

# Administration Reports

## April 2022

### Sam Boardman Elementary

Spring is here and exciting things are happening at SBE. One of the biggest blessings and qualities of the Boardman community is the immense community support and community partnerships we have for our students. I would like to highlight two partnerships and an upcoming event we have currently planned at SBE. An event that will celebrate the importance of reading and how it takes a village to educate a child. These programs and this event showcase the strong commitment and partnerships we have developed for our students. The first program is utilizing support and personnel for small groups with the Migrant Education department of our InterMountain Education Service District. These bilingual instructors are coming to SBE daily to work with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade migrant students to build literacy and writing skills and focus on language acquisition. Students are able to work on language skills with these trained professionals to increase their understanding, promote communication and allow for targeted specific instruction.



Another program I am excited to showcase includes our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students and Eastern Oregon University Elementary Education students with a program called “Ignite”. This is a computer based tutoring program that is focusing on reading practice and skills mastery. Students have 15 minute sessions with a tutor that is on-line and research based. Second grade students with specific ELA skill deficits were identified and paired up with a tutor that is currently going through their teacher program at EOU. The beauty of this particular program gives students explicit reading support with one-on-one sessions of individual purposeful instruction from soon-to-be teachers, making it beneficial for both parties. We are grateful that MCSD is paying for this program and appreciate the dedication of the educational assistance that it is helping facilitate. The students look forward to their time and often are sad when their 15 minutes are up!



Lastly, a fun educational day is being planned for April 12, 2022. On this day we will celebrate a famous author, Beverly Cleary, who was born and raised in Oregon by doing a “Drop-Everything-And-Read” event. This D.E.A.R. Day will include community members coming in to read to classes, a book give-away to all students, staff and students wearing their PJ’s to be cozy up and read the last hour of the school day. Community members include: Boardman Police, Lamb Weston Management, City Council, Kiwanis, RHS/FFA students, Mayor Keefer, Tillamook Management, MCSD staff, and others are still signing up. Parents are invited in to SBE to come enjoy this celebration of the love of books and reading with their student. If you are interested in coming to read with a class at SBE, please contact Mrs. Ledbetter!

### Windy River Elementary

This is one of my favorite parts to talk about for Morrow County and specifically Boardman. We have some amazing groups/businesses willing to support our youth. A major funding opportunity we are going to be utilizing this school year is our Wheatridge STEAM money. Windy River will partner with Sam Boardman to build a STEAM oriented building. In the building the goal will be to have a kitchen, place for hands on activities, and even an attached green house. We are working on the exact spot to put this building between SBE and WRE as well as finishing our building plans.

This school year we have been able to send all of our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to the Think Big Space and are working on sending our 4<sup>th</sup> graders right now and 5<sup>th</sup> graders later in the spring. This experience has been outstanding for our students and staff. It is a hands-on experience where students are learning about programming, 3D printing, and more. We are very fortunate to have the partnership with the school district and AWS.

At the end of April will be our final STEAM day for the school. We will be bringing in a person to fly drones and building rockets for students. We have a goal to have 85% or more attendance for this day and have been pumping it up to our students.

### **Riverside Jr/Sr High School**

Riverside continued the tradition of competing in the Kid Wind competition. Our high school and junior high science classes had students team up to build windmills that could withstand variable wind speeds, as well as which windmill produced the most energy. This has been a program at Riverside for several years, and is an activity students look forward to. We have worked with community partners and now we have our own wind tunnels to use for the program. In the past students had to use box fans to test their windmills, having access to the wind tunnels allowed them to find flaws and create a better overall product.

We have also continued working with BMCC to help prepare our students for life after high school. Currently we have 6 seniors who will be completing their AAOT degree from BMCC as they graduate from Riverside this year. We have also worked hard to expand opportunities for students who are not interested in college. This year we have 3 students who will complete their Welding Certification through BMCC upon graduation from Riverside, and we have 4 students who have already completed their Forklift Certification. These are all exciting opportunities to see our students take part in, and work hard in preparing for their future goals.

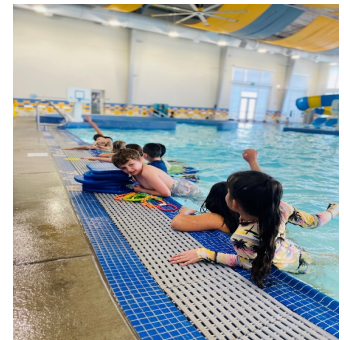
### **AC Houghton Elementary**

MCSO Board Goal #3: Focuses on collaboration with county and regional partners to further provide innovative learning opportunities for students. Morrow County has some amazing regional partners who are willing to fund grants for the education of youth in Irrigon. A.C. Houghton Elementary was awarded two grants at the end of last school year to benefit students.

The first grant was from Tillamook to provide swimming lessons for 3rd grade students. With the Columbia River so close, having children with strong swimming skills seems pretty important! We received a second grant from Wildhorse to pay for an artist-in-residence program and provide informative school assemblies.

At the end of April we are planning for the final STEAM Friday. Mrs. Arnold reached out to the AWS Think Big Space teacher, Mr. Walker and asked if he would come to Irrigon on that Friday. He agreed and has planned an "Exploding Science" day for 3rd grade. Students and staff are very excited!

Finally, we are still working on the plans for an Outdoor Science Classroom to be built at A.C. Houghton. The additional funds for this opportunity are from the Windmills through the Wheatridge STEAM Grant.



### **Irrigon Elementary School**

We are enjoying being back after a much needed Spring Break. Over the past month, we have been busy at IES with Parent Teacher Conferences, OSAS professional development, and with a STEAM Friday.

Our parents were offered to come in to attend in-person conferences or virtual through google meet. We had about 30% of our families choose to attend virtually and 70% attended in-person. We had many parents excited to see that campus was functioning as close to normal since the pandemic shut down. We handed out three packets for parents to fill out to be volunteers. We also sent out another parent survey to gauge where our parents were with how things currently are going at IES for their student. We will send that same survey out again at the end of the year.



My staff alongside with Mr. Christy's staff attended an OSAS Professional Development that he and I organized. We are working on creating consistency through our buildings with instructional practice, building expectations and student expectations.

The training was very successful and helpful to both our buildings. We will continue to create some professional developments for both our buildings together in our future planning.

Our last STEAM Friday was a huge hit! Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade students learned about plants and the function of soil, water and sunlight. 5<sup>th</sup> grade students learned about slime and magic sand. They had a blast exploring and creating their very own bag of slime to take home. Lastly, 6<sup>th</sup> grade worked on programming with legos, farming, and constructed large roller coasters. Overall, the spring events have kept us all busy at IES. We are sad to see that the end of the year is quickly approaching.

### **Irrigon Jr/Sr High School**

Spring is in full swing and we have just completed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter. We hosted parent/teacher conferences during the last week of March and were able to connect with a handful of families, with some targeted meetings with our most needed seniors in an attempt to get the final requirements done for graduation. We are now headed down that final push through to the end of the school year, and all of the celebrations that come with wrapping up another year here at Irrigon Jr/Sr High School. This month we would like to focus on some of the impact our local partners have had within our classrooms and with our students in general. You have all heard about the great work that is going on with our internship program, so I would like to focus on a few specific things that have occurred with the help from outside the school.

For one of our STEAM day activities, our teachers were able to get a donation from Les Schwab tires, in the form of used tires, to support their lesson on vehicle maintenance.

Our science teacher has had Greg Barron and his assistant from North Morrow Vector Control talk to our Robotics class about drones and present a demonstration of their drone use technology on our practice field. They have also invited SRO Deputy Haak, Sgt. Carter & Det. Crowel talk to all of our Forensics classes about how they process crime scenes and automobile incidents.

We have several community businesses coming to Irrigon Jr/Sr high School to put on a small career fair for the senior class. These local businesses will provide information to the students about careers, education, and job opportunities that are related to their field. This is a great way for our kids to get a look at some different occupations in the community and help them decide what they might want to pursue after graduation.

The Businesses are:

#### Confirmed:

Port of Morrow

Threemile Canyon Farms

Bank of Eastern Oregon

Marlette Homes

#### Unconfirmed: waiting for response (were attending originally)

Umatilla Electric Cooperative

Umatilla Fire

Morrow County Health District

These are just a few examples of how our local community partners have supported our students within the school this year. We have also had a number of other guest speakers and business support a number of our other classrooms and we would like to thank all of them for their support.

Spring Sports are in full swing, with baseball, softball, track, and tennis all competing. Baseball and Softball have been battling some tough opponents, but are learning and growing every day. The track team has had 2 meets so far, with a number of individual PR's being set. Our first year tennis team is holding its own in their first 4 matches. Our #1 Boys Singles player is 3-1, our #1 Boys Doubles team is 2-1, and our #1 Girls Singles player is 4-0. Congrats to them!

## **Heppner Elementary**

Greetings from HES!

Following up on a former board report I decided to share how our collaboration with county resources has impacted HES through the Wheatridge STEAM funds.

First, the addition of a STEAM teacher in Heppner greatly increased the opportunities for innovative learning at HES. Mrs. Nelson teaches each class at HES twice a week. This is a regular opportunity for students to get their hands on their learning. Mrs. Nelson is also active in preparing for and ordering materials for our Fun Friday/STEAM Friday activities.

Students have increased opportunities in the school schedule but the influence of this position goes beyond the one classroom and four Fridays a year. Mrs. Nelson is also supporting STEAM activities in the regular classrooms through communication with IMESD. She has been helpful in bringing Science Kits to Heppner for those teachers who use them and has used the kits during STEAM 'period' to support other teachers who aren't able to include this in their classrooms.

From the Wheatridge funds we created this budget at HES for the first year and it has been awesome to see some, even most of this come to fruition.

Amount	Description
\$7,000	Classroom set up including furniture
\$2,500	Staffing for after school activities
\$3,000	Classroom laptops for robotics and other STEM activities
\$4,000	Technology in grade level classrooms
\$14,000	One or more STEM field trips per grade level
\$3,100	Consumable supplies for STEAM in classrooms
\$33,600	Total HES Windmill STEAM Budget

This being the first year there will be adjustments going forward to continue to capitalize on this great resource. One idea being tossed around is the hiring of an afterschool coach to provide some hands on activities throughout the school year. Though Mrs. Nelson, with help from Mrs. Campbell, has been able to periodically host the "Maker's Space" after school there is room for a more consistent and yearlong approach.

Additionally, further technology maintenance for things like ActivPanels and other classroom items is needed. As teachers use the field trip portion of this and establish worthy activities these will be supported annually. I foresee some great traditions starting now much like the annual 4<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to the fossil beds. Our goal is to have something similar for each grade.

Thanks once again for your support and time on behalf of all our HES family.

## **Heppner Jr/Sr High School**

Some innovative learning opportunities that we continue to be excited about at HJSHS include; The Student Internship Program, STEAM/FUN Friday Program, The Heppner FFA Food Backpack program, The HJSHS FBLA T-shirt design and production program and The HJSHS ASB Can/Bottle recycle program.

The Student Internship Program, continues to be a real success! Through this partnership with Kalie Davis and Kim Rill (Port of Morrow Workforce Development), MCSD, IMESD and our Morrow County business partners, the internship program continues to provide our students not only with HS credit opportunities but also with paid internship experiences that help them build resumes while exploring career related learning opportunities at the same time. This program is currently open to Juniors and Seniors who are on track to graduate and has become extremely popular with our students and business partners since its inception!

STEAM/FUN Friday continues to be a worthwhile “hands-on” learning opportunity were students are able to participate in STEAM related hands-on learning experiences that are both fun and practical. The STEAM activities are created and designed by staff to inspire learning and give students an opportunity to explore what S.T.E.A.M is all about on designated Fridays throughout the school year!

The HJSHS ASB Can/Bottle Recycle Program is an ASB student led program that is coordinated and facilitated by our ASB officers. Our ASB students collect and recycle cans/bottles with the proceeds going toward ASB sponsored school/community related activities and events.

The FBLA T-Shirt Design and Production Program is a student led program coordinated and facilitated by Mrs. Collins, that designs and produces t-shirts and hats for various groups and organizations. They also do special requests for members of the business community and even miscellaneous items for special events. Our community has always supported our schools and they like to show their school spirit by buying shirts and hats. What better way to capitalize on this area than for the FBLA members to produce those shirts and hats! Every HJSHS FBLA student will benefit from this venture as they are learning marketing skills, creativity, organization, and entrepreneurship all while making money for our FBLA program. It is an added benefit to not have to worry as much about fund raising for registrations and competitions associated with sending our students to Oregon Leadership Institute, State and National FBLA competitions, etc.

The Heppner Backpack Food Program continues to provide a weekend supply of nutritious food for children, for low-income families, to help replace the school meals that children miss during their weekend or extended breaks from school. Each weekend the food bags contain enough food for three breakfasts, three lunches, three snacks, one can of vegetables, and one can of fruit. All food is nonperishable. We invite your help finding children/families who will benefit most from participating in this program. The program is coordinated and facilitated by Mrs. Dickenson along with HJSHS FFA and Agriculture students who help to sign children up, pack food bags weekly, write grants, and organize fundraising and donation drives to help keep the program running. The program is currently funded through generous gifts from the National FFA Foundation, Heppner Jr/Sr High School FFA, Heppner FFA Chapter, Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group, DPR Construction, Land O’ Lakes, Morrow County Grain Growers and many other gracious “anonymous” community donors.

I would like to end this report by thanking each of you for your support and commitment to all students of the Morrow County School District!

**MCSD – Maintenance & Facilities Update – April 2022**

The 2022-2023 Maintenance Budget has been submitted with a focus on Safety, Extending Useful Life and Efficiencies/Cost Savings.

This month, we will begin scheduling the summer inspections and projects and information and dates will be shared with Head Custodians and Administration.

The HVAC Projects covered by ESSER II and III funds are continuing. Contractor walk throughs are scheduled for April 7 with bids due by April 21. Projects are set to begin on July 15 and more details will be provided to the Board and Administration when design and engineering plan are finished.

The District Bond Core Team is continuing their communications work for the proposed Bond Measure 25-87. Dirk will be visiting Community Chamber Meetings and Town Halls this month to answer questions and provide information to voters. The Wenaha Group is currently on track with deadlines and submissions.

**Staff Incident/Accidents Report:**

Date	School	Incident
3/18/2022	WRE	Employee twisted ankle while walking across the lawn and stepped in a hole. No medical attention was sought.