

Administration Reports

June 2025

Sam Boardman Elementary

Celebrating A Year of Learning and Adventure Beyond The Classroom

As the school year draws to a close, it's a wonderful time to reflect on the incredible activities and learning experiences that have taken place at SBE. Each grade has embarked on unique journeys that have enriched our students' knowledge and understanding of the world around them.

Kindergarten kicked off the year with a delightful trip to the pumpkin patch. This hands-on experience allowed them to explore plants and agriculture, fostering a deeper appreciation for nature and where our food comes from. The joy of picking pumpkins not only enhanced their learning but also created lasting memories.

In 1st grade, students traveled to Richland to visit the planetarium. This exciting adventure opened their eyes to the universe, sparking their curiosity about astronomy and the vastness of space. Learning about stars, planets, and galaxies ignited a passion for science that will benefit them for years to come.

2nd grade took a step back in time with a journey to Fort Walla Walla. This trip was more than just a field trip; it was an exploration of early American explorers and the concept of westward expansion. Students learned about history in a tangible way, connecting with the past and understanding its relevance to our present.

Looking ahead, 3rd grade is set to visit the Hanford Reach Museum. This upcoming trip will enhance their knowledge of regional history, allowing them to connect with the unique stories of our local area. It's an opportunity to dive deep into the heritage that surrounds us.

Moreover, our second and third graders have participated in STEAM activities at the Think Big Space. These hands-on projects have encouraged creativity and critical thinking, essential skills for the future. Through science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics, students have engaged in problem-solving and innovation.

Additionally, multiple groups have taken walking field trips around our community. These excursions have helped students discover the treasures right at their doorstep, fostering a sense of belonging and community pride. Exploring local landmarks and resources has shown them the importance of being active participants in their surroundings.

In summary, this year has been a remarkable journey filled with learning opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. Our students have not only grown academically but also personally, forming connections with their community and surrounding areas. As we look forward to what next year holds, let's celebrate the accomplishments and adventures that have shaped our learning experience at SBE!

Windy River Elementary

The 4th Grade Field Trip: Our 4th graders went to the Oregon Zoo again this year, which was a BIG hit. Kids loved the animals, the hanging out with friends, and the McDonald's for Dinner! Kids even rode the train. It is so important for our kids to be able to see things that they would not normally see. It was a BIG Deal. A big thank you to the 4th Grade team (Mrs. Locey, Mrs. Worden, Ms. Sepulveda-Vieyra, and Mrs. Stewart) for putting this trip together! (See Pics Below!)

The 5th Grade Field Trip: Our 5th graders went to two museums this year! The First, The Western Antique Automotive and Aeronautical Museum (WAAAM) in Hood River. Kids saw an amazing collection of Antique aeroplanes, most of which were able to run and fly! Also (and a little bit more accessible to our 5h graders), they were able to see a collection of antique automobiles (Model T Fords, Packards, Studebakers, and the like!). Of course, their favorite was a modern McLaren (Bright RED of course!). The second Museum was The Columbia Gorge Discovery Center. Both museums were really cool and educational for our kids to see! I mean, they learned the name Charles Lindberg, they learned that you used to have to CRANK a car over to start, and they got a solid understanding of the HISTORY of the Columbia Gorge - from Native life, The Oregon Trail and Lewis and Clarke, damming the Columbia, the geology of the

Gorge (can you say “Columbia River Basalt”), and a whole host of flora and fauna from their home regions. It was Awesome!!!! (See Pics Below!!!)

Spring Concert! Mr. Azurin pulled off our spring concert. It was amazing, AGAIN!!!! Kids sang their little hearts out, and our 6th graders showed up in force to BANG on those bucket drums! It was super awesome to see and HEAR!!!

Scholastic Book Fair: Mrs. Fernandez pulled off our SPRING Scholastic Book fair. It is really neat to see kids get excited about BOOKS!

Spring Data: As we finish the school year, it is always important to look at GROWTH data for the year! We so not have a 100% clear picture yet, but, we continue to be frustrated with our Math data , but... it looks like our Reading data was on an uptick. This was due in large part because of our Foundational Reading program, which was a DIRECT result of the Science of Reading training of the PD that Mrs. Stocker and Elementary Admin team led during the 2023-24 School year (LAST year’s Elementary PD). WE will continue to focus on improving instruction and DATA results at WRE. We have already started talking about improvements in Math instruction for next year. Stay Tuned!!!

Wise Wolf Awards: We recently had our Q3 Wise Wolf Awards and will SOON have our Q4 Wise Wolf Awards! Kids are rewarded for being awesome! WRE has great kids!

ZOO PICS:





The 5th Grade Field Trip:





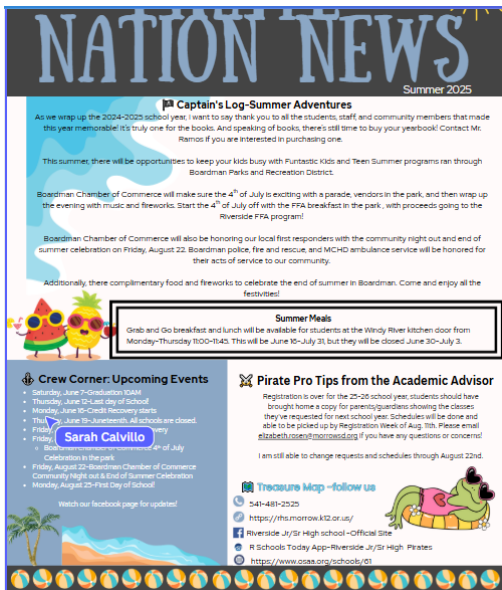
Riverside Jr/Sr High School

We are excited for graduation. We will have all students graduate this school year from RHS. Here are some highlights about our seniors:

1. Total #graduates/non-graduates: **97 grads/ 0 non-grads**
2. Total \$ on scholarships (not including need-based government aid): **\$696,091**
3. Total ## of college credits earned by this class (4-year total): **1226**
4. # of AAOs + names: **3, Caelyn Pullen, Matias Perez, Genesis Lomas**

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A.C. Houghton Elementary

There are only six more school days left in the 2024-2025 school year and that seems surreal. Time has been in hyper speed mode since spring break!

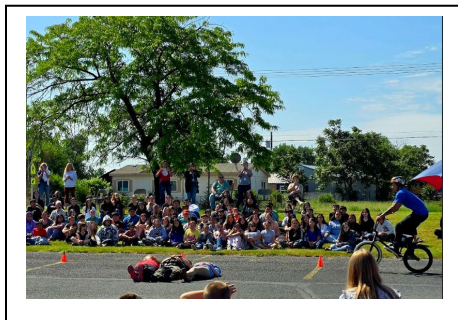
As we close out the school year, we have several exciting events starting today and finishing out next week. Today was a big day, it started with an assembly for both ACH and IES in our parking lot! Yes, the parking lot! Several of the ACH staff that volunteers their time to fundraise during a fan favorite "McTeacher Night" helped me search for ways to use the

money to benefit our students.

While brainstorming ideas for the use of these funds, I received an

email from "Stunt Masters" a BMX experience. In sending the team an email they were excited to have a unique experience for students. And to spread that excitement, we asked IES if they would like to join us. So today IES loaded busses, our students packed small yoga mats out to the parking lot, and we enjoyed watching "Stunt Masters" with their bicycle talents altogether. In the picture above and to the left, it shows how we even had teachers and Deputy Kippley lying on the blacktop to be jumped by the professional biker, (with gasps from the crowd)! Also, yesterday, in the afternoon our 3rd grade traveled

to IES for "fly up day" to meet and greet staff, take a tour of their soon-to-be new school, and ease the nervousness of their transition to 4th grade.





End of the year activities will continue this Thursday with our traditional Grad Walk. This brings things full circle for staff, to see former students walking our elementary halls in their caps and gowns. I had several of the 2025 graduating class as students in kindergarten 12 short years ago...and am very proud to be a small part of their educational journey! We will conclude the grad walk with a picture of the kinder students with the graduating seniors—it's such a fun tradition. (Left) I would like to send a big CONGRATULATIONS to Sophia Esquivel for her solid 2nd place finish in the 3rd grade MCSD Math contest. Way to represent well Sophia!

Next week, our final week of the 2024-25 year, we will have an all-school assembly to celebrate many of our students' accomplishments and show gratitude to community members and

volunteers who have supported us this year. We have an impressive number of our English Language Learners exiting the program by scoring well on their English Language Proficiency Assessment. This is a huge accomplishment, and I commend Mrs. Pope for her and her students' hard work. We will also recognize the volunteers who support our classrooms and our school, and finally our most exciting awards -- 11 bikes will go to students for Reading growth, Math achievement and from a drawing of tickets earned for random acts of kindness. These awards are a testament to the dedication and commitment by our teachers and support staff for our students all year long—and for student growth this entire year. At the conclusion of the assembly, we will invite parents to an end of year BBQ. The next day, our final day on Thursday June 12th, will be celebrated with a field day and the *right of passage*, 3rd grade slip-n-slide. Students get to enjoy water activities as a grade level, then enjoy a popsicle while watching the 3rd graders slide into 4th grade... then the bittersweet good-bye as we bid farewell to students and finally complete our last staff workday and head off to embrace the much-needed summer vacation.

A sincere thank you goes to the MCSD School Board for your time, continued dedication and unwavering support that helped us wrap up another memorable, successful school year Morrow County School District!

Irrigon Elementary School

As we conclude the 2024–25 school year, our students have been actively engaged in a variety of end-of-year assessments, including the Oregon Statewide Assessment System (OSAS), i-Ready diagnostics, and Acadience benchmark assessments. These tools are critical in helping us measure student achievement and growth, and they provide valuable data that informs our instructional practices. By analyzing this data, we continue to refine our approach to ensure we are meeting the diverse learning needs of our students.

Throughout the year, our professional development efforts have remained strong and purposeful. At the elementary level, we have focused on key instructional and behavioral strategies that support student success. The learning path included, CHAMPS behavioral management practices, and professional development in Ready Math instructional strategies. Our PD Carousel in January offered staff targeted sessions on passage instruction, Amplify navigation, common formative assessment (CFA) work, and explicit instruction. We were also fortunate to have a focused session in March with Dr. Anita Archer on explicit instruction. All of these professional learning opportunities are grounded in previous years' initiatives, such as the Science of Reading training in 2023-24, the Amplify rollout in 2022–23 and the foundational work on Learning Targets and Success Criteria dating back to 2019–20.

Most recently, our licensed staff have collaborated on reviewing and aligning the scope and sequence of our curriculum with the building planning calendar. This alignment takes into consideration key dates, including the assessment calendar, holidays, and Think Big Space days, to ensure that instruction is both intentional and paced appropriately. Looking ahead to the 2025–26 school year, we are excited to revisit and strengthen our focus on learning targets and success criteria. These strategies serve as a “GPS” for students, giving them a clear path for learning and a way to measure their own progress toward academic goals.



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Heppner Elementary School

The sun is out, baseball and softball are winding down, and students are excited for the end of year activities. May was full of testing (OSAS, Acadience, and iReady), another smash-hit concert by Mrs. Baker, and some long nights of baseball for students at HES.

Testing can bring stress, anxiety, and tired brains. Our teachers put a lot of effort into goal setting, creating fun incentives, working on a growth mindset, and celebrating growth of any kind. We are seeing a wonderful improvement in our students learning using a variety of measures and assessments. I look forward to an in depth conversation with my teachers at the end of the year, looking at systems we can implement to best support student learning.

Mrs. Baker is a rock star! Not only is she a Crystal Apple Award winner for 2025, but she puts on concerts that pack the house. Students, staff, parents, and the whole community look forward to seeing the performances; this year’s theme was “through the decades,” where each group sang songs from different eras. There was a song for everyone in the crowd, and the final k-12 performance of “Centuries” by Fall Out Boy was a showstopper. I appreciate the hard work of all the students and staff, and the high expectations and effort of Mrs. Baker.

I look forward to an eventful end of the year, full of outdoor activities, community BBQ’s, school dances, and 6th grade vs. staff softball games to round out the Spring!



Heppner Jr/Sr High School

1. Senior Graduation Update

This past week marked the final day of school for our seniors, and I'm proud to report that all 20 students in the Class of 2025 have successfully met graduation requirements. Each earned the right to walk across the stage at our commencement ceremony, scheduled for Saturday, June 7. This milestone reflects the commitment of our students, families, and staff throughout their high school journey.

2. End-of-Year Events

The final stretch of the school year is packed with meaningful activities and celebrations. We recently hosted our Day Time Awards and Night of Excellence events to recognize academic achievement and student involvement. In addition, we welcomed our incoming 7th graders during Bring-Up Day, will be guiding our 8th grade students through promotion on June 8th, and will be introducing freshmen to high school expectations during 9th Grade Orientation on June 7th. These events not only mark transitions but also help strengthen the sense of community at HJSHS.

3. Looking Ahead to 2025–26

While we close out a strong and positive year, planning is already underway for the upcoming school year. Work is wrapping up on our master schedule and course offerings to ensure alignment with student needs and interests. We are also shaping our professional development priorities for the building and outlining building-level initiatives that will guide our work next year as staff at HJSHS.

MCSD Maintenance & Facilities Report – June 2025

Summer break is a few days away and our maintenance and custodial staff will be busy! Summer is filled with the annual inspections, deep cleaning and projects to get our buildings ready for staff and students for the 2025-2026 school year! We focused budgeted funds on equipment and necessary projects with the bond in mind when planning. Here are a few items that have been approved:

- Bathroom stall partitions at HES, HJSH and IJSH
- Carpet tiles in the Music Room at WRE
- Cleaning equipment at ACH, IJSH, SBE, WRE and RJSH
- Grounds equipment for Heppner, Irrigon and Boardman

We are working with McKinstry on the project to upgrade the boiler system at Irrigon Elementary. Parts have been ordered and once received, they will schedule the dates for replacement. They expect to have the system ready by September. We will be using capital funds for this project.

Beynon Sports is setting the schedule for the new two court tennis courts at Irrigon Jr Sr High. The courts will be located in an area that will not be affected by any potential bond projects. Funding has been provided by the City of Irrigon CREZ funds and Morrow County Unified Recreation District.

Brandsen Floors will replace the gym floor at Riverside Jr Sr High School this summer. Morrow County Unified Recreation District, Boardman Community Development Association and the Riverside Booster Club are funding the project.

As we await the official certification from the county clerk on the bond, we would like to take this moment to thank the CBAC members and the entities that allowed us to speak to their organizations. Our communities have shown amazing support!

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

Staff Incident/Accidents Report: None

Date	School	Incident
5/7	RJSHS	Employee was injured while lifting student onto toilet. Employee also injured due to prolonged walking on uneven ground. Medical attention was sought, 801 submitted, time loss.