

Administration Reports November 2024

Sam Boardman Elementary

Fall has been busy at Sam Boardman Elementary! As we continue to embrace the vibrant spirit of fall, we want to take a moment to express how grateful we are for the ongoing support and partnerships we share with our families and the community.

Our PTO hosted a fantastic Harvest Festival that brought our community together. With free games, a coloring station, face painting, and apple bobbing, it was a joyful event. A special thank you to Taylor Farms for providing pumpkins for our pumpkin painting station and to the volunteers from the Boardman PD and Fire Departments, as well as our high school volunteers, for their incredible support.

Red Ribbon Week was a success! Students participated by dressing up and learning about critical safety matters, including internet safety and Erin's Law. We wrapped up the week with well-attended harvest parties that fostered fun and family engagement.

Join us on November 7th at 10 am to honor our Veterans. Students will perform songs, and our 3rd graders will read about the history of Veterans Day. Each Veteran will be personally thanked for their service, receive a card, and a challenge coin as a memento of our appreciation. A meet & greet in the cafeteria will follow the assembly. Refreshments have been generously provided by Brown House Coffee, The Riverside Jr/Sr High Key Club, and a Community Involvement Grant.

Our annual Community Feast will be on November 26th! We invite all families to join us for a delicious feast featuring drumsticks and mashed potatoes served to them by the Boardman Fire Department. It's a wonderful opportunity to come together and celebrate the season of gratitude.

Lastly, we are proud to announce that five of our classified staff members are participating in TEAC3H Professional Development Modules for Education Assistants, thanks to a grant awarded to TEAC3H, they were able to offer 20 slots to our school district.

As we approach the third month of school, we want to take a moment to reflect on all we have to celebrate and be grateful for. Time is flying by. We look forward to continuing this journey with our students, staff, families, and community. We can't wait for the exciting events ahead!

Windy River Elementary

Outdoor School:

We had an amazing time at outdoor school this year! Kids learned a TON, and had a really great time doing it. They explored the bugs in the creek, looked at animal furs and skulls, listened to interesting talks about water conservation and timber management. Additionally, kids went zip-lining, played in the gameroom, and had 2 amazing campfires while singing songs with their music teacher. Here is a link to the photos (and I will include some actual pictures on the preceding pages. This is a really good and worthwhile thing for our 6th graders to do.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/u5zYWs7qn71YEdRH6>

Employee of the Month

Our March Employee of the Month is: Johana Sepulveda-Vieyra! Ms. Sepulveda-Vieyra is an amazing second year teacher that cares about kids, teaches to mastery and works hard to constantly improve her abilities in her teaching career! She is a great team player and has been a really good addition to our 4th grade team.

Red Ribbon Week

We celebrated Red Ribbon Week this month! Mrs. Crowell organized a really good time for kids surrounding good decisions for kids. Kids received wristbands and heard stories of good decisions!

WIN Grades

We have started a new thing this year! THIS year, we are grading WIN classes. This is an effort to increase a student's ownership of their academic progress. Also, WIN classes are VERY important because they are an intervention class that meets a student's need where they are! We are hoping that providing feedback to parents and students about what they KNOW and CAN DO as well as their progress in their personal academic journey will be beneficial to students growing ONE year's growth in ONE year's time!

Thank You School Board Members! WRE would like to thank our Dedicated School Board Members! We appreciate you and your support for students and staff in Morrow County! THANK YOU!

Pictures for you to enjoy!: Outdoor School





Windy River Outdoor School Bonfire

Riverside Jr/Sr High School

We would like to talk about a new role we have in our school and Mr. Boor. He is our 7-9 Success Coach. His goal is to meet with and help guide students with academic and behavioral success. He meets with students daily and has many weekly meetings for students that need that extra push or assistance to be successful. The idea behind this was that we focus in HS a lot on freshman on track for graduation. We put a lot of people onto this as it is a solid marker to determine those that will be on track to graduate on time. Over the years we have done a very nice job of doing this with closer to 95% or more on track after their freshman year. The goal now is to move this same idea down to 7th and 8th grade. Our goal is to have the same percentage of students on track- Catch them early so they can thrive in school and explore careers/classes they would like to. We are excited to see the data as it plays out over the year. We are thankful for our wrap-around school services and feel this is the next piece we needed to continue being successful here are RHS.

PIRATE NATION NEWS

November 2024

Captain's Log

It's time to read that we can provide a variety of wrap-around services for our students.

It is a great idea to Mr. Boor, who serves as our 7-9 Success Coach. His focus is to meet with students and discuss academic and behavioral success. He strives to have positive interactions and build a strong relationship for students to have success in high school.

Another service we provide is a partnership with Community Counseling Solutions. Kathleen Pugh provides mental health support for students in the form of student counseling, EMT (a form of therapy for students) and emotion regulation skills. Kathleen is another dedicated part of our wrap-around services team.

Christi Romero serves as our Crisis Coordinator. She provides services with transportation, medical and dental appointments, Orange Health Plan, and checks in with a number of students to support their needs.

Pat Willis,
John Christy
Jill H. Pincus

Winter Sports Begin Soon!

Practices begin on Monday, November 18

Parent Night: November 21 at 6pm

NOTICIAS DE LA NACION PIRATA

November 2024

Registro del Capitán

Riverside se enorgullece de poder ofrecer una variedad de servicios integrales para nuestros estudiantes.

Es un gran momento para nosotros como comunidad de educadores de estar de pie juntos y al día de hoy en nuestra escuela en el día de hoy, hablar sobre la atención académica y de comportamiento de los estudiantes que hemos trabajado en conjunto y construir una base sólida para el futuro.

Otro servicio que ofrecemos es una asociación con Community Counseling Solutions. Kathleen Pugh ofrece apoyo emocional de salud mental para los estudiantes en forma de asesoramiento estudiantil, EMT (un tipo de terapia para los estudiantes) y habilidades de regulación emocional. Kathleen es otra parte dedicada de nuestro equipo de servicios integrales.

Christi Romero es nuestra coordinadora de crisis. Ella ofrece servicios de transporte, planes de salud y dentales, Orange Health Plan y se conecta con una variedad de estudiantes para apoyar sus necesidades.

Pat Willis,
John Christy
Jill H. Pincus

Los deportes de invierno comienzan pronto!

Las prácticas comienzan el lunes 18 de Noviembre.

Noche de padres: 21 de Noviembre a las 6:00 p.m.

Crew Corner: Upcoming Events

- Friday, November 1: Conferences 7:30-9:00 am
- Wednesday, November 6: Senior Career Day
- Monday, November 11: No School - Veterans Day
- Thursday, November 14: Fall Sports Awards Night at 6pm
- Monday, December 9: Winter Sports Practices Begin
- Thursday, November 21: Winter Sports Parent Meeting at 6pm
- Wednesday, November 27: No School - Thanksgiving Break
- Tuesday, December 3: Conferences from 7:30-9:00

Pirate Pro Tips

November 18th is our annual Senior Career Day where they will all be completing a four hour job shadow that is required for their senior portfolio and graduation.

Students were able to choose their host location and will be visiting them all morning, followed by a lunch provided by the Port of Morrow at the POM building at 1pm.

If you have questions please contact elizabeth@seniorsrowed.org.

Treasure Map - follow us

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Bincó de la tripulación: próximos eventos

- Viernes 1 de Noviembre: Conferencias 7:30-9:00 am
- Miércoles 6 de Noviembre: Día de la Carrera Profesional Las actividades son gratis de día
- Lunes 11 de Noviembre: No School - Veterans Day
- Jueves 14 de Noviembre: Noche de los Deportes de Fútbol a las 6:00 p.m.
- Lunes 18 de Noviembre: Reunión de padres de deportes de invierno a las 6:00 p.m.
- Lunes 21 de Noviembre: Conferences a las 7:30 am
- Miércoles 27 de Noviembre: No School - Thanksgiving Break
- Martes 3 de Diciembre: Conferencias de 7:30 a 9:00

Consejos Profesionales Para Piratas

El 6 de Noviembre es nuestro Día Anual de Carrera para los estudiantes del grado doce, en el que todos completarán un seguimiento laboral de cuatro horas (que es obligatorio para su portafolio de trabajo y graduación).

Los estudiantes pueden elegir su ubicación aquí y le mostrarán durante toda la mañana, seguida de un almuerzo proporcionado por el Puerto de Morrow en el edificio POM a las 1:00 p.m.

Si tiene preguntas, comuníquese con elizabeth@seniorsrowed.org

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A.C. Houghton Elementary

It's already November! Last week not only concluded the month of October, but also the end of the first quarter, Halloween, and parent teacher conferences. The quarter went by quickly, and we are now into fall weather and the holiday season.

An exciting new addition at ACH includes a recently added piece of equipment on our playground. Due to safety concern, our head custodian removed the outdated and dangerous teeter-totters off our main playground. IES teachers and students came to ACH to teach our younger students the rules of GAH-GAH Ball. Our new activity includes more students than the other equipment and can allow up to 12 students to play at one time, with a continuous feed of more students eagerly lined up to enter 'the pit'.



I would like to acknowledge some of our community partners and highlight the tremendous support we receive at ACH. Without community support, our job would be even more challenging! I am very grateful for *Lamb Weston* and their continued generosity. They can be counted on when I need items for ACH that come up, and weren't in my budget. They recently wrote ACH a check in the amount of \$3000 for any needed things we deem valuable. We have allocated some of these funds for the ever-needed book supply for our vending machine. The remaining funds are being used for a radio base station for our office. This helps our safety, allowing the ability to communicate directly with IES. Our students earn books weekly, so the need for books is constant and their help in keeping the vending machine stocked is much appreciated! We also utilize the support and generosity of our *ACH Parent Club*. They too help supply our vending machine. Last week they put on a Scholastic Book Fair during our parent teacher conferences to help raise money for various needs and supports for our staff and students throughout the school year. Parent Club also prepared a meal during our evening conferences for staff.... teachers greatly appreciate a home cooked meal. The Irrigon Parks & Rec is providing many opportunities for our youth...this program is in the "building stage", and is giving our students lots of sporting activities, not only helping to build our athletic programs, but giving students needed social opportunities locally!



Our ACH staff is always striving to better serve our students, both academically and behaviorally. Our dedicated educational assistants in this photo (right) have set goals to review and discuss modules, which emphasize their daily interactions with students. The focus is to increase positives, set clear expectations and problem solve challenging behaviors that our staff encounters on a daily basis. These sessions are facilitated by our Instructional Coach Brenda Kittelson. This week was the first of many study sessions to follow. I am excited for the outcomes from their extra work!

Sending you all an early Happy Thanksgiving! We are grateful for the time our school board members invest in our students every month;

your time and dedication is truly something we are THANKFUL for!

Irrigon Elementary School

Irrigon Elementary School had a successful and memorable outdoor school experience for our 6th grade students. Our students spent several days at Camp Elkanah, where they engaged in hands-on learning, team-building activities, and connected with nature. This trip proved to be both educational and fun, and we are grateful to the staff and volunteers who made it possible. Additionally, Rogers Toyota has generously partnered with us to incentivize excellent attendance, offering the reward of a bicycle to every 6th grade student that maintains high attendance throughout the year. This partnership aligns with our commitment to student attendance and success, and encourages positive school habits. Lastly, we recently held our first Boo Mail fundraiser. It was a great success, raising over \$150 in profits to support student activities throughout the year.

As a school, we are continuously focused on improving the educational experience for our students. As one of our key targets for this year, we will begin tracking students' oral reading fluency. By assessing this critical component of literacy, we aim to identify students who may be at risk for reading difficulties and to tailor our interventions to meet their specific needs. This initiative will allow us to better understand our students' core literacy skills and to provide targeted support in both individual and group settings. We are confident that this data-driven approach will lead to measurable improvements in reading proficiency for all students. As an added incentive, students are nominated by their teachers each quarter for modeling character traits that promote a safe, respectful, and responsible learning environment. These students are given tokens to use in our new Book Vending Machine that was purchased with Title 1 funding. This is new at IES and is becoming increasingly popular nationwide.

Finally, our staff continues to collaborate on strategies to enhance classroom instruction and student engagement. Our counselor has delivered instruction to classrooms from the Wayfinder curriculum that promotes social-emotional skills, and fosters a growth mindset among our students. We remain committed to providing a supportive, challenging, and inclusive learning environment for all students at Irrigon Elementary. Thank you for your continued support of our school and its students.

Karen Frenette

Principal





IES Book Vending Machine

Irrigon Jr/Sr High School

Winter sports season brings several new coaches including:

Tucker Fye - JH Asst Boys Basketball and JH Head Girls Basketball

Fernando Sánchez- Head HS Girls Basketball

Jacqueline Bulow- Assistant HS Girls Basketball

On November 6, IJSHS held a Veterans Day Assembly. There was a guest speaker and several Veterans in attendance. After the assembly a reception was held where the JH and HS Leadership students visited with the Veterans.

The Fall MS Dance is coming up on November 21. This year the MS students are holding dress up days leading up to the dance.

At the end of quarter one, 15 students were recognized for perfect attendance. And both MS and HS held incentive events for students who received all passing grades (JH) or had a 3.0 gpa or above (HS).



IJSHS Veterans Assembly

Heppner Elementary School

October at HES was filled with exciting learning opportunities in STEAM education. When talking with my staff before the 24/25 school year began, one of their main goals was to provide educational opportunities that could enrich and instill a love of learning that carries on throughout their life. We are working on providing these opportunities through our STEAM specialist class, outside partners, and the Think Big Space.

6th graders joined Mr. Bailey at the Think Big Space for two days in October, and will complete their 4 days this year in November. The first two days were filled with biology as they learned about and examined various exotic insects, and math/engineering as they built game wheels and calculated experimental and theoretical probability. As I walked around on a visit, I saw students eagerly implementing their learning in novel ways, and excited to do math in a real world application.

Students k-6 participated in an exciting learning opportunity organized by our enrichment coordinator and STEAM teacher, Mrs. Nelson. In a developmentally appropriate lesson, students learned about coding robots, and problem solved overcoming obstacles and following difficult courses. I enjoyed watching each group spend 45 minutes with the team from the Oregon STEM Lab (a program partnered with Eastern Oregon University) learning about and experimenting with skills that are very applicable to future careers and interests.

In another area of hands-on STEAM education, our garden was harvested by the 5th grade class before conferences. Boxes of locally grown produce were available for families to take for free as they came in for conferences, and parents were delighted to see the literal fruits of their students' work.

After a fun week of conferences and Halloween parties, I look forward to the next two months of holiday fun, diagnostic testing, winter concerts, football and volleyball playoffs, basketball, and the general buzzing of activity that comes with late fall.



Heppner Jr/Sr High School

1. It's hard to believe that we've already finished the first quarter of the school year. We held teacher/parent conferences on October 30th and November 1st, which saw strong participation from our community. Additionally, we distributed our quarterly survey to both students and families. The purpose of these surveys is to gather ongoing feedback about their experiences at HJSHS and to identify opportunities for improvement in our programs and services. We value this input as it helps us enhance the educational experience for everyone involved.
2. In my October board report, I highlighted one of my main objectives for this school year: to foster a robust sense of connection, culture, and community within the Heppner Jr/Sr High School learning environment. A key initiative in this effort is to develop and strengthen our student recognition system. To that end, we have established specific criteria and successfully implemented the Student of the Quarter recognition program, which is designed to celebrate and honor our students based on these criteria.

The HJSHS Academic Student of the Quarter award is presented to a student based on multiple criteria. This award is not necessarily about good grades but about those students who demonstrate specific characteristics in their behavior and work. As a school body, we are interested in acknowledging growth in our students as an achievement that they have worked hard to accomplish.

Students receiving an HJSHS Academic Student of the Quarter award may demonstrate one, or more, of the following characteristics:

- Perseverance in their academic studies;
 - Integrity in their behavior;
 - Good character in making decisions;
 - Civility in collaborating and working with others; or
 - Leadership in taking on new challenges, to name just a few examples.
- 3.** HJSHS is bustling with activity and pride as we prepare for our upcoming events. Our Veterans Day Celebration is scheduled for November 7th, and it continues to be a highlight for our school community. A special shoutout to Mrs. Collins, whose leadership and dedication have made this event truly remarkable. In addition, we are thrilled to announce that three of our fall teams have qualified for the OSAA State Championships! The football team will kick off their journey on Saturday, November 9th, facing off against Waldport. Meanwhile, our Girls Volleyball team has advanced to the Final Site in Redmond, and our Girls Cross Country team will be competing at Lane Community College at the State XC Meet, also on Saturday the 9th.

MCSD Maintenance & Facilities Report – November 2024

Winter is approaching with cooler mornings, lots of rain and snow will be arriving before we know it. We are preparing for the weather by putting snow tires on vehicles, ordering ice melt and installing the snow blades on our equipment.

The Community Bond Advisor Committee (CBAC) will present the draft plan to the Board on November 4 at the special board meeting. Since February, the committee has worked very hard to understand how the facilities impact learning, how bonds effect the tax base and to prioritize projects that consider all the students, staff and buildings within our unique school district. The InterMountain ESD will have promotional material ready, has updated our bond page on the website and worked on social media posts during the process. We are very proud of the work they have done and look forward to presenting the draft to the communities and receive feedback in November and December.

Here is a quick timeline and description for the next meetings:

November 4: Presentation of the draft plan to the Board

November & December: Present the draft plan to the communities, receive feedback and answer questions.

January: Create final plan to present to the school board for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted By,
Matt Combe, Gabe Hansen and Brandi Sweeney

Staff Incident/Accidents Report:

Date	School	Incident
10/21/2024	HJSHS	Employee jumped off the homecoming float and injured right hand.