

# Administration Reports

May 2016

## Sam Boardman Elementary

### **April was a great month at Sam Boardman Elementary**

Every year the staff at Sam Boardman works very hard to locate and register the incoming kindergarten students for the fall. To this end, SBE has advertised all over town with flyers and through reader-boards. On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, families involved in the local pre-school programs visited the school. Students had the opportunity to meet the P.E. and music teachers as well as the cafeteria staff and library staff. Families also got to visit a kindergarten classroom. Turnout was great, and we already have 50 students signed up for Kinder Roundup! It is so fun to meet these new little faces and their families. We look forward to a wonderful upcoming school-year with our new students and families.

Additionally, we started SBAC testing with our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. We started the process with inspirational posters made by the second grade students and posted around the third grade hall. Before entering the testing lab each day, students did exercise, answered warm up questions, and were reminded that we are so proud of them for doing their best. We have seen an increase in motivation to take the test by many students, and we are excited to see our results.

Finally, Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> was the annual SBE carnival. Our PTO worked very hard to put on an exciting event with lots of prizes, games, and delicious food. We estimate between 800 and 1000 people came out to participate. They bought almost all the food, played many games with their children, and bought a lot of raffle tickets. Some of the items raffled off included a TV, a scooter, piñatas, and much, much more. The atmosphere was excited and a lot of fun. We are so proud of both our parents and staff at SBE who came together to host such an important community event.

## Windy River Elementary

As I shared last month our school improvement plan is almost complete. Part of this plan includes an emphasis on communication with our parents. I have included a portion of my quarterly news report that I share with our parents and community:

Dear Parents,

Windy River is a busy place as we prepare for the end of year. There are many exciting events happening as a school, as well as within our individual classrooms. I would like to share the highlights that will take us into June.

As a school we are preparing for our state testing. A letter was sent home detailing how you can support your child as they participate in these assessments. We are also anxious about the opportunity that we have on April 19th with a school wide assembly, OMSI will be presenting to our school the exciting world of science. On June 7th students will be performing in our annual Talent Show. This is a wonderful tradition that allows students to show off their talents and interests. Finally, on June 9th we will be having our annual Field Day. You are welcome to participate and have a great time with your child!

4th graders will be visiting Tamastlikt Cultural Institute on May 12th. They will also be visiting Fort Walla Walla Museum on May 19th. 5th graders will be participating in a Watershed field trip April 27th in Lexington. On May 12th they will be making a college visit to Eastern Oregon University. Outdoor School for 5th graders will be the first week in June. 6th graders will be taking a math placement test on April 20th in preparation for their move to Riverside Jr/Sr High School. On May 26th they will be visiting Columbia Gorge Community College and Oaks Park. These events are excellent learning opportunities and ways that our students can explore the world around them.

We know that our success is in great part attributed to our partnerships throughout the community. Thank you for all that you do for your child and our school!

Respectfully,

Brandon Hammond  
Windy River  
Principal

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

The school year is quickly drawing to a close. This month we will be holding our final conferences for the year and giving students and parents the opportunity to pre-register for fall classes. Our staff continues to look for ways to increase opportunities for our students and next year we will be adding an advanced CAD 3D printing class as well as French.

Our seniors are busy wrapping up their high school careers with their portfolio presentations on May 18<sup>th</sup>. We currently have two seniors finishing up with their essential skills but anticipate that all our current seniors will be graduating on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

May is also our month of field trips. The juniors and seniors will have their annual picnic at the Portland Zoo for the students that are on track to graduate.

Both our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes also have reward trips scheduled; students are able to participate in these trips if they are passing classes and have no outstanding behavior or attendance issues with the office. This year the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will be going to Salem to tour the state capitol and meet with government officials. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders will have a campus tour at Columbia Basin Community College and watch a movie at the planetarium. We also have our physics class going to Silverwood to participate in a science program and we have a group of history students going to the Portland Historical Society.

### **AC Houghton Elementary**

We are celebrating our teachers this month at ACH. We have a wonderful caring staff that works diligently for all the students!!

Our students are working hard on Smarter Balanced testing.

Our annual school carnival was April 7. This was a fabulous night of fun and extremely hard work by all the staff and the parent teacher club.

At ACH we are also gearing up for the end of the school year. Lots of field trips coming up and then we will have an Artist in Residence for two weeks in May.

As always at ACH we are always striving towards our three A's "Academics, Attendance, and Attitude!"

### **Irrigon Elementary**

#### **Upcoming Events at IES**

**Outdoor School – May 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>** – Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and 4 staff members will be attending the OMSI Outdoor School in Fossil, OR again this year. This is an end of elementary school culminating event that is very much looked forward to by all! OMSI does an excellent job facilitating Field Studies related to survival skills, Interest Groups such as studies on fossils, orienteering and team challenges. There are also Evening Programs that are facilitated by both OMSI and MCSD staff, these include Eco-Games and nightly campfire activities. We appreciate the support of the Morrow Education Foundation who contributes most of the money to make this culminating field trip possible.

**Testing Wrap Up – May 9<sup>th</sup> – May 26<sup>th</sup>** – We continue to support our students in their completion of the Smarter Balanced Assessment. Students have testing times each day and as they finish we are enriching learning by completing STEAM activities/lessons that incorporate learning in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. Students seem to want to work hard so that they can take part in these enrichment activities with their grade level peers.

**End of Year Assembly & Spring Concert – June 1<sup>st</sup>** – At the end of the year assembly our students will be awarded for their end of the year academic awards, as well as citizenship awards that have been earned throughout the year. Our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade music classes will get an opportunity to perform as well as our 6<sup>th</sup> grade band and 6<sup>th</sup> grade choir. We will also recognize the volunteers that made IES successful this year.

**3<sup>rd</sup> grade & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Move-Up day – June 3<sup>rd</sup>** – On this date, in the afternoon, the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders from ACH will have an opportunity to come up to IES and meet their teachers, as well as tour the school and learn about the new activities that are available to IES students. We will showcase our Lego Robotics club and begin enrollment for that. Students will also get the opportunity to meet the support staff that make IES an awesome school!

**Last Day Festivities – June 9<sup>th</sup>** – On the last day of school students will get the opportunity to participate in some really “FUNTASTIC” activities – there will be a Minute to Win It competition, a barbeque lunch, a Dodgeball tournament and a very special treat for all students – the Tiki Hut shaved ice will be here! The ASB will purchase shaved ice for all students! J It is typically a really exciting end of the year treat!

### Irrigon Jr/Sr High School

As we enter the month of May, graduation is just a hop, skip, and a jump away. Seniors are busy finalizing their requirements for graduation, juniors are in the middle of SBAC testing, and the rest of the students are putting the finishing touches on what has been a great year at Irrigon Jr/Sr High School.

April brought high temperatures and a lot of excitement for our students. Our CTE students were able to participate in some local events. We had students compete in a shop skills competition, where they displayed their skills in different types of welding and metal fabrication. On April 27, many of our tech students participated in the STEP Tech Expo in Pendleton. IMESD hosted the event, which provided a look at many of the career possibilities for students after high school. During the course of the day, students explored programming, tech support, computer hardware, networking, and more. At lunch they had the opportunity to talk to quite a few people who work in a variety of tech related fields. As a result of participating in the expo, students have an opportunity to attend a summer camp and possibly work an internship over the summer.

On April 20 we hosted the Junior High Tri-County Band Festival. Roughly 250 students from small schools throughout the region were in attendance. We had a guest conductor, Charles Bolton, from Portland State here to work with one of the bands all day. We performed a concert that evening, which was well attended.

FFA recently participated in the Shop Skills Competition with many students placing 1st:

Beg Results; 1<sup>st</sup> Place as Team

Ethan Greer; 1<sup>st</sup> Tool ID, 1<sup>st</sup> Plumbing, 1<sup>st</sup> Master Mechanic

Brady Harrington; 2<sup>nd</sup> Arc Welding, 2<sup>nd</sup> Oxy Cut

Anthony Rodelo; 1<sup>st</sup> Oxy Weld

Tucker McAllister 1<sup>st</sup> Oxy Cut

Ryan Macomber; 1<sup>st</sup> Wiring

Michael Brantley; 3<sup>rd</sup> Arc Welding

Advanced; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place as Team

Nate Verley 1<sup>st</sup> oxy weld

Kenny Blurton; 2<sup>nd</sup> Arc welding

Aaron Muth; 1<sup>st</sup> Mig





We also have begun holding our FFA plant sale starting May 6<sup>th</sup>. This is one of the biggest FFA fundraisers of the year. Mr. Greer and our students do a fantastic job putting together baskets and arrangements and they are widely sought after in the community.

To recap our student college visit funded by Gear Up. We had 18 students travel to Linn-Benton Community College where they received a guided tour from the admissions office as well as information on applying and program offerings (including dual enrollment with Oregon State University). After that, we continued on to Oregon State University. There some of our students met with the CAMP program which is a program designed to support migrant students at Oregon State. There, the students met with former Irrigon/Boardman/Hermiston students to discuss going to school at OSU. Our students that did not qualify for the CAMP program were treated to a tour of the basketball facilities at OSU and were able to meet Wayne Tinkle OSU Mens basketball coach. After those sessions were completed, students were able to tour the campus, see lecture halls, the Dixon Recreation Center, and the Memorial Union. The second day students visited Western Oregon University. There they were able to have the experience of eating in the university dining hall, meet a graduate assistant instructor and tour classrooms. The final stop on the trip was to Linfield College. There they received admission packets and were able to walk through the campus.

### **Heppner Elementary**

The spring is so busy! Lego Robotics wrapped up for the year in April. In addition, the Chess for Success state tournament was held in Portland. We had several students travel with Mrs. Elguezabal to that. They stayed overnight since the tournament was a Friday/Saturday affair. Our youth have been involved in track and little league baseball and softball.

While the little league sports are ongoing, track held their district meet at Umatilla. Both of the boy's teams and one of the girl's teams placed second to host Umatilla. Since our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are part of the Junior High track program this is quite an accomplishment for them competing with the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

There is of course ongoing SBAC testing. We are receiving from some of the earliest tests and the scores are good. This will continue into the first couple of weeks in May. Attendance for HES is 181 enrolled and 94.3% attendance as of May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Two major annual events wrapped up the month of April. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade class participated in Watershed Field Day on April 27<sup>th</sup>. It was noted that Heppner students were well supported with parent chaperones for which we are grateful. The day was productive and enjoyable for all who participated. We were also assisted by some HHS students from who helped teach at one of the stations.

Tupper Outdoor School is a great way for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to spend a week. They were well taught and cared for throughout the week. A huge thank you to our 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers who planned and carried out that experience. They were supported by a great group of high school counselors and many individuals from our community who give of their time to teach and support this invaluable experience each year.

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

It is time to once again to report the recent happenings of Heppner Jr/Sr High School. May has arrived and our current enrollment at HJSHS is 160 students with an overall attendance percentage of 93.5% as of May 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will continue to promote the importance of regular attendance to the students and parents of Heppner schools.

April was full of many exciting events which took place at HJSHS and we look forward to many May events which include:

- Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup> - District Spelling Contest at BMCC - 7:00pm
- Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> - Site Council (4:30pm) & PTC (5:530pm) Meetings held at HES.
- Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup> - Music Concert held at HES Gym - 6pm.
- Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> - HHS Prom at St Patrick's Catholic Church Parish Hall - 9pm-12am.
- Monday May 9<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup> – HJSHS Drama Production at 7pm.
- Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup> - Mustang Mop-Up Community Service 8am to 2pm.
- Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup> - FFA Banquet.
- Monday May 16<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup> - HJSHS Drama Production at 7pm.
- Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup> - HJSHS National Honor Society Event in Library at 9am.
- Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup> - HJSHS Booster Club Mtg. in Library at 6pm.
- Monday May 23<sup>rd</sup> - Senior Portfolio Presentations at HHS 4:30 - 6:30pm.
- Tuesday May 24<sup>th</sup> - HHS Night of Excellence held at HES Gym - 6:30pm.
- Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup> - HJSHS Daytime Awards Assembly at HJSHS Gym - 2:45pm.
- Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup> - 8th Grade Celebration at HJSHS - 6:00 to 10:00pm.
- Monday May 30<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day Holiday - No School.

## **Management's Discussion and Analysis**

### **Maintenance & Facilities Update for May 2016**

\* McKinstry related updates:

- 1) Boiler tune-up to begin in June as soon as school lets out.
- 2) Kick off meetings have been scheduled for both the HVAC Preventative Maintenance and Phase II of the PDP (Project Development Plan).

### **Additional follow-up from last report:**

- Lexington D.O. Building has officially closed – SOLD to Sam and Mary Kay Bellamy.
- Surplus vehicle sale in the works to be advertised in June.
- Matt, Jan, Dirk and Erika recently met to go over final maintenance and facilities budget needs for next school year.
- Jan and Kim have also assessed kitchen needs throughout the district. There are several dishwashers/proofers that are outdated in the district and Kim is working on grants to help offset the cost to replace them and we will be budgeting the items through Food Service and Maintenance funds for 2016-17.
- Heppner bus yard gravel overlay has been completed.

### **Financial Report Talking Points:**

We look forward to presenting the 2016-2017 budget to the committee. It includes a PERS reserve fund to help cushion the District from the projected PERS increases in the next biennium. The budget also reflects continuation of improvements to our facilities, technology and payment of college credits for our students.

### **Work Related Injuries**

- Employee tripped up by soccer ball/skinned hands and knees