

Principal & Director Reports

June 2010

AC. Houghton Elementary

Spirit Week

The week of June 1-4 is our Spirit Week. Each day has a different theme with this year's schedule being, Tuesday-Hat Day, Wednesday-Crazy Hair Day, Thursday-Pajama Day, Friday-School Spirit Day. The big change for this year is that we are doing this activity as close to the end of the year as possible and after we have completed all of our state assessments activities. We thought that this would be more productive to the continuity of our educational program.

Self Manager Bowling

On June first and second, we took our student Self-Managers to the Hermiston bowling alley for their annual recognition activities for their good behavior and academics during the year. This activity is funded by our student body. Approximately 200 students participated. Self-Managers are students who go through an application process for self manager status. They are students whose hard work, self-discipline, helpfulness are synonymous with our school motto, Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Productive, and Be Respectful.

The past two years we had been going to the Hermiston Aquatic Center. This activity is no longer available due to budget cuts for the Hermiston Park Program.

State Assessment

Our third-grade assessment results are very encouraging this year. They all show great growth from last year's performance.

Math-85% of our students met or exceeded benchmarks

Reading-92% of our students met or exceeded benchmarks

Writing-60% of our students met or exceeded benchmark. 96% met or conditionally met benchmark. Conditionally met means that they missed the passing score by a few points.

Summer School

Summer school for the Irrigon schools will be the three weeks immediately following the end of school. Students in preschool-sixth grade will be attending five days a week. Our focus will be on math and reading and writing exclusively. Our attendance will be in the 120-135 range.

Heppner Elementary School

It is hard to believe that June has arrived and that the last days of this school year are upon us. I guess the old saying is true, "time flies when you're having fun". Our end of the year enrollment for HES is currently at 193 students, down a couple of students from my last report. Our current attendance percentage for the 2009/2010 school year is currently 95.25% which is up from last months report. HES recently finished the final round of OAKS testing and I am happy to report that most of our students met or exceeded the benchmarks for their grade level again this year.

May was full of many exciting events and field trips which took place with the highlights being the Tupper Outdoor School in early May and the "Spring Musical Program" which was held on May 12th. Our sixth grade students also had their High School Orientation on May 26th and I believe it was a worthwhile and eye opening experience for them.

We held the HES Field Day, BBQ and Awards Assembly today and had a great turn out for the fun filled end of the year celebration.

I would like to end this months report by again thanking each of you for your support of Heppner Elementary School, Have a great summer!

Heppner High School

We finished our third window of testing and showed some good results this year through three windows. Below are the numbers of students that made or exceeded the standard and the total number of students in the class.

7th Math- 24/28 made it or 86%

7th Reading- 23/28 made it or 82%

7th Writing- 18/28 made it or 64%

8th Math- 26/28 made it or 93%

8th Reading- 21/28 made it or 75%

10th Math- 27/33 made it or 82%

10th Reading- 28/33 made it or 85%

10th Writing- 30/39 made it or 77%

Total % passing or exceeding the benchmarks at all grade levels is 81% as a school.

We are excited about the progress we have made as a school this year with our scores and look forward to another year under our belt with the proficiency model.

Our baseball team finished 2nd in the state and had a wonderful season as a group of student/athletes. We played in Volcano stadium in Salem and had four times more fans than Knappa did. It was an amazing community event and a true testament of the support our kids have here in Heppner.

Proficiency numbers from last years second semester compared to this years numbers really illustrate the successes we have had with kids earning passing marks just after one year of implementing C4P in the classroom. Take for instance a year ago in high school math and language arts- students earned 67 Ds and Fs during the second semester last year and this year we had only 17 Fs during the same amount of time. That is 50 more passing grades in these two areas in one year.

ASB speeches and elections were held a couple of weeks ago. Our new officers are-

President is Lacie Davison

Vice-President is Zach Hintz

Business Manager is Natalie Rauch

Publicity Director is Brett Harrison

Secretary is Devin Robinson

Assistant Treasurer is Taylor Gould

Treasurer is Joe Armato

Graduation went without a hitch with our school graduating all 42 seniors. Our after graduation drug and alcohol free party was amazing! The senior parents really did a nice job putting things together and spending over \$13,000 in entertainment, gifts, food, and fun. This is something that has taken our community years to get going, but it is doing well and becoming part of our culture here at HHS.

We are working on scheduling and getting students the classes they need through the development of our master schedule. So far we are on course to be done by July 1st with scheduling.

We have offered a contract to Jeremy Rosenbalm for our Junior High math and High School math position. His endorsements fit our position very well and we are excited with his hire.

Our FFA kids went and competed at the Union Livestock Show and Fair and did very well in the livestock judging competition. Both our beginning team and advanced team placed first among 19 teams! This is a testament of the program that Mrs. Dickenson has built and an indication of the level of engagement that our students have in the program. Our FFA program is envied by most in our region- and we are very proud of our students and our teacher!

Irrigon Elementary School

DuFour Conference- On May 3 & 4 a team of four of us from IES went to the DuFour conference in Portland. In this conference we learned more on doing professional learning communities. In these communities we learn to share common curriculum, common tests, and we work together to advance student achievement. It was the second best conference I had ever been to in my teaching career.

Portland Urban School- The 6th grade Portland Urban School was a success. There were lots to do, lots of learning and lots of fun. When we were high in the Tram going towards OHSU and the tram moved a little too much, kids and ladies screamed. It was then that I realized that the urban setting was much different than our usual rural setting. We enjoy every place we went. It was a success.

IES ELL Parent Night- For parent involvement, the IES English Second Language teacher, Mrs. Santillan, set up a pot-luck dinner and over 20 ESL parents and their families came. She explained how ESL children can exit the program by getting a score of 5 on the ELPA test. It was a good evening of food and information.

Academic Awards- On June 7th we gave out academic and behavior awards to students in our school. Over 90 students entered or final writing contest by writing an essay. Students who participated went on a Walk-to-the-Park Marina. We showed Alice In Wonderland for our Good Behavior Movie. And on the last Tuesday of the year we celebrated our Evening of the Stars. This is where we honor student achievement and accomplishments in our AR Reading program. The school gym was packed.

Irrigon High School

GRADUATION

On June 4th we held our graduation ceremony. We graduated 48 seniors this year – our biggest class ever. Of those, thirteen students received scholarships that total nearly a quarter of a million dollars. This was our largest scholarship total so far. Ivan Estrada and Bryson Cook were recognized as co-salutatorians with a 3.95 gpa while Dustin Osborne received top honors as valedictorian with a 4.1 gpa.

SUMMER SCHOOL

In conjunction with our 236 plan, we will be offering summer school interventions to middle school students who are below benchmark. The program will consist of twenty hours each of mathematics and language arts interventions beginning August 9th and ending August 20th. We have sent letters out to 23 students in May and will be following up with a second letter with report cards. We have also started our high school summer program which has twenty students utilizing our Plato program as part of a credit recovery program.

FFA

On May 14th FFA members and their families dined on a delicious meal provided by Jim and Karen Lunders as part of their fifth annual banquet. There were numerous awards given out including outgoing president Ashley Anderson who earned her state degree. Harry Abercrombie, Sean Barron, Emerson Bevington, Molly Creason, Sam Egge, Tyler Elliott, Joey Foster, Sierra Gilman, Andrew Hubbard, Vanessa Shatto, and Janie Zavala all earned their chapter degrees. Greenhand degrees were awarded to Tyler Fox, Leon Luna, Tyler Maynard, Max Riles, Dakota Sheppard, and Skyler Weisberg. NW Metal Fabrication of Hermiston was given honorary membership for their continued support over the years.

The banquet also saw installation of the 2010-11 officers: Emerson Bevington, President, Sierra Gilma, Vice-President, Sean Barron, Secretary, Molly Creason, Treasurer, Jessika Osborne, Reporter, and Leon Luna as Sentinel. Congratulations to everyone!

SCIENCE NEWS

Marisol Sanchez, a seventh grade student, has been accepted to attend the ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp this summer at Oregon State University. The all-expenses paid two-week residential camp, which runs Aug. 5-16 on campus, offers students entering grades six, seven and eight innovative ways to enhance their knowledge of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Leadership and citizenship are main themes, and students are encouraged to stay in school. Only 48 students from across the state were accepted.

TRACK

The state track meet was held in Monmouth on May 21^s and 22nd. Bryson Cook took 7th in the 100m dash while Tyler Carroll took 6th in the long jump Ivan Estrada and Bryson took 7th and 8th respectively in the 200m dash. Osvaldo Macias, Bryson, Ivan, and Tyler took 6th in the 4x400 relay and 4th in the 4x100 relay. Alicia Wiser took 7th in long jump scoring the first points ever for a girl from Irrigon! Overall the boys took placed fifteenth as a team. Great job!

SOFTBALL

Our softball team qualified for state this year by winning the conference championship – the first ever in Knight history. After beating Blanchet Catholic, Enterprise, and Weston-McEwen on their way to the state title game, they took second losing by a score of 2-1 to Pilot Rock in the bottom of the eighth. We are proud of our girls and all that they have accomplished this year!

Riverside High School

GRADUATION/SENIORS

Riverside graduated fifty-seven seniors Saturday, June 5th. Twenty-two of them, or 39% of the class, have passed their CIM. Eleven seniors, or 19%, graduated with a 3.5 GPA or above.

Eight seniors, or 14%, are National Honor Society members. And 10 seniors, or 18%, have earned an Honors Diploma.

Twenty seniors had perfect attendance for one or more years. Seniors with one year of perfect attendance were Irania Amaya, Iovani Barrera, Alan Cuevas, Jason Hendricks, Christian Llamas, Maria Llamas, Janiva Lomas, Kayla Nelson, Angel Rodelo, and Kyle Strong. Seniors with two years of perfect attendance were Evelyn Garcia, Amy Kegler, and Andrea Orozco. Seniors with three years of perfect attendance were Ethan Aldrich, Shannon Callow, Matthew Hyder, Griselda Villegas, and Tanner Wightman. Two seniors maintained perfect attendance for all four years; they were Jessica Bradley, and Gabriel Cox.

Six seniors earned the OSAA Scholar Athlete Award for earning a 3.5 or higher cumulative GPA while earning a varsity letter in an OSAA sanctioned sport or activity; Atrayu Corpus, Gabriel Cox, Jason Hendricks, Matthew Hyder, Kayla Nelson, and Tanner Wightman.

This year's Valedictorian is Jason Hendricks and the Salutatorian is Aleksandra Smigelska.

NIGHT OF EXCELLENCE

On May 18th Riverside High School honored over 140 students in grades 9-12 for academic excellence in all areas. Seniors who received their Certificate of Initial Mastery and members of National Honor Society all received special cords to wear at graduation.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION

On May 5th National Honor Society held its annual Dessert for the initiation of new members and installation of new officers. Three new members were inducted into National Honor Society.

MUSIC IN MAY

Congratulations to Emily Doherty for being one of only sixteen musicians selected for the small ensemble at Music in May 2010. She and fifteen other young musicians accompanied the choir on their final number "Anthem of Peace" arranged by Mack Wilberg in front of a nearly capacity crowd at the PAC in Forest Grove. Riverside High School and Morrow County School District continue to be well represented at the annual Music in May festival at Pacific University. We had five students qualify this year, two in choir and three in band.

Sam Boardman Elementary School

Students of the Month for May:

	Academics	Respect	Responsibility	Safety	Attendance
Kinder	Daisy Torres Tyler Schnieder Arelly Cambero Gabriela Avila	Anayeli Ibarra Ali Zapata Abel Chopin Roselyn Caldera	Abraham Zapata Nathan Ellis Martha Calvillo Isabella Gonzalez	Clarrissa Sanchez Isabella Mastriona Miriam Landeros Alissa Kennedy	Mrs. Bigham 94%

1st Grade	America Pacheco Wendy Sanchez Lupita Silva Heidi Chavez Carlos Mejia Vanessa Rodriguez	Hunter Leighton Will Keefer James Tiboni	Francisco Barajas Chantal Lemus Lisbet Martinez	Marco Landeros Karen Frausto Humberto Sanchez	Mrs. Wilson 97%
2nd Grade	Eric Medrano Neftali Pacheco Juan Frausto	Sarah Calvillo Serafin Roque Destiny Aldrich	Stephanie Chavez Abraham Silva Johanna Sepulveda Jasmine Gomez	Jasen Lester Juan Madrigal	Ms. Drake 96%
3rd Grade	Andy Vestal Rose Jurcich Alexis Navarro Nadalie Papineau	Isaac Terry Seth Thomas Ethan Harper Sarah Groves	Karrizima Luna Jose Rodriguez Dakota Durfey Silvestre Vasquez	Aidan Barresse Ana Navarro Lainey Rogers Scout Reagan	Mr. Jeppeson 95%



Enrollment: 309

Attendance: The average attendance for May was 92.70%.

Students of the Month Assembly:

Students read an amazing number of AR books to earn votes for the teacher they wanted to eat bugs. Six teachers and two students enjoyed this snacking pleasure. SBE students read 17,422 books this year!



AR Reading: Students meeting their fourth quarter AR goal celebrated with movies in the gym. Students who were able to meet three of their four goals had fun skating with their classmates at Pendleton Skate City.

Artist in Residence: Kelly Thibodeaux's fiddle workshops were incredibly popular! In three short fiddle lessons, each student learned the bow stroke and three chords. On the fourth day, students held class recitals for their parents. Several students were so confident they performed for our Student of



the Month Assembly. Kelley entwined his fiddle lessons with Cajon culture and folklore, playing samples of his famous swamp rock.

Family Reading Night: 65 students and parents enjoyed Mrs. Sosa's read aloud, Tacky the Penguin. Each student selected a book to take home.



Taiko Drums Assembly: Through dynamic and powerful drumming, the sharing of real-life stories and examples, as well as student participation, this assembly fostered greater cultural awareness and respect for differences. Thank you, North Morrow Community Arts Foundation!

Site Council completed our school wide plan and our parent involvement activities calendar for the 2010-2011 school year. The council is giving consideration to a parent's request to have recess before lunch. He cited several health benefits for students.



Butterfly Release: Kindergarten students released their butterflies to culminate their science unit and to dedicate our new Butterfly Garden. This garden project began on the 40th anniversary of Earth Day and is in community partnership with Boardman's Gardening Friends. A beautiful Vanderwolf Pyramid Pine overlooks the garden as a living memorial to Beth Creason.

Student Field Trips: Kindergarten students saw and experienced many things that they would not ordinarily get to see at the Eastern Oregon Children's Museum in Pendleton. The pioneer exhibit, shadow room, construction, dress-up, science exhibits and arts and crafts were favorites; however, what caught the most attention was the preserved frogs in various stages from egg, to tadpole, to frog.

First grade students visited the dairy and saw cows on the milk machine, how the milk was cooled, and how the milk was put on the truck. They loved the calves and were thrilled to see the cows attempt to run with the bus as they left.

Second grade visited the dairy with a focus on goods and services. At the dairy they learned about goods produced to sell as opposed to the police, firemen and library that provide services for us.

Third grade traveled to Columbia River Exhibition of History, Science and Technology in Richland, Washington. They learned about Native Americans, Pioneers and Archeology. They had lunch at the Howard Ammon Park along the Columbia River.

Summer School: Just over 150 students are already registered for SBE's Benchmark and Migrant Summer School. Summer school starts on Tuesday, June 15th. Please join us for a Summer School Open House on Wednesday, June 30th at 10:00 am.

Windy River Elementary

Outdoor School

The sixth grade classes had a great time at Outdoor School! Throughout the week students participated in classes that revolved around the outdoors; learning about wilderness survival and first aid, wildlife, trees, water, the rock cycle, and much more. We had a great variety of weather with two great days, one rainy day and one windy. When asked what the best part of Outdoor School was, students answered with a resounding "CAMPFIRE!"



Spring Concert

Students at WRE presented their Spring concert: "Celebrate with Music" on Monday May 27. The gym was filled to overflowing as the students demonstrated some of the skills they developed in music classes this year. The program began with 2 selections by the 4th graders singing "High Hopes" and "A Disney sillysing-along". 5th grade students sang 3 selections, "Cantar", "What a wonderful world" and "The rhythm of life". 6th grade students also presented 3 numbers, "Obwisana", "The lion sleeps tonight" and "I've been everywhere" featuring solos by several students. The program ended by combining students in grades 4, 5 & 6 singing "Jubilate Deo", "Patriotic Medley" and "I'd like to teach the world to sing". The students gave an excellent performance, one which has made all of us at Windy River very proud.

Crystal Apple Award

Jennifer Leighton was WRE Crystal Apple award winner. We are very lucky to have an Educational Assistant like Jennifer at our school. She is a wonderful aide and we couldn't imagine what we would do if she wasn't here.

May Students of the Month

MAY	Academics	Academics	Theme - Respect
Beagle	Edith Velasco	Cari Barton	Ghana Chapagai

Boor	Tania Mendoza	AJ Rockwell	Rubi Salazar
Browne	William Simmons		Roberto Hernandez
Foster	Sonia Medina	Noe Sanchez	Aramis Corpus
Wainwright	Wayne Killion	Andrea Madrigal	Jenny Mendoza
Dames	Andy Melendez	Samantha Zapata	Fabian Meza
Keefer	Donovan Carmack	Daniel Cornelius	Hannah Mossman
Prindle	Durga Chapagai	Daniel Rodriguez	Maydi Barrera
Strebin	Marcelo Rea	Ariana Corpus	Joel Ulloa



4th Grade Trip to Tamiliskit in Pendleton

4th graders went to Tamiliskit to learn Native American history and culture. They also learned about the pioneers and their interaction with the Native Americans. The students got a special presentation from the birds of prey foundation.

AR Skate/Slip n Slide Party

On June 1st 50 students attended a skating party at George's Skate Center in Hermiston in celebration of meeting their AR Reading goal. Students who reached their goal three out of four quarters were rewarded with an afternoon of fun and skating for their hard work. On June 2nd students who meet their 4th quarter AR goal attended a slip-n-slide ice cream party for the afternoon. Students work very hard all year long on their reading goals, taking tests and trying to achieve an 85% average all together. We love to see them grow and the AR program is a wonderful way for students to see their growth on each test,

each quarter and end of the year. All students who meet all 4 quarters of their goals will receive a certificate at the end of the year awards assembly the last day of school.

End of the Year BBQ

We will have our traditional end of the year BBQ for students, parents and staff on Tuesday, June 8th. Everyone looks forward to it and we have many parents who come and eat lunch with their children that day.

Boardman Clean Up

On May 13th Windy River Elementary participated in a Community Clean up. Our students and staff spent an hour cleaning up the school grounds and the property across the street. They did a wonderful job helping to make Boardman a more beautiful place to live and work and we want to thank them for a job well done!



5th Grade Overnight Field Trip to the Fossil Beds

Mr. Keefer, Mrs. Browne, Mrs. Sanchez, Mrs. Leighton and Mr. Jones took fifty-three 5th graders from Windy River to the John Day Fossil Beds June 3rd and 4th, 2010. The bus was loaded up and left for the Clarno Unit around 9 AM. (We took a hike around the cliffs and rock formations in that unit. The students were able to look with their eyes and learn how to learn with out touching. It drizzled a little, but we enjoyed the scenery and ate lunch. We travelled to Fossil High School in Fossil, Oregon. There we investigated the history of the land and the changing landscape. We then loaded up and travelled to the Painted Hills and looked at the scenery and the students wrote Diamante Poems about what they saw. After a long day we headed to Dayville to sleep in the ever famous haunted gym.

5th Grade Watershed Field Trip

This is an annual event for 5th grades put on by the ESD and OSU extension office. It is an all day activity letting students participate in many science activities. It was held in Lexington this year and our students came back with a greater understanding on how water affects their lives.