

Administration Reports

November 2016

Sam Boardman Elementary

November is a great month for Sam Boardman Elementary.

Fall conferences were very successful. Many parents came and had positive and productive conversations with teachers and other staff around their child's behavior and academic progress. We also used this time to inform families about the processes in place in the event of a reunification as well as ask them to fill out the family satisfaction survey. It was a wonderful time to connect with the community, and we look forward to the Spring when we will show off their child's learning.

We were thrilled to host our first Student of the Month Luncheon on Wednesday November 2nd. Students chosen for this honor by their teachers were invited the week before and given an invitation for their parents as well. The library was decorated with tablecloths and centerpieces, and the atmosphere was festive. Each teacher chooses two winners every month in one of four categories: academic effort or achievement, respect, responsibility, and demonstrating safe behavior. Students get to eat lunch with their parents and one friend they have invited, receive a special dessert, are awarded a certificate, a fancy pencil, a Student of the Month button, and a book to take home. The luncheon was fun and special for students and parents. We are excited for next month's luncheon. If you would ever be interested in joining us, please let Ms. Kimmell know, and she can send you the dates. Finally, a huge "Thank you!" to Mrs. Sherrie Lennox and Mrs. Anne Orcutt for their hard work and creative efforts to make this event such an amazing one.

November 10th was our annual Veteran's Day Concert. Our brand new music teacher Chelsae Linehan did a wonderful job getting our students along with the students from Windy River ready to perform in tribute to all our veterans for what they have done and continue to do for our country. Special guest speakers included Chief Stokoe of the Boardman Police Department (himself a veteran) and Elijah Conlin who is currently serving in the National Guard. This event is a wonderful occasion for the students and staff of SBE/WRE to express our gratitude for those who have made such enormous sacrifices, and we are glad to get the opportunity each year.

Finally, we are enthusiastically anticipating the annual Family Feast held the day before our Thanksgiving Break – this year November 22nd. Each year several hundred parents join us for turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, and all the trimmings! We look forward to seeing the Boardman Police Department as well as Boardman first responders in the serving line greeting kiddos and dishing up food. If you would like to be a part of this community event, please feel free to contact Ms. Kimmell at 541-481-7383 or sarah.kimmell@morrow.k12.or.us.

Windy River Elementary

This month I would like to focus on the area "Student Achievement" within Windy River's 4 Square Focus. The area of student achievement has five main components; PBIS (which is a positive behavioral program), professional development, data, classified staff, and summer school. This month I will address how Data will be implemented in our student's achievement.

For the past several years our math achievement school wide has shown a deficit. From my onset as principal, we have discussed and looked at ways to improve students understanding in mathematics. With the help of our new assessment tool, I-Ready, we are working on implementing a specific strategy to address our student's needs. Recently, 40 chrome books were purchased. With these chrome books our school has a one-to-one ratio of electronic devices. We have also purchased a computer based program MobyMax. Our plan is to use the data from I-Ready, which gives specific learning targets where students are lacking. Teachers can then assign these learning goals using the MobyMax program. The majority of students will be working on either a chrome book or i-pad, there is one class that will be using our computer lab as their base.

Through this process the hope is students will make over a years' worth of growth. I-Ready data revealed that 87% of our students are one to two grade levels below their current placement. The need for improvement cannot be delayed and we as a staff need to help our students move well beyond a year's growth to get them back on track. I am excited about the

opportunity this challenge gives our staff. I believe that we are moving in the right direction and will see the gains necessary for student's to make the necessary progress.

Windy River has a tremendous staff that work tirelessly in the pursuit of student achievement. I am honored to be working with them and look forward to our end report that shows how much growth our students have made.

Riverside Jr/Sr High School

We are wrapping up our fall sports season with both our soccer teams winning their league championship. This was a first for our girls, who unfortunately lost their first play-off game. The boys won their quarterfinal game against Gervis 2-0 and will play in the quarterfinals against Catlin Gabel November 8th.

Our Police Explorers class was selected as the only group of students in the state to work with Jodi Sherwood of the Oregon State Police in providing feedback for the new Oregon School Safety Tip Line. Students were able to see the platform and provide feedback on the name of the tip line (still confidential), format/design of the program, and terminology. They spent time also discussing whether or not students would actually use the program. Later this fall the students will be a part of the pilot of the tip line before it goes live in 2017.

October has been a busy month with our academic counseling department. Seniors worked on their FASFA accounts with 50%+ students (seniors) participating with their parents. We have also been hosting the Juntos program with the OSU extension office to help seniors and freshmen families negotiate the college application and financial aid process. We also had our first meetings with the College Possible meetings with our mentor and have 13 juniors committed to the program. Finally, our seniors completed their job shadow day with great success, we had several new businesses participate and that gave our students greater opportunities to explore the new types of jobs opening in our area.

AC Houghton Elementary

Here at AC Houghton, the staff and students have been working hard getting ready for Parent-Teacher conferences. It's a great time to showcase the teacher, and the student's hard work and dedication to learning! The staff has been working hard on learning the new TYLER SIS program for grades and report cards. Our staff, also, attended a great professional development opportunity on engagement in the classroom with Steve Ventura. As always, we are striving for our three A's – Academics, Attendance, and Attitude.

Irrigon Elementary

Irrigon Elementary is gearing up to have the most spectacular next few months! We will kick off November with the first conference sessions of the school year. We enjoy having the opportunity to meet our parents and be able to let them know how their child is being successful each and every day at IES. We will wrap up the month of November with our annual Reading Day! This will take place on November 22nd, and is an all-day event dedicated to reading.

Our afterschool Lego League program is off to a roaring start this year! All three teams have chosen projects that enhance the interactions between humans and animals. Some examples of these projects are bird repellants for airplanes and water/land mobility devices for small animals with four legs. All mission models are constructed and the programmers have attacked in full force. In our first year, we were thrilled to have completed one mission by the end of the year. In our first day of FLL programming, one team completed TWO full missions! Teams are working on core values with special secret missions every other week. They have worked extensively on including their whole team and being enthusiastic no matter what you are asked to do.

When it comes to science our 5th grade completed an ecosystem unit during the first quarter. The teachers integrated language, Journey's reading, Social Studies, Technology and Science into the unit. Students read about ecosystems in Journey's and researched and wrote about a particular ecosystem in a five paragraph paper. Fifth graders also learned

about world geography and painted pumpkins to look like a globe. They ended the unit with creating food webs on Google Classroom and building successful local biomes that included live plants and animals.

Lastly, we all know that November is also the time to be thankful for what you have and at Irrigon Elementary we are thankful each day for the tremendous staff we have educating our students. Our staff come to work every day with a smile on their face and ready to teach or assist to the best of their abilities. We could not ask for a better group of staff members to serve the children and families of Irrigon.

Submitted by Kaira Rysdam, Head Teacher

Irrigon Jr/Sr High School

The month of October has come and gone, and we are already through the first quarter of the school year. As we entered October our staff was treated to a great presentation by Steve Ventura on student engagement. We have continued to focus on engaging instruction during our classroom walkthroughs. This focus allows us to have meaningful discussions with our teachers about what we observe when we are in their classroom. This has been coupled with our continued work with Jocelyn Jones from the ESD and our book study 17,000 classroom visits cannot be wrong. October has also brought on some of our mandatory testing, as our sophomores have completed the PSAT and our juniors have completed the ASVAB this month. We also partnered with Gear Up to have a college application week. During this week, students could come in after school and get support in filling out and submitting college applications. We also had our first visitation and presentation from the College Possible group. This group is continuing a lot of the work that Gear Up was doing, and targeting the Junior Class this year. We are also looking to partner with Oregon State Extension Office to support our Latino students preparing for life after high school with a program called Juntos. Juntos means together in Spanish. This program is a college and career readiness program for Latino students and their families. It is a 6-week program that teaches families how to prepare their students for higher education or work beyond high school. It is a six-week program taught in the evenings. This program is available at no additional cost.

Our Band continues to find creative ways to fundraise for their Spring Break trip to Hawaii, as they hosted a Halloween Party the weekend before Halloween. This event was open to the public and had a fantastic turnout, and is already being planned as a new yearly event for our school and community. Our Drama club is underway for their fall production that will take place on November 18th and 19th at Irrigon Jr/Sr High School. Fall sports have all come to an end, and with our recent move to the 3A level, our teams battled mightily. Both our Volleyball and Boys Soccer teams finished one spot out of the playoff qualifications, our football team represented our school proudly, and our newly formed girls soccer team had a great first year. We are now in preparation for winter sports with junior high boys basketball already having their first games and high school winter sports getting ready to begin.

Go Knights!

Heppner Elementary

HES has a current enrollment of 175. Our attendance percentage was 95% for the first quarter (taken on October 28th). While this is a good attendance number, there are a few chronic attendance issues. Improving the attendance of those consistently absent or late will continue to be a focus for us at HES.

In the month of October Dental sealants were provided for 22 students at HES. All students present on the 12th and 17th also received vision and hearing screenings. There were a couple of after school activities to note in October. Math night was held at HES on October 4th with great support from our staff and good attendance by parents. Chess Mates began this month thanks to Mrs. Elguezabal's considerable efforts. Nearly 40 of our students are signed up and participating! Mrs. Elguezabal has recruited many community volunteers making this a very important activity for both learning and community involvement. Also, the Parent Teacher Club sponsored a carnival with dinner provided that was very successful in raising money. These funds are used upon approved requests for support of teachers in their classrooms.

Lego Robotics continues on Tuesdays under Mrs. Gibbs' supervision. There are two teams of 5-6 members each preparing for the December competition. The Fourth grade enjoyed a field trip to the Sage center early in the month. The whole

school was treated to two assemblies provided by a generous local supporter. The Oregon Coast Aquarium came to HES and provided an assembly for K-2 and another for 3rd-6th grade. Per our sponsor's request Lone Elementary was invited to participate as well.

As October came to a close we all participated in Red Ribbon Week which is the annual drug awareness program put on by our student body officers under the direction of Mrs. Sweeney. Each day there were small gifts with messages for students and staff. One day students and staff dressed in red to show support of healthy life choices.

We are happy to report that our HES student who was involved in a serious auto/pedestrian accident, returned home much earlier than expected and is recovering well. The support received from our students and staff was astounding. We delivered boxes of cards, letters and snacks for his family who were at OHSU for over a week. A BIG THANK YOU goes to members of the IMESD crisis team that came to provide a safe room on the day after the accident when we still did not know how things would turn out. Also a BIG THANKS to Community Counseling Services is in order since they provided two extra days for our counselor Mrs. Reid to be available for students in our building during this time.

Heppner Jr/Sr High School

With the first quarter of our year completed, we have a current attendance percentage of 94.6%. Heppner Junior/Senior High School recently received our state report card scores from last school year and we are pleased to announce that HJSHS students scored above both the state and "like school" comparison averages. While we are happy with the results we realize that there is always room for additional growth and improvement. We will stay the course and continue our commitment towards academic improvement for all students attending HJSHS.

Our Volleyball team completed a successful season with a 3rd place finish at the district tournament which we hosted at HJSHS on Saturday, October 22nd. The Heppner Cross Country team performed well with a 7th place finish at the district tournament in Pendleton on Friday, October 28th. Hunter Nichols placed 4th individually and qualified for the state meet which will take place on Saturday, November 5th in Eugene. Our Football team finished the regular season ranked as the #4 seed in the state and we will host Gold Beach in a 1st round home play-off game on Saturday, November 5th.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Maintenance & Facilities Update for November 2016

McKinstry has submitted their Facility Improvement Measure Summary and repair work is underway. We will have a follow up meeting on November 9th with McKinstry Team to go over the RCx report and construction kickoff.

The Nissan that was damaged in the hit and run incident in Boardman has been in the auto body shop for the past a month. Once it has been repaired, we will take the Ford Focus in for repair. This was covered by our insurance.

Radon testing took place towards the end of October in all schools by PBS Environmental. We should have results within the next two to three weeks. Results will be published on the MCSD website.

The District plans to evaluate our camera systems for front entrances in all buildings for security purposes. We will be working with IMESD IT Department to go out for bid for this project. Additionally, we are currently reviewing campus site locations of existing AED machines and plan to add additional units to help provide better coverage for each MCSD campus.

Financial Report Talking Points:

In October the District received \$130,565 in utility revenue in lieu of taxes, a \$16,924 SAIF dividend and \$9,401 from a State class action law suit. The settlement resulted from the Attorney General's law suit for antitrust litigation for technology purchases (dynamic random access memory and LCD flat panel screens). The revenue is over and above the monthly basic school support, property taxes and food service receipts.

October Incident/Accident Report

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