

Principal & Director Reports

June 2012

AC. Houghton Elementary

The last part of the school year has gone by at Lightyear speed. It seems like just a year or two ago I got my 10 year school district recognition pin. It is an honor to have worked for the Morrow County School District, in all respects. I will carry many good memories into retirement with this being the best district that I had the chance to work with.

During this week in the past week we have had and will have several major activities that celebrate the culmination of the year's activities:

1. This past weekend, we held the Bike Safety Rodeo that was part of our Safe Route Schools Grant that the Irrigon schools have been working with all year. We have created an Action Plan as a result of our study of traffic and speed and the way students get to school that the city will use to be the basis of grant application to the Oregon Department of Transportation. Grant funds would be used to widen Division Street and create a sidewalk all the way to the high school/IES from Highway 730. The bike rodeo sponsored by the Department of Transportation, Good Shepherd Hospital, and the Irrigon schools was a big success with more than 80 participants. We gave away bike helmets to everybody and we had prizes for bike riding competitions.
2. Today Monday, June 4 we have a talent show sponsored by our teacher Mrs. Marquart and staff. This is at 2:30 PM and is great fun and also an opportunity, it turns out, for staff to do a roast regarding their departing principal, good fun.
3. Tuesday, June 5, we will have an awards program. The student body recognizes perfect attendance, volunteers who have helped the school, efforts of parent group officers, math and spelling competition awards, PE awards, special education program awards, and reading awards.
4. Wednesday, June 6, student body sponsors a movie activity for all students.
5. Thursday, June 7, we hold our annual family barbecue, which is usually heavily attended, and have our field day which finishes out the school year.

Heppner Elementary School

It is hard to believe that June has arrived and that the last days of this school year are upon us. I guess the old saying is true, "time flies when you're having fun"! Our end of the year enrollment for HES is currently at 190 students, up a few students from last month. ☺ Our current attendance percentage for the 2011/2012 school year is currently 96.35%, which is a great percentage for the end of the school year. HES recently finished the final round of OAKS testing and I am happy to report that we had very positive testing results again this school year.

May was full of many exciting events and field trips which took place with the highlights being the Tupper Outdoor School in early May and the "Spring Musical Program". Our sixth grade students also recently attended their High School Orientation which I believe was a worthwhile and eye opening experience for them.

We held the HES Field Day, BBQ and Awards Assembly during the past couple of weeks and had a great turn out for these fun filled end of the year celebrations.

I would like to end this months report by again thanking each of you for your support. Have a great summer!

Heppner High School

Congratulations to our softball team for winning the state championship as they defeated Glendale 4-2 in Corvallis. Coach Payne and her coaching staff have built a program in five short years. Congratulations to all of the players, parents, and their coaches. Graduation went smoothly, graduating 27 seniors. The efforts of many make graduation special for all of our students and parents. I especially want to thank our front office staff and Mrs. Bowman for all of the extra hours it takes to make this annual event special.

- Project Graduation was amazing with every senior taking home five or more gifts while enjoying over \$6,000 in entertainment. Our senior parents worked very hard in making this all night party special for our seniors and I want to commend them for their efforts.
- The master schedule is complete. We have cut 14 sections out of the schedule which has been tough, but due to our 8 period day, we have been able to maintain most opportunities.
- Scheduling is moving forward and all students will have a schedule by the end of next week. I am working with Ms. Martin, Mr. Grant, and Mr. Combe with this transition and we are on track to pull this together as a team.
- Teacher goal setting meetings for next year will be set and teachers will meet with Mr. Combe on their three professional goals prior to the end of the school year.
- As the transition of leaving and Mr. Combe becomes the new K-12 principal, I am helping make the nuts and bolts of this move transparent. Mr. Combe and I are meeting nearly every day and discussing the best possible solution in everything that applies to the shift.
- Thank you for your support over the last 8 years. Morrow County will always be a special place for both my family and myself.

Irrigon Elementary School

1. Good Behavior Movie- This year we are having an IES Cinema. For students who have not gotten one behavior referral this semester, they will be able to attend one of the four movies being shown in four teachers' classrooms. We will have free popcorn and students will be able to enjoy a movie. The students who had misbehavior will be in three classrooms doing other things to keep them occupied for that hour.
2. The AR Awards Night- Also on the end of the year, IES will give students award prizes for meeting all four quarters of meeting 100% of their AR reading goals. This year 52 students will be getting prizes for meeting all four quarters in AR. We'll be giving out about \$1200 in prizes.
3. Last Quarter Awards Assembly- In this assembly we give out awards for every child who meet or exceeded in Math and Reading OAKS. We also recognize student for athletic excellence called the Gator Aid Awards. This is where we give our Perfect Attendance awards and the last quarter's School Art Awards. Because it is our last assembly, we give our awards to community

members who have volunteered many hours to the school. The principal give out Citizenship Awards to students who have always been a help to others.

4. IES Fun Day- Lastly we have the IES Fun Day. This day has a dodge ball tournament, activities such as music, board games, movies, arts and crafts, and a slip and slide outside. The local fire department comes and sprays water for the slide and it is lots of fun. In the end all staff escorts the students to the busses and we all say to them our last good-bye for the summer.

Irrigon High School

GRADUATION

On Friday June 1st, we graduated 42 seniors. A third of this year's class graduated with a 3.0 or better with six of those having a 4.0 or better. Amber Kramer was recognized as our valedictorian with a 4.102 GPA and Jessica Working was our salutatorian with a 4.085 GPA. Overall, our seniors earned over \$640,000 in scholarships and awards. Our single biggest scholarship went to Maritryny Mejia who earned the Gates Millennium Scholarship that will pay for her college all the way through her doctorate degree. All members of the class of 2012 met the new state requirement of meeting the reading benchmark.

SENIOR CAREERS TRIP

Last month, we took our seniors to visit Intel. This is the second year in a row they have hosted and continue to provide an amazing tour with lots of valuable information about the different employment opportunities available within their company, as well as information about college degrees and internship programs available. One of the highlights of the tour was being able to look through a powerful electron microscope (the same one that President Obama used on his recent visit to Intel) to see single atoms.

MOCK INTERVIEWS

For the second year in a row we held our mock interviews which now include juniors as well as sophomores. These interviews were added to our ICE portfolio's last year in an effort to better prepare students for obtaining summer employment. The interviews also provide students practical experience if they find themselves having to be interviewed in the future for scholarships. A special thanks to our interviewers – Greg Barron, Bev Bridgewater, Jerry Breazeale, Janet Cooley, Juan Garza, Juan Garza, and Keith White.

ATHLETICS

The state track meet was held in Monmouth on May 17th and 18th. We had a great showing with just six athletes all of whom placed in the top eight or better in a total of ten different events. Freshman AJ Timpy took 7th in the pole vault while another freshman, Anthony Landeros, took 7th in the 800m dash and 5th in the high jump. Junior Osvaldo Macias took 6th in the long jump and 7th in the triple jump. The men's team was led by senior Ramon Leon who took 4th in the long jump and the 110m hurdles, while finishing in 3rd in the 300m hurdles. In the end, our boys' team placed 8th in state – our strongest finish ever at the state track meet! For the lady knights, freshman Ana Carmona took 8th in the pole vault while junior Andrea Gasparova finished 6th in the javelin.

Our softball team ended the regular season on a strong note with a second place finish in the conference. They won their first game at the state level before falling short in the

quarterfinal game. Our softball team continues to be a source of pride for us with their continued success at reaching post season play.

Riverside High School

We have had a stressful but rewarding last few weeks at Riverside. 61 of our 63 seniors graduated this year. We surveyed our senior students regarding post-secondary educational plans. We learned that:

1. 75% of graduates indicated they would be attending college
2. 1% will be attending a Trade School
3. 23% Stated they would begin working after graduating
4. 1% other – Includes –Extended Diploma SpEd student

We continue to forge ahead in our academic quest for excellence. We teach from bell to bell and focus heavily on standards. Below please find the latest OAKS scores.

7th grade - Meeting standard

- Reading - 80%
- Math - 71%

8th grade

- **Reading - 51%**
- **Math - 54%**
- **Science - 64%**

9th grade

- **Reading - 43%**
- **Math - 21%**

10th grade

- **Reading - 54%**
- **Math - 51%**
- **Science - 33%**

11th grade

- Reading - 79%
- Math - 62%
- Science - 55%

- We met in the morning in their classrooms to discuss transition from WRE. To Riverside Jr/Sr High.
- We provided students a tour of RHS and gave them an opportunity to visit classrooms and interact with teachers.
- In the evening we met with parents for registration at WRE, very good turn out!

We continue to utilize our PLC time to establish our areas of weakness.

Conversations are taking place as we focus on the knowing doing gap.

- We continue to provide our students added support in challenging areas.
- Before school and afterschool tutoring is available for students along with Friday School
- Summer school has also been offered to students and parents.

On May 29th. Riverside Administrators and Counselors spent the larger part of the day and evening with Windy River 6th grade students.

Riverside Celebrates:

NHS and Key Club held annual Banquet in May

- **Installed new members and officers**
- **NHS ceremony held at Port of Morrow**

Night of Excellence

- **Recognition of H.S. students for,**
- **Attendance**
- **Academic Achievements**

Jr/Sr Picnic –

- **120 students attended the event at Tri-Court Club and Water Park**

Annual Jr high Rewards Trip – This field trip is based on:

- **Good Attendance**
- **Good Grades**
- **Good Behavior**

Jr high – June 7th

- **Awards assembly and sock hop**

Spring sports –

- **Baseball**
- **Softball**
- **Tennis**
- **Track**

Speeches and elections:

- **Sr high – ASB Executive Members**
- **Class officers**

Gear Up Field trip to EOU

- **All 7th grade students attended the field trip where they were exposed to the entire facility, spoke to students and staff, ate lunch there and played basketball in the EOU gym.**

Approximately 18 high school students selected for the Summer Leadership Institute at Eastern Oregon University

Selected Band/Choir students participated at Music in May Festival

Sam Boardman Elementary School

End of Year Activities and Celebrations

Classrooms:

K-Team: The kindergarten team took their field trip last Fall to the pumpkin patch. Their end of the year fun activity was centered on Dr. Seuss's "Horton Hears a Who" with a read aloud, learning activities and movie clips.

Team-1: May 30th Team 1 went to the Hermiston Fire Station. Highlights included learning about fire safety, touring the barracks, sitting in an ambulance, walking through the cab of a fire truck, and timing a firefighter put on his turn-outs. One lucky student even got to watch her heart on the heart-monitoring machine in the ambulance. While some groups toured, other students engaged in story time in the nearby park. The most thrilling part of the field trip for many students was learning about and getting to spray the fire hose. After the tour, students, teachers, and chaperones ate lunch at Fun-Land Park in Hermiston. This wonderful experience gave the kids a life experience they won't soon forget.

Team-2: May 2nd Team 2 took a different kind of field trip and had two stay-at-home art days. Four teachers presented four art lessons in a rotating schedule. Projects were begun the first day and finished the second day. Children sculpted, decoupaged, tie-dyed and did pointillism. The student responses in their writing journals were very positive. Students loved it and proudly wore their tie-died shirts to the AR skate trip.

Team-3: May 15th Team 3 traveled to Maryhill Museum where they were met by staff, introduced to a rough history of the museum, listened to "Oboe-type" instrument music and enjoyed a concert on the terrace with cookies in hand. Students experienced a basket weaving demonstration and made their own design on paper. Right before lunch, we learned how to make Romanian designed eggs, and after lunch students were entertained by a Native American storyteller. It was a great day of history and the sights of the Columbia River. On June 4th Team 3 students toured the McNary Dam. Students thoroughly enjoyed the fish viewing room and learning about the fish swimming up the river. They had a guided tour through the visitor's center and learned about hydropower in the Powerhouse.

School Community

AR Skate Trip: At Sam Boardman we have some very motivated readers. This year 197 students met their AR goal. To qualify for the AR Skate Party at Skate City in Pendleton, students had to meet three out of their four quarterly AR goals. The day was full of roller skating and playing fun video games at the skate center. We are grateful for the efforts of our PTO organization for sponsoring our buses and student scholarships. We also appreciate the many parents who volunteered to chaperone our trip.

Field Day: Mr. Gruber organized outdoor activities for our Field Day. He has prepared a series of games to help students develop teamwork skills and to increase motor and physical coordination. Outdoor activities include relays, chase and fleeing games, and cooperative games.

Safety Rodeo: On Wednesday, June 6th, students will rotate between four different safety demonstrations: Vector Control presents mosquito safety, Fire Department teaches students

about fire prevention and river and boating safety, and Police Department presents on bicycle safety.

Year End Assembly: Our Year End Assembly gives us an opportunity to celebrate student achievement, honor students with perfect attendance, recognize parent volunteers, appreciate community sponsors, and say good-bye to 3rd grade students. It is also a time we can appreciate and say good-bye to staff who are moving on: Robert Gruber (PE), Darcy Southard (speech), and Barbara Harrison (1st Grade); as well as to retiring staff: Pam Files and Rose Sebastian.

Community BBQ: On Thursday, families and community members are invited to enjoy a special lunch with students following our Year-End-Assembly. The relaxed atmosphere of families enjoying their picnic lunch on the grass is a great way to conclude our year.

School Staff

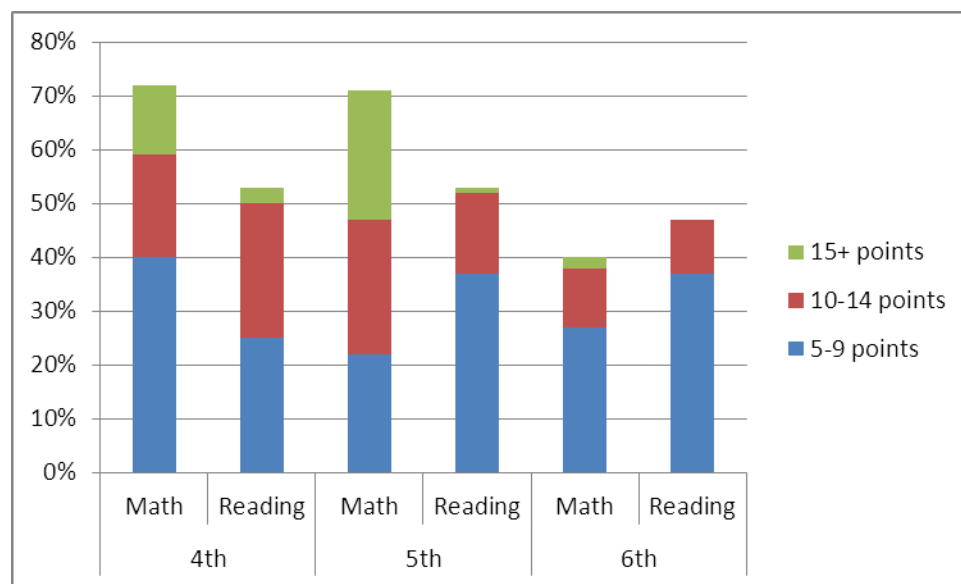
Crystal Apple: Anne Orcutt was honored with a Crystal Apple for her continued support for student success in our school-wide AR Reading Program. Anne plans rewards and incentives. She also motivates and celebrates student success with every opportunity.

Retirement: “UP, UP and AWAY” A retirement celebration is planned for Rose Sebastian and Pam Files at the Port of Morrow for Thursday, June 7th. Festivities to the theme of the Disney movie “UP” begin at 4:30. Students have created a collection of suggestions for teachers, things they can do once they retire. The staff have put together a memory book.

Grog: On the last staff day, SBE has the tradition of highlighting progress and celebrating school-wide accomplishments in grog fashion. We toast first to school accomplishments, then honor staff who have completed course studies. Next we give a cheer to staff with graduates, new babies, or wedding announcements. We conclude by toasting a farewell to the staff we won't see next year.

Windy River Elementary

WRE 2011-2012 Point Growth by Grade & Subject
(spring to spring)

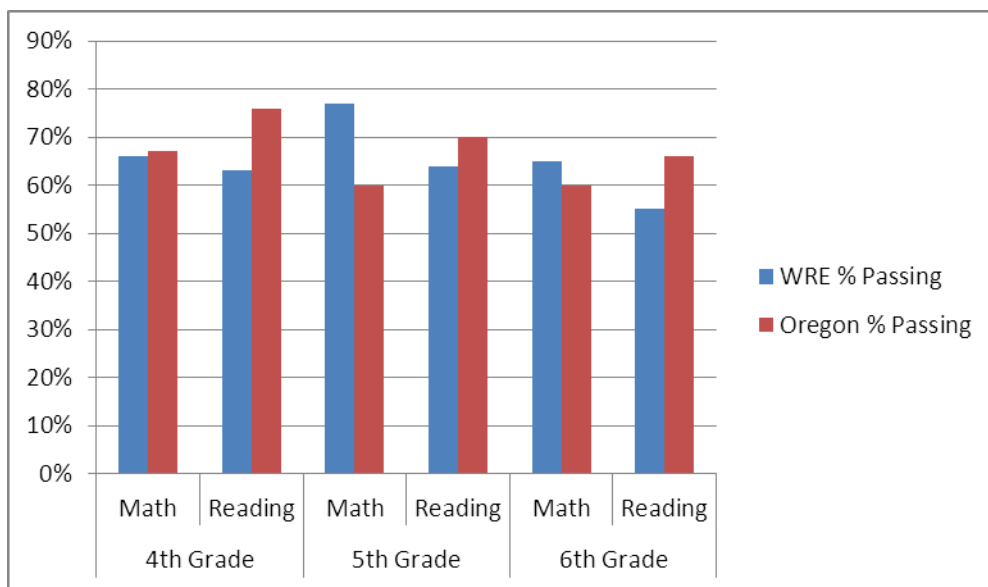


Windy River Elementary had a Great Growth Year with over 70% of the fourth and fifth grade students growing from 5 points, to some over 20 points this year in math. The teaching staff, in

general, put a large emphasis this year on math because of the increase in RIT scores for passing the math benchmark, and their work paid off.

Over 50% of the fourth and fifth grade students grew from 5, to again, some over 20 points this year in reading. Sixth grade students were not far behind with their averages being 40% of the students growing in math and 47% of the students growing in reading from 5 to 15+ points. These statistics are the growth results from spring of 2011 to spring of 2012.

WRE 2011-2012 Percentage of Students Passing OAKS compared to the State of Oregon



Windy River is very comparable to the State of Oregon with passing the OAKS benchmarks. Note that both fifth and sixth grade math scores are above the state in passing, with fourth grade being very close. The reading scores are also very comparable with the State.

We had some great individual successes this year. Two of our special education students gained 20 points and over! A fifth grader gained 20 points in math and a fourth grader gained 21 points in math AND 22 points in reading. Outstanding!!

Attendance 95.03% according to Data Warehouse
95% of our students made their AMAO
50% made level 5

We look forward to another spectacular year in 2012-2013!

Morrow Education Center

MEC Graduation

This year three students, Lomar Garcia, Zakkary Underhill, and Natasha Sawyer graduated from MEC. A wonderful dinner was provided for the students and their families before the ceremony itself at the River Lodge in Boardman on the evening of the 31st. After the dinner, the room filled with over 60 guests for the commencement ceremony.

Mr. Bill Khun represented the board, and MEC staff, district administration, and principals from both Umatilla and Boardman were in attendance to celebrate our seniors who graduated. Natasha was also awarded a \$250 scholarship from Mid-Columbia bus company.

MEC Clean-up day

On Wednesday, MEC students who would like to earn community service hours will be given the opportunity to help clean up the property in preparation for the close of the school year.

The last day of school

On Thursday, the last student day in Morrow County, MEC will be celebrating by enjoying anything staff and students would like to share such as home-baked treats and other goodies. We'll turn up the radio and work with students to help them plan their summers in preparation for summer jobs and re-enrollment in the fall.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Financial Highlights

There have been no significant financial forecast changes for previous years, current year, or projections for next year.

Future Financial Planning

The district is continues to evaluate expenses and revenues in the current year and is planning for specific expenditures:

1. Technology
2. Vehicles
3. Maintenance

Our focus in the next fiscal year will be to continue to upgrade desktops and monitors at all facilities. We will also be expanding our wireless infrastructure in specific locations to ensure that over time we are prepared and capable of wireless demands.

We have been in contact with the government dealer awarded the vehicle contract; however, the pricing for the 12-13 year has not been established and we will need to wait until the pricing is established to order the vehicles. The plan currently is to order 2 additional vehicles allowing each community and the superintendent to have a vehicle. We will continue to use the remaining vehicles (1999 Fords) until they are no longer usable.

Maintenance – see below.

Current Financial Issues and Concerns

The district is in the process of completing an RFP for food service and is anticipating the award being completed by June 15, 2012 (based on board approval). The Food Service Committee met and heard presentations from both Chartwells and Sodexo and received the formal proposals on May 29. The committee evaluated the proposals on May 31st; however, we felt there were numerous questions that

needed to be answered to ensure all proposals were being evaluated based on the same information. The Committee will make the final recommendation the week of June 11th.

Maintenance

The district is evaluating all maintenance projects based on the following criteria:

1. Student Safety
2. Extending or maintaining the useful life of a current asset
3. Cost savings for the district

Based on those criteria there are a limited number of projects that will be initiated in the following fiscal year. The focus will be on the following:

1. Crack sealing at all schools
2. Boilers or equivalent at ACH and HHS.
3. The high water at IES.

Currently, we are waiting for Oregon department of Energy to get back to the district on recommendations for certain projects (water heaters at HHS and boilers – HHS and ACH). We are also looking at monitoring equipment for all HVAC systems so we can manage from a centralized facility or by community.

The crack sealing should be started any day and we are expecting this to extend the useful life of the pavement by 8-10 years.

The electrical has been wired and we are currently trying to find the correct horsepower pump to start draining the water on the East side of IES. Once we have a good idea of the water volume we will have a better idea of how to handle the other high water issues at IES.