

Principal & Director Reports

April 2007

A.C. Houghton Elementary

- Our third-grade class will be going to Pendleton to view Beauty and the Beast at the Vert Auditorium. This will be April 10. This is a great cultural and educational opportunity for students.
- The Buck and Elizabeth musical duo was a smash success in our building in the first part of March. We have received the CDs with musical compositions prepared by each class during their weeklong visit at ACH. This program was funded in large part by the special teacher incentive grants that were awarded by the district at the first of the school year. Special kudos go to Mrs. Pomeroy who made us aware of this musical team and put together the grant to bring them to our school.
- We will have the third quarter Accelerated Reader party for those kids who attained their reading goal on April 5. Each quarter grade levels set goals for a certain number of points to be gained during the nine weeks. Each book is valued at a certain number of points with the bigger chapter books creating more points. We have a special activity treat, this quarter being little bottles of bubbles that kids can play with during the half-hour recess time. We also will have ice cream sundaes to start out the activity. High school students will be helping out from IHS.
- I have personally been heavily involved as a member of the Irrigon Marina Park Board of Directors writing a grant to the State Oregon Parks Department to fund the completion of the Irrigon Youth Sports Complex group of ballparks and soccer field. This grant is due on April 13. The district's donation of the previously leased to Little League property will have an credible effect on our ability to achieve this grant. Many hours are going into this project.

Heppner Elementary School

Board Report for Heppner Elementary,

- Heppner Elementary conducted interviews for a new secretary since Elaine Miller has announced her retirement. We had many fine applicants and have chosen Brandi Sweeney to be our secretary for 07-08. Brandi has done a wonderful job working as an aid and will continue that excellent level of performance in the office. Please welcome her into her new position.



- The Hampstead Players will be performing Robin Hood for HES students, staff, and parents on April 24th. The group was traveling through eastern Oregon and was able to provide us with a really good deal. Their performances in the past have been fabulous. This will be free to parents if they would like to attend.
- HES conferences are to be held on Thursday the 5th from 4-8 and on Friday the 6th from noon until 8 PM.
- I am still working on trying to determine the feasibility of extending Elder Street to the highway and closing Stansbury. During the highway construction seems to be the perfect time to do this. I will be addressing the Heppner City Council on Monday the 9th (which is why I will not be at the board meeting) to get their support in letting the city manager assist me in this endeavor.
- HES will be doing Kindergarten Round Up on Monday the 16th. We have activities planned and hope to determine an approximate number of students to assist in scheduling for next year.
- The teachers at HES are all geared up and ready for one big push to the end of the year. We have many field trips scheduled and fun outdoor activities. Tupper Outdoor School is coming up fast and the 6th grade students are starting many learning activities to prepare for this fun week.

I had to add in this one picture for the fun of it. No one can ever say going to school at Heppner Elementary is not a good time.

The custodians at HES are simply the best!



Heppner High School

- Our greenhouse is producing and our students are engaged in selling some product this spring.
- Still working on School Improvement plan- looking at it with Site Council.
- Our Technology Student Association and Mr. Fowler has done a wonderful job of finishing our storage shed up at the track. It is to be finished by the end of the month. We held a community work day on the shed to set the trusses and sheet the roof. It was very productive and now Mr. Fowler's classes are finishing the rest of the construction.
- Our Custodial staff and many students have worked very hard in the track facility laying new irrigation pipe and preparing for new grass to the hillside.
- Beth Dickenson and her FFA kids attended the State FFA Convention with much enthusiasm. Our school district has put together a news release containing information about their trip.
- All of our spring sports are up and going strong. We have great numbers out for all sports with exception to softball where there is 14 girls.
- Our ASB and the TSA group is working on new Heppner High School metal signs to display on both entries to the high school. Our goal is to have them up by graduation.

- We have set dates for our GOAL exit celebrations with seniors for the 24th and 26th of May from 6pm till 8pm
- Our first annual community service project will be held May 3rd. Our student body has named this day and we are organizing it as a school. We have named this day the Mustang Mop Up day and we will break up by advisory to address specific civic and community clean up endeavors for an entire day. It is a chance to spend a day giving back to our community, and learn from the experience. We need about 20 projects and to date we still need a few more. So if you hear of any that may fit, please let me know. There will be a BBQ in the park for lunch for all involved. It would be great to involve some board members for the day. If you would like to be part of this in any capacity, please let me know. The Heppner High School Booster Club has sponsored this event by buying printed shirts for every student and staff member that participates as well. Needless to say, I and our staff are very excited to put this day of service together for everyone involved and it should be the start of a special event that our community looks forward to every year.

Irrigon Elementary School

Parent Club: Our newly established Parent Club has scheduled a spaghetti dinner for all IES students and families. The dinner will be May 24th. Each classroom will be responsible for donating parts of the dinner: One class will be the noodle class; another, the bread class, etc. In addition to the dinner, families will have the opportunity to play in the gym, watch a movie, or play games in the library.

Classified Employee Appreciation Week: This year each classroom adopted two classified employees for the week. Their job was to make the week extra special for these very important staff members. It was lots of fun with posters and cards a plenty.

School Wide Planning: Our Site Council has started the process of collecting survey information and testing data to begin the process of developing our plan for the 2007-08 school year. This is a challenge this year because we don't have the testing data that we have relied on in the past; however, the Council is looking at other ways to look at student progress this year.

Good Behavior: We recognized and rewarded all of our students who had not received an office referral during the third nine weeks of school with the movie, "Open Season". This quarter 85% of our students were invited to the movie.

Accelerated Reading: Our students continue to exceed all reading expectations. This quarter, our students earned 4781.4 points; fifth grade earned 2770.7 and sixth grade earned 1989.0. The average level of book read was 4.5-5.0 grade level. Our total for the year sits at 13,167.9! This is truly incredible when you take in to account that 126 kids have done all the reading. That's 104.5 points per student.....AMAZING!

Student Body Assembly: Our monthly Student Body assembly was held Thursday, March 15th . The following students were recognized by their classroom teacher:

Responsible

Adan Guardado, Rachel Newport, Francisco Nunez, Eric Vera, Jasmine Anaya, Kyle Blurton, Sam Gering,

Betsy Guadarrama

Respectful

Jamie Thomas, Karen Gonzalez, Dustin Rule, Victor Gutierrez, Hannah O'Neil, Samantha Mills, Emilie McKenney, Braxten Chadwell

Reliable

Logan Sanders, Ricky Ramos, Andy Aguilera, Andreina Garcia, Seth Dynes, Samantha Baumgartner,
Francisco Nunez, Steven Maine

Irrigon High School

April 2007 SB Report---IJSHS—FFA Presentation

March included a very nice Winter Sports award evening with a new format where we started with the JH teams, then had dessert and finished with HS awards. Community input on the format was overwhelmingly positive. We also recommended Michelle Morgan as the Girls varsity basketball coach and Beth Wheeler as the cheer leading coach for 07-08. On March 15 we had a JH dance that went very well. We will have another JH dance during the fourth quarter. On March 22 we had a great MS/HS Band/Choir concert. Approximately 80 students participated and did a very nice job.

An IJSHS Senior received a four year scholarship to Carroll College in Montana. Another senior has to choose between scholarship offers from Pacific and Gonzaga. The Booster club finalized their scholarship worth up to \$3000. We also finalized a private scholarship worth \$2000.

April will be a very busy month. These are some of the activities:

Apr 2 Healthy Teen Survey

Apr 3 Graduation Mtg—Met with a parent and senior representatives to discuss graduation plans. Emphasized importance of this first graduation at IJSHS. Will meet again next week for further discussion.

Apr 4 Mr and Mrs Davis and Jr Prom Committee members visited site of Prom-McNary Golf Course Restaurant facility.

Apr 5-6 Student Led Conferences

Apr 9 Joint CEC/School Board Meeting at IJSHS. FFA students will present information on recently completed state event. FFA includes IJSHS students and students from RHS.

Apr 12-13 HS Play 7:00 PM

Apr 11 Juniors will be taking ASVAB Test
Band Festival—Details coming...

Apr 14 Skatepark Dedication @ 12:00

Apr 16-17 ICE Presentations 4:00 PM

Apr 18 Begin 07-08 scheduling

Apr 23 Best of IHS 6-7:30 PM

Apr 28 Prom 8-12:00 McNary

Riverside High School

MATH TEACHER HONORED

Riverside math teacher, Betsy Shane, received recognition from Oregon Council of Teachers of Mathematics for leadership and service. Mrs. Shane was honored with OCTM's Area Recognition Award. She has taught seventh- and eighth-grade math at Riverside for two years. Mrs. Shane has served several Oregon Department of Education projects, such as acting as a problem solving facilitator. She currently serves as one of the school and district test coordinators. "The biggest measure of Shane's ability," said Riverside Principal Dirk Dirksen, "is her impact on kids.

Betsy is an excellent teacher who has made exceptional efforts above and beyond what has been asked of her to ensure that all Riverside students have the opportunity to be successful."

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Fifty-eight Riverside High School students maintained Perfect Attendance status during the 3rd quarter. In accordance with the high school's "Perfect Attendance Policy" in an effort to improve attendance, these 58 students were not required to attend school on the day of Final Exams.

TSA STUDENTS COMPETE AT REGIONAL COMPETITION

Nine Riverside High School students attended the TSA Competition held at BMCC on February 22nd. The events were Cyber Pursuit, Co2 Car Races, and a Problem Solving Activity. In the Cyber Pursuit the students had to build a web page and do a presentation on that web page. For the Problem Solving Activity they had to design and build a crash barrier with given items. They then tested their designs. During the Car Race competition they designed, constructed and raced their dragster designs.

Students involved in the competition are as follows: Kelli Jones, Bryce Doherty, Eduardo Lezama, Chase Simpson, Nick Armstrong, Cody Connell, Chris Bensen, James Town, and Joe Wedding. Bryce Doherty finished 3rd in the Co2 dragster competition. Although Eduardo's car was disqualified on a design flaw his CAD drawing was outstanding.

Going to these types of regional competitions is a great opportunity for our kids to get out there and compete academically. The kids really get to see where their knowledge base and problem solving techniques stack up against their peers.

RHS DRAMA PRODUCTION

"It's Murder" was the production presented by the Riverside Drama Department on March 9 and 10, 2007. The production was a three-act combination of a one-act play, student-driven skits and themed scenes.

During the first act, a spoof of American Idol was developed by Emily Doherty. Emily's cast of contestants strutted their musical lip-sync talent. Atrayu Corpus got the audience involved and set the tone for the act. The second contribution to act one was a skit developed by Gabriel Cox, Timothy and Tonya Thomason. The players performed an inside look at the filming of a movie and the interaction of the director and cast.

Act Two consisted of the one-act play "Dinner at Eight, Dead by Nine" a murder mystery. The audience was asked to vote for the cast character they thought would become the murderer. After the intermission Doris Hill, as Eleanor Van Heusen, was revealed to be the cast member who died in her spaghetti. As the prat falling detective, Nate Bennett, interrogated the suspects to discover the killer. New comer, Zach Thompson revealed his comedic talent as the 'bad boy' love interest of Darby, played by Bianka Munoz.

Act Three consisted of action scenes written, directed and choreographed by Candido Cornejo. His scenes were inspired by "Xena, Warrior Princess" and Ann Rice for "The Seven".

A big thank you goes out to Melissa "Missy" Morelli for her contribution to costuming and set design. Missy provided leadership during the production and she will be missed as she graduates this spring. A big hand also goes out to Dustin Phillips, Timothy Thomason and Atrayu Corpus for their work with the sound and light cues for the production.

Riverside is proud of the students' effort and teamwork in making "It's Murder" a success.

FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

CITIZEN

7th Grade—Wyatt Bishop
8th Grade— Alejandra Mendoza
Frosh— Amanda McKnight
Soph— Brenda Madrigal
Jr— Leticia Rodriguez
Sr— Juan Calvillo

ACADEMIC

7th Grade— Erik Carranza
8th Grade— Cain Murillo
Frosh—Viviana Colin
Soph—Justine Parker
Jr—Joe Rupe
Sr—Missy Morelli

Windy River Elementary

Windy River Staff and Students are back from Spring Break looking refreshed and ready to go!

Before break we finished our spring fundraiser. We sold 4,000 dollars worth of chocolate candy. We will get to keep 50% of that total for our student body fund. This money will go to help cover the costs of our Outdoor school that is coming up in May. The kids did a great job. The top three sales persons are listed below along with their prize:

1st Samantha Hernandez; a \$75.00 gift certificate

2nd Juan Villegas; \$ 50.00 gift certificate

3^{rs} Joslynn Troxell; \$ 23.00 gift certificate

We finished the month with our Student of the Month assembly. Our students earned awards for academics and the character trait 'Courage'. We included our paw power drawing and a very exciting cup stacking relay race. Cup stacking is a PE skill in which the students stack and unstack cups as fast as they can. This is a great hand-eye coordination activity that is very popular with our students. See our students of the month in an upcoming addition the North Morrow Times.

Looking forward to April; we will be having parent-teacher conferences on April 5th and 10th from 4 to 8:00 pm. We are looking for a great turn out, I will report on our conference success in next months report.

On Thursday the 5th of April we will have our Behavior reward movie and AR parties. The students with no office referrals and less than three tardies will go to the movie. Then students that reached their AR reading goal will meet for ice-cream sundaes and games.

April 2 we started our STARS program with the 6th graders. Students from the Riverside will come over each Monday and work with our students. The program will last 5 weeks. STARS stands for Students Today aren't Ready for Sex.

We also have a community clean up day coming up later in the month as well. April will be an active month for us at Windy River as we start into the last 9 weeks of a great school year.

Sam Boardman Elementary

Spring break gave the staff at SBE a much deserved rest before the run to the tape in June. We are currently gearing up for conferences and are hoping for a 95%+ attendance by the parents like in the fall.

We are also planning a Math/Reading night to showcase some of the title programs we have as well as let students and parents read and play math games. It is always a fun time for everyone.

Our Spring Concert is in the month of April and Mrs. Appleton is trying another endeavor that is sure to be a feather in her cap. She is recording a CD of SBE's favorite songs. These songs were voted on by the students and will be performed at the concert. The CDs will go on sale right after the performance. It will be a great way to end the year!!

I would like to thank the PRTO and all of its members for the great success of the annual SBE carnival. It was well ran and well attended. Thanks you PTO for the work you do!!!!

We also had a student of the month assembly right before spring break and the winners are:

ACADEMICS	RESPECT	RESPONSIBILITY	SAFETY	TEACHER
BRENDA FLORES	DAKOTA DURFEY	FRANCISCO CHAVEZ	JACOB HIBBITTS	K-CREASON
KEVIN MADRIGAL	SERAFIN ROGUE	STEPHANIE MORALES	CHANCE FREDERICKSON	K-1 WILSON
BRENDY AVALOS	SCOUT REAGAN	KARRIZIMA LUNA	MICAH MOSSMAN	K-OGDEN
JESSICA CALVILLO	GUSTAVO AMAYA	JESSE HIBBITTS	CODY MCCULLOUGH	1-HARRISON
GEMA JUAREZ	MARIA OLGUIN	WAYNE KILLION	ELIZET SANCHEZ	3-BANKSTON
KIRSTEN TAYLOR	XENIA VELASCO CHRISTOPHER CROWELL- STANGER	RUBEN VILLA	ALEX VELASQUEZ	2-MCCLENAHEN
NADIA MENDOZA	MARIELENA LOPEZ	MONICA VIRELAS	JESSICA RODRIGUEZ	K-CHRISTY
BRIANA TORRES	MARIELENA LOPEZ	ASHLEY PRICE	HECTOR PONCE	K-FILES
VANESSA CHAVEZ	RICARDO RAMOS	CHRISTIAN MURGUIA	YULICE COBIAN-LAUREL	K-BIGHAM
JUANA MARTINEZ	HUMBERTO LOPEZ	ARIANA CORPUS	MAGGIE CACHO	3-PRINDLE
BRYAN ALTAMRANO	KARA HEIPLE	KATIE GILBERT	HANNAH MOSSMAN	2-CAMPBELL
IVAN TORRES	ROCIO MARTINEZ	JOSE JIMENEZ	JULIANA GUZMAN	3-RAIBBLE
BRISelda NAVARRO	JUDIT CASTANEDA	MARCELO REA	LUIS GARAY	3-JEPPESON
LUIS OLVERA	ODALYS IBARRA	JOSE AFANADOR	KATIA GARAY-ROJO	1-HARJO
JESSICA CALVILLO	MORGAN WILSON	ASHLEY MEDINA	ROSALBA OLVERA	2-HERNANDEZ
LAURA LOPEZ	SCARLETT REAGAN	LUIS AGUILAR	JASSIEL CARMONA	2-KENNEDY
ZACHARY FERGUSON	ALICIA CALVILLO	MAYLSSA SMITH	SAMANTHA ZAPATA	1-MILTON

ELL Program

2-PACs

This month of March has brought the ELL director into having the second PAC Parent Action Committee in Spanish for parents in Irrigon. There were about four parents at ACH and 25 parents at IES. About ten Irrigon Spanish speaking parents joined the PAC to formulate a parent group in Irrigon. Now we have Two-PACs. They will be visiting different school groups learning what school business is all about.

Three New Temporary Migrant Education Aids

The ESD provided more temporary funding to help give more supportive instruction to the district's identified Migrant Education students. We have hired three temporary educational aids to work in Sam Boardman, Windy River, Riverside, AC Houghton, Irrigon Jr./Sr. High and Irrigon Elementary schools. These three individuals are now in place and serving those identified students.

School Volunteers at SBE Carnival

A lot of work went into the Sam Boardman Carnival. It was an economic success! The ELL director was able to be involved by coordinating the student involvement of over 50 high school and junior high schools students from Riverside High. Students received credit for community service and other incentives for helping in such a large endeavor.

Morrow Education Center

We begin the month of April with 86 students currently enrolled, 46 of which are Morrow County students. As spring break is now over and the fourth quarter is off and running, students at MEC are trying to focus on sustained progress and academic growth.

An important emphasis this month at Morrow Education Center has been placed on leadership and the willingness to allow our students to independently make decisions based on the well-being of our program and their academic growth. Thus, this month at any given point in the day students can be found developing life skills essential to their success outside of these classroom walls. Students have actively been involved in the routine cleaning of our building, helping serve lunch to other students, cleaning of our buses and van, and other non-intrusive clerical duties such as placing address labels on outgoing mail. It is our vision at MEC to create an environment in which the student body takes great pride in. No doubt the additional development of such self directed hands on learning has lead to greater student motivation and engagement. I also believe that it has helped in lowering our drop-out rates.

In addition to our focus on self-directed learning, we have also implemented an additional weight training period, giving our students more access to the new equipment purchased with the innovation in the classroom grant. The MEC staff will also continue to demand growth in the fields of academics, attendance and behavior. While credit recovery is often a necessity for MEC students, we continue to offer a wide variety of classes using multiple delivery methods. We enjoy working in the classroom here at MEC and welcome the daily challenges that go along with this program. We remain committed to serving the students of Morrow Education Center and providing a safe alternative learning environment for all students to thrive in. We appreciate your support of this program, and your commitment to all students of the Morrow County School District.