

Administration Reports

September 2021

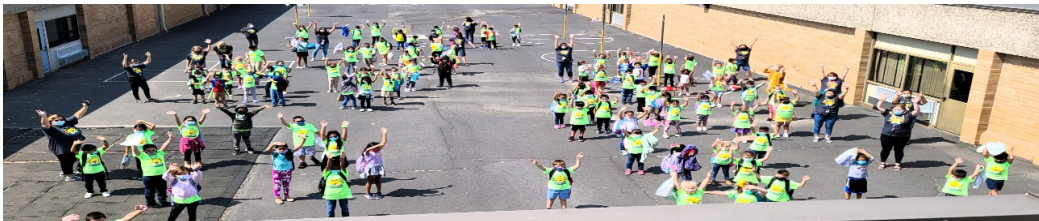
Sam Boardman Elementary

Our 2021-2022 school year is underway and we are so happy to have our students in person! Student's academics and emotional health is always a priority. It is vital that we create the best relationships we can with our families and our community to meet the needs of our students. As the second board goal states, we work hard to develop and foster strong communication practices with stakeholders!

Our communication started this school year with teachers who sent postcards welcoming their students. Teachers also work to keep in communication with parents if students are struggling to find out how best we can support that child academically, behaviorally or with any other needs that may arise. Our best highlight so far this year took place on September 27th from 4:30-6:30pm; during this time all teachers welcomed parents and students into SBE for an Open House. Families were so excited to come into our building to deliver school supplies and meet their child's teacher! We did this as safely as we could with masks, hand sanitizer, social distancing and multiple exits. It was a well-attended event and a great way to kick off the school year.

SBE also has our *Sail to Success* committee that is made up of teachers, educational assistants, and administration. The responsibility of this committee is to assist school initiatives that focus on positive interactions. All staff is trained, or is being trained, with *Conscious Discipline* strategies. Conscious Discipline helps all of us focus on positive interactions with students, families, other staff, and even positive self-talk during this challenging time! This committee assists in planning and overseeing events to engage families and foster regular involvement in school. Events include reading nights, math nights, assemblies, our Thanksgiving feast, music concerts, or virtual events if we have to for safety purposes due to Covid.

Lastly, we work hard to ensure the slogan EVERYDAY MATTERS and is supported when it comes to regular attendance. Our routine to make sure students are safe includes checking on students who are unexpectedly absent. If a student has an unexcused absence our department secretary and our CARE coordinator, make daily phone calls to follow-up on every absence. We also work closely with our SRO and our community partner Community Counseling Services to provide support to families regardless of the challenge or struggle to ensure students are healthy, safe, and in class. I will conclude with a picture from our Summer Enrichment program this August.... students attended Kindergarten through 3rd grade to help prepare for the upcoming school year. This colorful picture was taken on our last Summer Enrichment day.



Windy River Elementary

As the 2021-2022 year has started we have focused on daily communication with families in regards of attendance. We make personal phone calls starting at 9:00 AM to check on students that are not at school. When we have tried to reach a family by phone and haven't contacted them for 2 days our CARE coordinator makes a home visit. This has been very effective as we have been able to help with students' needs quicker and find out what is holding them from coming to school. Our new full-time CARE coordinator has done a great job of reaching out to community partners for needs of our students.

We have been communicating in a variety of formats including our Windy River Elementary website, automated phone system and Facebook page. We are promoting local youth programs such as a youth volleyball (3rd-6th Grade free program) that uses our gym for practices as well as a 13U boys youth soccer team that uses our outside facilities.

We are meeting every other week as an attendance team that has a variety of group members including our CARE coordinator, attendance secretary, SRO, Counselor, CCS Counselor, and administrator to see the attendance trends of our students. Once we have identified the students with attendance issues we figure out a solution as a team to best meet their needs. Maybe this will be a home visit, mental health, etc... We have a variety of group members to help meet the students' needs.



On a personal note. I am over joyed to be taking over here at Windy River Elementary! Seeing our students and getting back to teaching/learning has been good for everyone. I invite all of you to come and visit and partake in the joy that is 4th-6th grade.

Riverside Jr/Sr High School

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Communication over the last two school years has been so important with the constant changes due to COVID-19. This year started out with us communicating with students, parents and community members that we will be going back to a regular school day. This news was very exciting for people, and it is important for us to be clear with this communication as it has been so long since we have had a regular schedule.

We are also able to continue extracurricular activities and have been working with students, families and community partners to get students involved. We have hosted several home games at this point, and it has been amazing to see fans showing up to support the student athletes. The students have been happy to see the support at their activities as last year was limited for spectators.

We are also finishing our greenhouse project this week. The project has taken much longer than expected but we are happy to see it wrapping up. Many thanks to the Port of Morrow, and the Riverside FFA Advisory Board for their support of this project. It is going to be a great addition to our academic programs at Riverside and we look forward to using it as soon as possible.

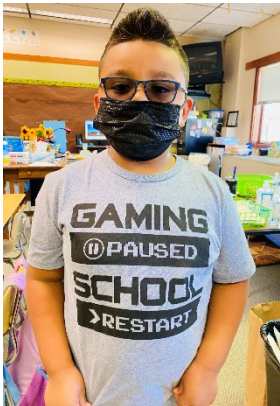
AC Houghton Elementary

Attendance:

Week 1	Daily Attendance Ave.	Enrollment Ave.	Average Daily Attendance
8/3021 - 9/2/21	205 students	215.75 enrolled	95% attendance

ACH staff are so excited to have all students K-3 back in school for a full day! Already this school year students and staff have been asked to implement procedures to help keep our schools safe, healthy and open for students. To communicate these procedures effectively, ACH sends home a monthly newsletter, as well as posting information on the school website and various forms of social media.

The Open House was very successful and it was a great opportunity for parents to see their child's classroom and meet their teacher. We had numerous 1st grade parents remark that this was the first opportunity for them to physically visit their child's classroom as COVID-19 protocols prohibited that last school year. We were also able to share information about our School-wide Title I Program which supports our school reading and math goals.



ACH will once again host a One School, One Book activity where all students, families and staff will be reading *Friendship According to Humphrey* by Betty G. Birney. We love these all-school book clubs because it creates great conversations as we all experience the story together.

Communicating with our students' families has been a priority. The updated district and school webpages along with newsletters and social media have been our main avenues. Thank you.

Irrigon Elementary School

Irrigon Elementary School has started the school year off with positive attitudes from teachers, parents and students. Open House was a huge success with students attending and meeting their classroom teacher and school staff. Our students had the opportunity to meet their classroom teacher and enjoy a cool/yummy treat.



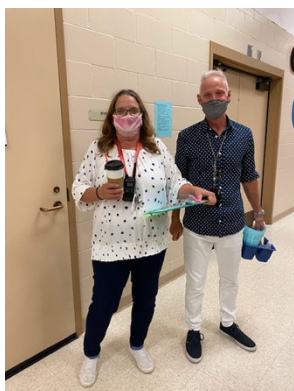
We have successfully completed week one of the school year with working out the kinks and newness. Our staff and students have been wonderful with supporting each other through learning routines, rules and safety precautions. Our SRO has presented in each of the classrooms visiting about school route safety and internet safety. These are both very important topics in order to keep our students safe.

Overall, we have students that are happy to be at school with their friends learning and engaging in fun classroom activities such as science, technology, engineering and math with our new STEM Teacher, Mr. Walker.

We are continuing to work hard to keep our school sanitized throughout the day. We continue to have social

distancing, mask mandates and grade level cohorting. This will help to keep our students at school and have the least amount of exposure as possible.

Communication to our families and community has been done through newsletters, social media, IES school website and phone calls. Our students' families have been very supportive and understanding with all of the guidelines and changes that the schools are facing. We look forward to seeing what the next few months bring to IES!



Irrigon Jr/Sr High School

The 2021/22 school year is off and running. We experienced one of our most well attended open houses for the upcoming school year. Students and their families were able to visit their classrooms, find their lockers, as well as speak with a representative from MidCo Bussing to confirm pick up and drop off times and locations. It was great to see and visit with all the families that came into the building.

During our in-service week, we focused on relationship building with students how to foster positive interactions within the classroom. We also spent some time on teacher clarity as it pertains to student outcomes and standards. Lastly, we spent time on student safety aspects, including updated COVID-19 protocols, as well as safety protocols outlined in the "I Love You Guys" protocols.

I would like to highlight the work that Rose Palmer has been doing at IJSHS since we arrived here 7 years ago in regards to our WEB Crew. WEB Crew is a year-long peer to peer mentoring program for our incoming 7th graders. This is similar to LINK Crew at the high school level. In WEB Crew, 9th grade students apply to be peer mentors for a group of incoming 7th graders. These 9th graders with the 7th graders in a variety of activities to help them transition into the school. This program is ongoing throughout the year with activities happening every month. Along with the WEB Crew activities, Rose has also added in additional social/emotional and student safety supports and topics. This has included guest speakers from CCS and the Sheriff's Office, as well as support from our building level CCS counselors, CARE coordinators, and SRO.

Fall sports are already in full swing, and our Homecoming week is already right around the corner. Soccer and Volleyball have already hosted contests, and we have enough participants to field a girls soccer team again (they played on the boys team last year). Football had its first game cancelled, but are ready to take the field at home against Umatilla on Friday, Sept. 10th. We are grateful to the district supporting the streaming of all the athletic games to the families in Irrigon at no cost to them through the NFHS website. I would also like to thank our Head Football Coach Ken Thompson for installing a new American Flag above the scoreboard, as the old rope had broke and the flag had been damaged.

Heppner Elementary

Greetings from HES!

This fall HES enrolled 176 students. Simply having all of these students in our building all day is amazing and we are grateful that so many chose to attend in person. We miss the 15-20 students who are not here, choosing to wait for the time that masks are not required, and look forward to their return which most of them have expressed to us throughout this process. We thank you for your support and the communication from the school board.

HES has a strong system of communication practices that certainly helps us foster community support and engage our stake holders. Here are some of the many pieces to that.

- We continue to use Monday folders for class and school communication to parents
- HES uses the school website and various other social media options to communicate with parents and interested community members.
- We regularly have articles in the Heppner Gazette
- Our open house was well attended and through that we added many members to our Parent Teacher Club, which in itself is a means of communicating with our stakeholders.
- In urgent situations such as inclement weather we are able to push messages to parents' email, text and voice messages with a few clicks on the computer.
- We reach out to businesses and other civic organizations through monthly chamber meetings and respond quickly to queries from these stake holders.

Finally, this year we are focusing on wrap around support for better attendance through the use of our weekly CARE meetings. In these meetings our multi-disciplinary team of the principal, both counselors, the SRO and our CARE coordinator we discuss the current student concerns, especially attendance. We are advancing the process to bring in the support of Judge Diehl in a timely manner when we have the need.

These meetings have been ongoing for the last 5-6 years and will continue. The added emphasis on attendance includes, but is not limited to, contact/communication from teachers, incentive programs through our community partners, phone calls and home visits from the CARE coordinator, SRO and principal prior to reaching the threshold for irregular attendance. We are also including clear communication in writing with encouragement and clear expectations.

Thanks once again for your support and time on behalf of all our HES family.

Heppner Jr/Sr High School

Greetings MCSD Board of Directors', it is nice to be back in school and having our students attend all classes every day at HJSHS!

For this month's report I will be highlighting *Board Goal #2: Develop and foster strong communication practices that support the district's mission and goals with all stakeholder populations. MCSD will strive to build trust and improve partnerships with communities, including parents, business, civic and cultural groups. MCSD will continue to work with families and community partners to emphasize the importance attendance has on student learning.*

We hold several events each month at HJSHS that are advertised and announced via the Heppner Gazette, on our HJSHS website, the HJSHS R-School activities calendar, on our reader board located in front of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op and through a variety of other school notifications. Back to School Night, new student/seventh grade conferences and freshmen conferences are examples of events traditionally held during the month of September at HJSHS.

We will also be working with our SRO (Ken Kippley) again to raise awareness of the impact of distracted driving. Additionally, we plan to hold grade level workshops focused on cell phone and social media safety which will be a continuation of similar workshops that we've held previously with assistance from the Morrow County Sheriff's Office. This very worthwhile initiative has previously been conducted by Detective Carter from the Sheriff's Office, SRO Kippley, Mr. Grant and our school-based CCS counselor Amy George who helps facilitate it. This has been a very worthwhile and informative experience as they help explain to our students the dangers and pitfalls associated with cell phones and social media.

Homecoming week is scheduled for the week of September 13th through the 17th and we look forward to the continued "sense of normalcy" that these types of extracurricular activities and festivities bring to our school climate and culture! Many thanks to our local community for their continued support of our athletic and extracurricular activities. I also want to extend a "**BIG THANKS**" to our Booster Club, Local Business Community, and Site Council for all of their continued support! Go Mustangs!

I would like to end this report by thanking each of you for your support and commitment to all students of the Morrow County School District.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

MCSD – Maintenance & Facilities Update – September 2021

Thanks to the MCSD Custodial/Grounds staff, our buildings and facilities were ready for the return of our staff and students to the 2021-22 school year! The Custodian and Grounds Crews worked hard this past summer from cleaning to inspections to irrigation to projects, we are proud of ALL that they accomplished.

We have approved several new pieces of equipment for our staff including scrub machines, hedge trimmers, weed eaters, a mower and various tools. We believe investing in non-consumable equipment is a responsible use of funding and helps our staff to be more productive and efficient with their time.

New carpet was installed by Tim Hedman Flooring Company at Morrow Education Center, the Instructional Coaches Office Space at the North District Office and 2 classrooms at Riverside Jr Sr High. The parking lot restorations by Stripe Rite is complete at both Windy River and Sam Boardman Elementary schools.

Our HVAC Company, McKinstry, is conducting an assessment of our systems to help us prioritize the most important needs pertaining to the Bond and ESSER Funding. This information will be presented to the Board and submitted to ODE.

The MCSD Bond Process is moving along, our Core Team meets virtually with Wenaha Group every two weeks to keep all entities informed on next steps. Wenaha Group will work on another cost estimate and engage with Piper Sandler on tax rates. We are working with the PAC/WEST Lobby Group on press releases for social media, websites and local papers to highlight our many programs and how we use the funding sources that are available to us. We are hoping to engage the one third group from the survey that didn't feel they had enough information to answer the questions about the District during the recent surveys conducted by the PAC/WEST Lobby Group.

Staff Incident/Accidents Report:

Date	School	Incident
8/16/2021	HES	Employee slipped and fell on wet floor injuring knee and foot. Did not seek medical attention.
8/26/2021	WRE	Employee stapled thumb. Did not seek medical attention.