

ALSEA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD REPORT

Name: Heather Shunk **Position:** Principal

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 2026

[Link for April 2026 Assembly Slides](#)

[Link for May School-Wide Newsletter](#)

April Assembly - Celebrations for birthdays, 90% or better attendance, Student of the Month, Tree House t-shirt designs, welcoming new students, all the great learning happening in classes, students of the month, and sharing what we learned about being “**Imaginative**”. Character trait for May: **Generous**. Families shared pictures of Spring fun.

Tree House Collaboration - Tree House t-shirts are at the printer and will be mailed out soon. Students are loving the Tree House meetings and the greatfeeling about being on a team within a school-wide team.

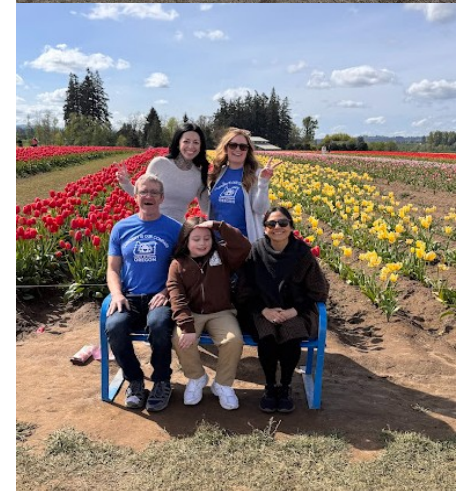
District and State Testing -OSAS Testing (Grades 3–6) - Students in grades 3–6 will be participating in the **Math portion of the OSAS assessment**, which includes a Computer Adaptive Test (CAT) and a Performance Task (PT) focused on problem-solving and explaining mathematical thinking. **Diagnostic 3 in Iready** will be completed during the month of May. We are proud of the focus and perseverance students are demonstrating during testing, and the valuable insight this provides into their learning.

Instructional Model Update for 2026-2027 - LaHO is planning a shift in instructional delivery for the upcoming school year to strengthen academic outcomes for students. Teachers in grades 2–7 will focus on a specific content area, rather than teaching multiple subjects throughout the day. Likely Ms. Dapkus - ELA, Mrs. Bauer - Social Studies, Science, and Health, Mr. Sederlin - Math. This structure is designed to allow for deeper instruction, stronger content expertise, and a clearer understanding of individual student progress within each subject. By allowing teachers to go deeper into their specific subject area, this model will better support students in building strong foundational skills and preparing for the next grade level. K/1 will continue to be wonderfully supported by Mrs. Waverek.

Community Engagement - In April, Learn at Home Oregon is organizing an informal family meet-up at the Wooden Shoe Tulip Festival in Woodburn. This optional gathering provides an opportunity for students and families to connect in person, build relationships, and strengthen our school community. Opportunities like this support a sense of belonging and connection beyond the virtual classroom, which continues to be an important part of our program.

Building Internal Capacity with Parent Support - We are excited to share that two LaHO parents have completed the necessary steps to become trained substitute teachers. This not only supports our staffing needs but also strengthens our community by involving parents directly in the instructional environment. Their familiarity with the program and commitment to students is a valuable asset as we continue to build sustainable systems of support.

Teacher and Staff Appreciation - During Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week, our community came together to recognize the dedication and impact of our educators. Students and families submitted messages of appreciation, which were shared with staff. These messages highlighted the strong relationships teachers build and the meaningful learning experiences they create each day. Staff expressed how valued and encouraged they felt through this recognition. [Appreciation Album 2025-2026](#)



thank you so much ms.
waverek for teaching me so
much art and showing us in
our tree house we can all
count on each other thank you
so so much ♥



From. Emberlie



Mr. Sederlin you make
every thing fun and I
used to hate school but
now thanks to you I love
school.



From. Skyler



This is for Mrs. Waverek!!! Mrs.
Waverek I love your drawing
skills and how you don't rush us
to do the same things you make
or anything I LOVE YOU SO



MUCH!!!! <3

Love. Navroop



Mrs. Shunk, thank you for being my
principal. I think you are the best principal
in the world. (I really don't know all the
principals in the world, but if I did, I still
think you'd be the best one) And thanks
for always being there when I need help.



From. Easton



Thank you for all that you do! You don't
just teach lessons, you build confidence,
comfort big emotions, and help students
believe in themselves! You are appreciated
deeply today and every day!
Happy Teacher Appreciation Day!



Layne Milligan



Mrs. Bauer,
Thank you for being my teacher, you
teach me things in a fun way that I
understand. I like that you're funny
and always help us with assignments.



From. Easton



Mr. Sederlin, thanks!
You are smart, and
funny. I wish you were
my teacher every year.



From. Tiko



Ms. Dapkus, thank you
for your consistent
support throughout
this school year, we
really appreciate you!



From. Taylor McDonald



Thank you Mrs.
Bauer for teaching
us typing things
that was so fun!



Love. Graham

