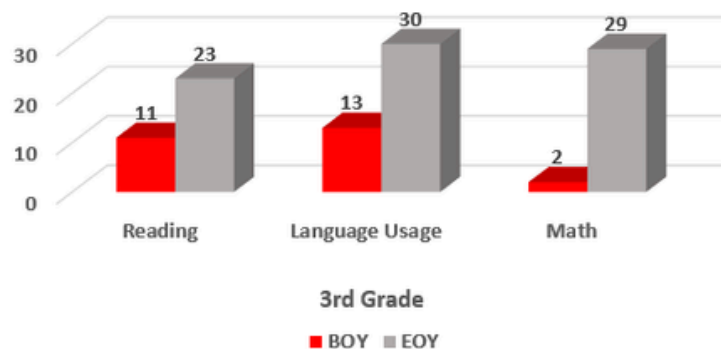
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WDCES iMSSA Reading, Language Usage
& Math Proficiency
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JOIN US



Child Care: Growing Supply

Celebrating and Elevating Early Childhood

FEATURING SENATOR CINDY NAVA
AND OTHER STATE AND LOCAL LEADERS



WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 5, 2026
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM



EL ZÓCALO EVENT CENTER
264 S. Camino del Pueblo
Bernalillo, NM 87004



GIFT CARD RAFFLE!
7 CHANCES TO WIN
\$100 OR \$250

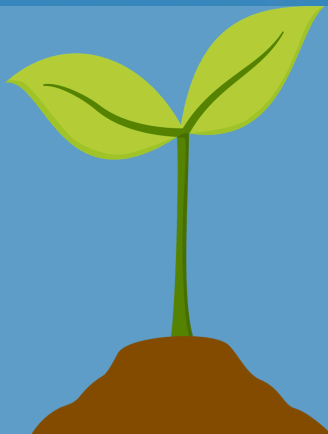
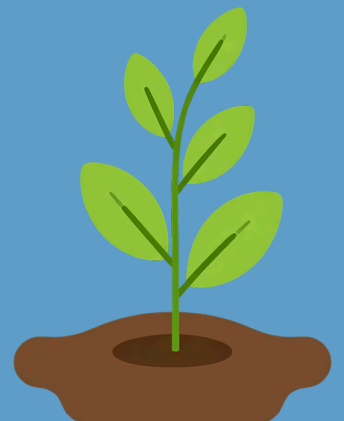
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- Free tacos and paletas
- Learn about recent early childhood policy wins
- Start or grow your own child care business
- Explore child care resources

NEW MEXICO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE DEPARTMENT • GROWING UP NEW MEXICO • LOW INCOME INVESTMENT FUND



Building a brighter future
for New Mexico's children,
families, and communities.



THE DISTRICT Bernalillo Public Schools

Preparing every student for a lifetime of success.

Register Today!



NEW STUDENTS

- ◆ Official Birth Certificate
- ◆ Current Shot Records
- ◆ Current Custody or Legal Documents (if applicable)
- ◆ Transfer Records from previous school (if applicable)

[Click Here to Register](#)

RETURNING STUDENTS

To register a returning student who attended a BPS school last year, log into your [PowerSchool Parent account](#) and click on the "Returning Student Registration 2026-2027" link in the left Navigation menu.

*Registration is not available through the PowerSchool App



<https://www.bernalillo-schools.org/>

Superintendent's Advisory Committees

Be a part of the Superintendent's Advisory Committees! We're looking for parents, students, and teachers who want to share ideas, provide feedback, and help shape the future of our schools.

Join the Parent Advisory, Student Advisory, or Teacher Advisory Committee and make your voice heard. Scan the QR code to apply today!



**APPLY
NOW**



Parent Advisory



Student Advisory



Teacher Advisory



These committees meet monthly and play a key role in shaping district priorities by providing input on important initiatives, programs, and policies. It's a meaningful way to stay informed, ask questions, and make a difference for our students.



**Bernalillo Public Schools**

July Upcoming Events

July 11 th	Goon Bowl @ Spartan Stadium 2pm-9pm
July 13 th	Native American Educator and Parent Advisory 5:30-7pm
July 14 th	BHS Youth Basketball Summer Camp Grades 1-5. 7:30am-12pm
July 15 th	BHS Youth Basketball Summer Camp Grades 1-5. 7:30am-12pm
July 15 th	Girls & Boys Soccer Camp 4pm-8pm
July 16 th	BHS Youth Basketball Summer Camp Grades 1-5. 7:30am-12pm
July 17 th	Youth Football Camp 4pm-9pm
July 22 nd	THE DISTRICT of Bernalillo Public Schools Regular Board Meeting 5:30-7:30pm
August 1 st	Youth Mentorship Gourd Dance Organization- Milton Yazzie 11am-9:00pm

**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.