Administration Reports
November 2026

Sam Boardman Elementary

Fall has been a busy and exciting season at Sam Boardman Elementary! As we settle into the school year, we are reminded of how fortunate we are to have such supportive families, dedicated staff, and community partners. The past several weeks have been filled with opportunities to celebrate our students, strengthen relationships, and create meaningful school experiences.

Our PTO continues to build incredible momentum! They recently hosted a wonderful Harvest Festival, bringing families and community members together for an evening of free games, food, and fun. The event was a fantastic example of the positive impact of family involvement and community partnerships. Without missing a beat, our PTO is now preparing for the Fall Kids' Market during parent-teacher conferences. This unique opportunity allows students to operate their own booths, sell handmade goods and other items, and develop entrepreneurial skills while connecting with our school community. We are grateful for the time, energy, and enthusiasm our PTO volunteers continue to invest in SBE!

Red Ribbon Week was another success! Students and staff participated in themed dress-up days while reinforcing the importance of making healthy, safe, and responsible choices. Students also engaged in important safety conversations, including internet safety. We concluded the week with festive classroom harvest parties and our Buccaneer Awards Assembly, celebrating students who demonstrate positive character and contribute to our school community. It was wonderful to see so many families join us for these celebrations!

Looking ahead, we are honored to host our annual Veterans Day Assembly on November 10th at 10:00 a.m. Students will perform a patriotic song, and our third graders will share the history and significance of Veterans Day. Each Veteran in attendance will be personally recognized and thanked for their service with a student-created card and a commemorative challenge coin. A meet-and-greet will follow the assembly, providing an opportunity for students, families, and staff to connect with the Veterans in our community.

Our annual Community Feast on November 24th is another tradition we eagerly anticipate! Families are invited to join their children for a delicious meal featuring chicken drumsticks and mashed potatoes, served with the help of our Boardman first responders. This cherished event brings our school and community together to celebrate gratitude, connection, and the relationships that make SBE such a special place.

As we enter November, we have much to celebrate and even more to be thankful for. From the dedication of our staff and PTO to the generosity of our community partners, these shared experiences help create a school where students feel connected, valued, and supported. We look forward to continuing this momentum as we move toward the winter months. It's a great time to be a Buccaneer!

Windy River Elementary

Sixth Grade Outdoor School

Our 6th graders recently returned from Outdoor School, and what an incredible experience it was! Students spent their time learning about nature, building friendships, working as a team, and creating memories that will last a lifetime. This year, students also had the opportunity to climb the rock (wood) wall, and it was AMAZING to watch our kids rise to the challenge! They showed tremendous bravery, determination, and talent. I think having access to the rock wall at the Boardman Rec Center has helped many of our students build confidence and prepare to shine when given the opportunity. It was so much fun to see them challenge themselves and accomplish something they may not have thought possible. We are incredibly proud of our Wolves!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

We recently wrapped up our fall parent-teacher conferences, and it was a great opportunity to celebrate the progress our students are making. Our teachers continue to work hard to identify learning needs, close gaps, and provide students with the instruction and support they need to succeed. There is a lot of great learning happening at WRE, and we were excited to share that progress with families. Strong partnerships between home and school make a difference, and we appreciate the support of our WRE families!

Art Night is Coming!

We are getting ready for our annual Art Night on **November 19th from 4–6 PM** at Windy River Elementary! Our students have been busy creating, painting, drawing, and putting their artistic talents on display. There is always something special about seeing our school filled with student artwork and having families come together to celebrate the creativity of our kids. We hope to see everyone there. Come check out what our Wolves can create!

Scholastic Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair was another great success! It was exciting to see so many students eager to browse, choose books, and find something they couldn't wait to read. Building a love of reading is an important part of what we do at WRE, and getting books into the hands of excited readers is always a WIN! We love seeing our students discover new stories, explore new interests, and build their own home libraries.

Outdoor School Pictures: Click this link to see how BRAVE our Students are on the Climbing wall!
https://photos.app.goo.gl/hGMMQqajwBWDBZy37

















Riverside Jr/Sr High School

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Student Spotlight

Reveca Rodriguez Munoz- Reveca **FBLA, 4H, FFA,** and **Key Club.** This is her 1st year with FFA and Key Club, her 2nd year with FBLA and her 4th year with 4H! **Good Job Reveca!**



"I love to show sheep because they are loving and caring animals"
Reveca Rodriguez Munoz

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

Scan the QR code to see this month's Volleyball, Soccer, Football, and Cross Country events!

Crowell's Corner

Trade Schools Visit!
Kids can sign-up for a trade school event where we will visit three schools in Tri-Cities to learn business in plumbing, sheet metal and electrical work. Sign-up by the library to get a seat on the bus on **NOV 23rd**

STAMP Test
Show off your **Spanish** smarts on **Nov 16-17th** by taking the **STAMP** test! Talk to your **advisor** or **Mrs. Crowell** for details!

Forklift class
If your **over the age of 18** and want to learn more about how to operate a forklift show up for **Forklift class** on **Nov 18th!**

Riverside Jr/Sr High School (continued)

TEACHER FEATURE

Mr. Trotter

Mr. Trotter is our newest Social studies teacher at Riverside. He was born in Berkeley, California and graduated from Medford High School. After high school, he went to the military; his favorite part of the military was traveling the world.
Fun fact: Mr. Trotter likes riding his bike and his favorite snack is Tapatio Doritos.

"Everyday is something new and exciting; I'm really looking forward to everyday thats coming up!"
Mr. Trotter

Upcoming Club Meetings

NHS - November 28 - 9:30am - Library
FBLA - November 19 - 9:15am - Auditorium
FFA - November 9 - 7:00pm - Agriculture Room

Team Spotlight - Riverside

This year's Girls Volleyball team is having one their best seaons with their girls recently going to districts in Burns to face off against Vale!



Finishing #3 in districts the Girls volleyball team had a great season and we are looking forward to next season. Go Pirates!

Athlete Spotlight

Senior Standout Cross-Country athlete Eric Pullen has competed in Cross-country for multiple years, becoming one of Riverside's fastest runners resulting in multiple State appearances over the years! **Great Job Eric!**



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A.C. Houghton Elementary

The close of October also marked the end of our first quarter at A.C. Houghton Elementary. Students and staff celebrated with Harvest Parties, and report cards have been completed and will soon be sent home to share students' progress with families. This week, we look forward to Parent/Teacher Conferences, an important opportunity to celebrate growth, discuss areas for improvement, and strengthen the partnership between home and school. Our wonderful ACH Parent Club is also hosting a Scholastic Book Fair during conferences, adding excitement and encouraging families to make reading part of their time together.



With Halloween treats and the time change behind us, staff are helping students settle back into routines and begin the second quarter with a strong focus on learning. The photo below is our amazingly supportive Parent Club during book fair. We would also like to thank them for providing a meal for our hard-working teachers on Thursday evening for conferences!

For a November spotlight I requested our IMESD school nurse, Rosa Bautista, give us a summary of her duties and highlights as our nurse. *"As a school nurse I spend the majority of my time managing and implementing health care plans for students. I work closely with school staff to gather information and provide health care training as needed. When able I also see kids on a walk-in basis and make recommendations or follow-ups as needed. I truly could not do my job without the support and cooperation of school staff. They make juggling a caseload for three schools manageable and rewarding."*



As a follow-up to my attendance presentation during our MCSD board report last month, I am so happy to share how many attendance awards we were able to give to students who earned them by attending 95%, or better, for the days of school in the month of September! We had ***140 students*** receive certificates… I am so proud of our students, this was an impressive achievement! Thank you, parents, for trusting us with your child and for making sure everyday matters.

Wishing you all a very Happy Thanksgiving, and please know we are grateful for you and your support of AC Houghton Elementary students and staff!

Irrigon Elementary School

Looking back at October was a great month of learning, connection, and celebration at Irrigon Elementary! We continue to focus on creating a positive school environment where students feel connected, supported, and excited to come to school. Our **Average Daily Attendance (ADA) is currently 94.8%**. We appreciate the efforts of our families and staff in making regular attendance a priority. Every day matters, and we will continue working together to encourage students to be at school and engaged in learning.

One of the highlights of October was our **Outdoor School experience**. Students had the opportunity to step outside the traditional classroom setting and engage in hands-on learning experiences that encouraged exploration, teamwork, problem-solving, and an appreciation for the natural world. These experiences provide valuable opportunities for students to make connections between what they learn in the classroom and the world around them. We are grateful for the staff and everyone who helped make these experiences meaningful for our students.





We also appreciate our continued community partnership with Think Big Space. Each week (September-October), our classes have the opportunity to visit Think Big Space and participate in engaging, hands-on learning activities. This partnership provides students with opportunities to explore creativity, innovation, problem-solving, and STEM concepts in an environment that encourages curiosity and discovery. We appreciate Think Big Space for investing in our students and providing experiences that extend learning beyond our school walls.

During October, we also celebrated Red Ribbon Week, taking time to remind students about the importance of making healthy, safe, and positive choices. Through schoolwide Spirit Days and daily announcement reminders, students were encouraged to think about the decisions they make and how those choices contribute to their overall well-being.

We wrapped up the month with our **October Awards Assembly**, where we recognized students for their accomplishments, positive attitudes, effort, and contributions to our school community. These assemblies are a great opportunity to celebrate students, recognize growth, and reinforce the positive behaviors and character traits we want to see throughout our building.





Overall, October was filled with opportunities for students to learn, grow, connect, and be recognized for their successes. We are proud of the experiences happening at Irrigon Elementary and appreciate the continued support of our families, staff, and community partners. We look forward to carrying this positive momentum into November!

Irrigon Jr/Sr High School

On October 28 IJSHS held a successful blood drive.
Students, staff and community member donated. This was put on by Key Club.

Volleyball made it to the second round at state. We are proud of them and their hard work. Booster club supported by paying for students to attend.

Leadership will be putting on a Veteran's Day Assembly on Nov 10. Veterans and their families are welcome. There will be a reception after the assembly.

Winter sports are kicking off. We are excited to welcome many new coaches.

Heppner Elementary School and Heppner Jr/Sr High School

1. K–12 Parent-Teacher Conferences

This year, we have aligned our Parent-Teacher Conference dates and times across Heppner Elementary and Heppner Jr/Sr High School. This adjustment provides greater convenience for our K–12 families, particularly those with students in both buildings. As we continue looking ahead to our transition to a unified K–12 campus, this is another step toward creating consistency and strengthening the connection between our two schools.

2. First Quarter Student Recognition

With the completion of the first quarter, both buildings are preparing to recognize students for their achievements through our quarterly awards. These celebrations provide an opportunity to highlight academic accomplishments, positive behavior, and student growth. Recognizing students for their hard work and success continues to be an important part of building a positive school culture across both buildings.

3. Classroom Instruction & Walkthroughs

Ms. Shelton and I continue to conduct classroom walkthrough observations in both buildings, with an emphasis on core instructional strategies and student engagement. Our focus is on identifying effective instructional practices, providing meaningful feedback to teachers, and supporting continued professional growth. Maintaining a consistent instructional focus across K–12 will be an important part of our work moving forward.

4. Heppner Athletics & Activities

Fall athletics continue to be a bright spot at HJSHS, with several of our teams advancing into postseason competition. Our Girls Volleyball team has earned a trip to the OSAA State Championship final eight in La Grande for the third consecutive year. Our Football team enters the state playoffs as the #1 overall seed, while our Girls Cross Country team has also qualified for the State Championships at Lane Community College in Eugene.

At the middle school level, we are transitioning into winter sports with Boys Basketball and Girls Wrestling getting underway. This year marks a change for Girls Wrestling, which now has its own independent season. We are excited to see our student-athletes continue to represent Heppner throughout the winter.

5. Veterans Day Assembly

We are looking forward to our annual Veterans Day Assembly on November 10th. This is always a special event for our schools and the Heppner community as we come together to recognize and honor the men and women who have served our country. Mrs. Collins does a tremendous job organizing this event each year, bringing together students, staff, veterans, and community members for a meaningful celebration. It is a wonderful tradition and an important opportunity for our students to learn about service, sacrifice, and gratitude.

Two buildings. One community. One commitment to our kids.

MCSD Maintenance & Facilities Report – November 2026

Winter is just around the corner and inclement weather may arrive before we know it. We are preparing for the weather by putting snow tires on vehicles, ordering ice melt and installing snow blades on our equipment.

The Boardman Fire Marshal inspected Sam Boardman, Windy River and Riverside in October. He was pleased to see the improvement from previous years with only a few minor violations. We have thirty days to be compliant.

Bond Project Update:

Irrigon Jr Sr High Project:
We have Owner Architect Contractor (OAC) meetings every two weeks to discuss design decisions, permitting, early site work package possibilities, budget and scheduling. Our team had the 100% Design Development page turn meeting and are working through the estimates to get the project within our construction budget. Next steps are the construction documents, bidding and permitting with a goal of breaking ground this Spring.

Riverside Jr Sr High Project:
Our team has OAC meetings every two weeks on design and constructability. Geotech boring samples were completed in October. The schematic design estimates are trending slightly over budget. Bouten, MACC and SAJ are clarifying scope and reviewing the design plans with Wenaha and the District to get the estimate back to budget. We are discussing construction phasing plans to see how best to keep staff and students safe, classes accessible while maintaining the construction schedule.

SAJ will return to Riverside December 9 and 10 for a two-day design development in-school studio design sessions with staff. The final DAC meeting will likely be scheduled around that time as well. The DAC members are John Christy, Marie Shimer, David Boor, Stephanie Simpson, Claude Birt, Smokey Joe Wightman, Veronica Nunez Lezama and daughter Ariana and Luis Campos.

Heppner K-12 Project:
The OAC meetings are every two weeks to discuss the project with the team.

Fowler will begin their estimating work and review - MACC's slightly under budget on their initial cost estimate based on the early pre-design work.

The SAJ team is hard at work on the design plans based on feedback from the DAC after our school tour along with feedback after our recent site walk with Fowler. We look forward to sharing the updated options with the DAC who are scheduled to meet on November 12. The members are Ryan Gerry, Marie Shimer, Petra Payne, Jason Palmer, Ashley Beard, Sarah Matheny and son Peyton, Linsey Hanna and son Jasper, Jennifer Wilson, John Doherty and Linda Kenny.

District Wide:
We finalized the safety upgrades at SBE and WRE! Thank you to the school staff for their patience. Our next step is to select the bells, paging and audio/visual systems.

SBE, MEC and ACH's upgrades along with the SBE bus loop and parking lot project will begin in June 2027. SAJ, Wenaha, Fowler Construction and sub-contractors had a productive meeting with SBE and ACH administration and secretaries to review and discuss the design plans for the safety vestibule entries and the civil work for the SBE drop off/pick up and parking.

The Bond Oversight Committee's next meeting will be November 18 at Riverside and will be facilitated by Scott Rogers from Wenaha. As a reminder, the committee will meet quarterly through the entire bond process ending in the fall of 2029. The BOC's core purpose will be to carefully monitor the delivery of the proposed bond program to ensure accountability, fiscal transparency, and community trust. Up to three board members are allowed to attend the

meetings. The BOC members include Brett Harrison, Meghan Golden, Don Alleman, Justin Nelson, Tia McNamee, Zac Acock, Debbie Radie, Phyllis Danielson, Torrie Griggs, Frances Glenn and George Shimer.

Pacific Northwest Communications is continuing to create press releases, social media content and update the website. The release of the IJSH design completion post met with positivity and had the most views and engagement of any post so far. It was also published in the Gazette Times, East Oregonian and North Morrow Times.

The District team would like to thank all the volunteer committee members and our incredible staff for their time, openness and support. We are excited to work collaboratively with the school board, staff, students and the community to create facilities for the next generations.

For Irrigon, the proposed schedule is as follows:
✓Schematic Design: 03/2026 – 06/2026
✓Design Development: 06/2026 – 10/2026
Construction Documents: 11/2026 – 03/2027
Bidding and Permitting: 02/2027 – 06/2027
Construction: 07/2027 – 04/2029, potential 03/2027 – 07/2028 (new building), 07/2028 – 04/2029 (demo, site work)

For Riverside, the proposed schedule is as follows:
✓Schematic Design: 07/2026 – 09/2026
Design Development: 10/2026 – 01/2027
Construction Documents: 01/2027 – 05/2027
Bidding and Permitting: 06/2027 – 09/2027
Construction: 10/2027 – 03/2029

For Heppner K-12, the proposed schedule is as follows:
Schematic Design: 09/2026 – 12/2026
Design Development: 12/2026 – 03/2027
Construction Documents: 03/2027 – 06/2027
Bidding and Permitting: 07/2027 – 10/2027
Construction: 02/2028 – 06/2029

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Staff Incident/Accidents Report:

Date	School	Incident
10/12/26	IJSHS	Employee was headbutted on arm causing elbow to extend in wrong direction. No medical attention needed.
10/14/26	IJSHS	Employee was supervising a volleyball game and hurt her hand when rolling a ball back to the court. No medical attention needed.
10/15/26	HES	Employee tripped in hallway while leading first graders. No medical attention needed.
10/19/26	HES	Employee was punched in the face by student, injuring her mount. Dental treatment was necessary.
10/21/26	HES	Employee was hit by a student thrown table, injuring her foot. Medical treatment was sought.