

# Administration Reports

May 2017

## Sam Boardman Elementary

### **April was a great month at Sam Boardman Elementary**

Every year the staff at Sam Boardman works very hard to locate and register the incoming kindergarten students for the fall. To this end, SBE has advertised all over town with flyers and through reader-boards as well as the radio. On April 11, families had the opportunity to meet some SBE staff as well as get their students registered for kindergarten. Turnout was great, and we already have 35 students signed up for kindergarten next year! We have an additional kindergarten round up date May 4<sup>th</sup> and we have scheduled the annual kindergarten field trip with our local pre-schools for May 2<sup>nd</sup>. We anticipate great turn out at both events and are excited for a healthy kindergarten enrollment.

Additionally, we started SBAC testing with our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. We started the process with inspirational “take it slow turtles” posted around the lab. Before entering the testing lab each day, students exercise, answer warm up questions, and are reminded that we are so proud of them for doing their best. We have seen an increase in motivation to take the test by many students, and we are excited to see our results.

Finally, Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> is the annual SBE carnival. Our PTO has worked very hard to put on an exciting event with lots of prizes, games, and delicious food. We are expecting between 800 and 1,200 people from 10am to 2pm. We will sell tamales, hot dogs, chili fries, and nachos. Families will also get the opportunity to play games with their children, and buy raffle tickets for some amazing prizes. Prizes include a TV, a kayak, an outdoor playhouse, and much, much more. The PTO continues to work collaboratively to include the input from and help from our parent community. We are so proud of both our parents and staff at SBE who are putting together such an important community event. All proceeds will help fund our SBE playground renovation.

## Windy River Elementary

I wanted to share what was recently given to our community through my principal message. This has traditionally been a quarter newsletter. Beginning next year, I am expanding the newsletter to a monthly subscription and include student work. The hope is to allow students an opportunity to participate and show what they are doing at Windy River.

### ***THE WOLF PACK NEWS***

Dear Parents,

Let me begin by sharing my appreciation for our staff. They go above and beyond each day to help your student succeed. With the end of the year quickly approaching I wanted to take this opportunity and share our upcoming events, fieldtrips and activities that we are having to excite and motivate our students.

During the week of May 22nd our students will be participating with an **Artist in Residence**. This week students will be working with clay and creating personal masterpieces. During the last week of school, we will have our annual **Talent Show**, June 6th and our last day of school **Carnival**, June 8th.

School fieldtrips are an exciting time for students to explore and learn in a setting outside their normal surroundings. This year 4th grade students will be visiting Tamastslit and Fort Walla Walla. 5th grade students will be attending Eastern Oregon University, attending a Watershed trip and Fossil for some digging. As a 6th grade group we will be participating in Outdoor School. This will be a week of learning, exploring and discovery. If you are interested in attending a field trip you must have completed a volunteer form, a minimum of two weeks prior to the event.

Finally, as a school we have made a few adjustments to our behavior activities. Each month students have the opportunity to earn Paw Powers based on positive character traits. In order to qualify for our monthly activity students must earn 10 Paw Power points. Our upcoming activity will be based on a dancing theme and will be for a few minutes in the morning. The purpose of these activities is to say thank you to all those who are displaying the character qualities that will help our students be productive leaders within the community.

I cannot express my gratitude enough for all of your support. Thank you for allowing us to serve you and your family!  
Respectfully,

Brandon Hammond  
Windy River Elementary, Principal

## KEEPING KIDS SAFE

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Windy River Elementary School regularly practices four main drills: fire, lockdown, lockout and hold in place. *Lockdown* is called “when there is a threat or hazard inside the school building”. During this drill doors are closed and locked, and lights out. A *lockout* “is called when there is a threat or hazard outside the school building”. Teaching continues as normal inside the building and the outer doors are locked. Our *hold in place* is to “keep students away from a situation or event”. An example would be if an ambulance were to be called to assist with a student or staff.

Officer Shimer would like to encourage all parents to ensure their children are properly placed in a seat belt or car seat. The key questions to determine if your child needs a car seat are: ability to keep feet flat on the floor, shoulder belt crossing between neck and arm, knees naturally bent over the edge of the seat. For additional information please contact Officer Shimer.

### Riverside Jr/Sr High School

At Riverside we have been taking advantage of our Friday snow days to incorporate some different activities / experiences for our students. On April 14<sup>th</sup> hosted a Career Expo for our junior high students where we had representatives (many of which were alumni) from a variety of businesses come in and speak to our students about their careers as well as their personal experiences getting to that point. On April 28<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Brennan’s science classes participated in Earth Day and collaborated with Windy River to clean up sections of Boardman. In total over 40 RHS students participated and between the two schools collected almost 300 pounds of garbage. There are plans in the works with the City to expand this event next year.

The science classes also had the opportunity to visit with Dr. Adam Moreno, a La Grande native who was recently awarded a NASA fellowship at the Ames Research Center in California to develop a computer model for forecasting forest health. Dr. Moreno shared with students his experiences as a Hispanic student from rural Oregon as he navigated higher education. During his presentation the topics of careers in STEM, ecology, and computer science were also discussed.





On April 26<sup>th</sup> we hosted the Middle School Tri-County Band Festival, where schools from Grant Union, Helix, Heppner, Irrigon, Pilot Rock, Stanfield and Weston all participated. It is always impressive how quickly these students pick up the new music and are able to perform multiple songs together after just a few hours of rehearsal. This was followed up with our Spring Concert on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.



Athletics are well into their regular seasons, both softball and baseball have had several league wins. Track and tennis are headed off to districts the first week of May. Our junior high track will be wrapping up their season the first week of May with several athletes eligible to continue on at the junior high state track meet the end of May.

### **AC Houghton Elementary**

We are celebrating our teachers this month at ACH and with that, I would like to congratulate our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher Michelle Morgan as being chosen Educator of the Year by the Irrigon Chamber of Commerce. She is only one example of the wonderful caring staff that works diligently for all the students!!

Our students are working hard on Smarter Balanced testing.

Our annual school carnival was April 28<sup>th</sup>. This was a fabulous night of fun and extremely hard work by all the staff and the parent teacher club.

At ACH we are also gearing up for the end of the school year with lots of field trips planned to fire stations, parks and Maryhill Museum. As always at ACH we are always striving towards our three A's "Academics, Attendance, and Attitude!"

### **Irrigon Elementary**

April has flown by and we are starting the tail end of the school year. We'd like to share some past events and announce upcoming events that we are looking forward to. Irrigon Elementary School hosted the District Math Contest which had a great turn out. We had a group of students from 5<sup>th</sup> grade attend the watershed field trip on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Some upcoming events for our students are 6<sup>th</sup> grade Outdoor School, a 4<sup>th</sup> grade Maryhill Museum Field Trip, and a 5<sup>th</sup> grade WSU college visit. Overall, we have had a very eventful and successful month of April. We will also have the opportunity this upcoming month to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week!

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of April we hosted the District Math Contest. We had participants from grades 3-8 all over MCSD. The TAG coordinators, volunteer teachers, DO staff, and building principals all attended the event. The students who were invited received a math contest t-shirt with their representing school's logo and name. We had about 200 attendees (students/parents), several students received awards for their mathematic skills. Refreshments and cookies were served to all who came and took part of the wonderful event. Watershed Field Day was very rainy this year, but still full of fun and learning. The students were able to hold macroinvertebrates and crayfish. Also, the students loved learning about the first foods from a Native American of the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla. Exploring the wildlife of our area and planting trees to assist with stream bank restoration were additional highlights from the day.

We have some very fun events coming up for our students. We have the amazing OMSI 6<sup>th</sup> grade Outdoor School overnight trip coming up. This is one of the trips our students look forward to as they progress through the grade levels at IES. During the outdoor school trip the students have the opportunity to camp in cabins, learn a lot about science and nature, sing around a campfire, have group meals, go on nature hikes, and the best part.... they build forever friendships with each other. We also have our 4<sup>th</sup> graders going on the annual Maryhill Museum field trip. While they are at Maryhill they will tour the museum, participate in several craft sessions, listen to a guest reader, and have lunch on the lawn. We have been invited to Maryhill for several years and each year we learn a bit more about the museum. Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be traveling to WSU Tri-Cities campus this coming month. This will be the first trip there so we are eager to see what they will learn and what the students will get to participate with while on campus.

Our month of April has been busy and has flown by so incredibly fast. We have so much to be proud of from our students and staff members. We will get to show our teachers how very much IES appreciates them and how they make our school a happy and safe place to be. I hope you were able to get a glimpse of what IES has been up to the past month and what we will be doing the month of May and into June!

### Irrigon Jr/Sr High School

Wow, April has just flown by, even with the extra Friday's added into the month. Our Seniors are on their countdown to graduation. Many of them are finalizing all the things they need to do to make it to graduation. Mr. Royer and all of our teachers have been working hard to help them finish strong. Our Juniors and Junior High students are in the middle of SBAC testing and will be throughout the rest of the year.

We found out earlier this week that we were selected for the National Bronze Award by US News and recognized as one of the top schools in Oregon. This is a tribute to the staff within our building and their commitment to the success of our students. Some of our success should be attributed to the variety of opportunities that our students have to participate in. For example, this month we were able to bring in the Idaho Shakespeare Festive group to perform "A Midsummer Night's Dream" for our students, as well as put on a performing workshop with our drama club. We also were able to bring in a group called the Harlem Ambassadors to put on a No Bullying, No Drugs, Stay in School assembly for our 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> graders, as well as the 6<sup>th</sup> graders from IES. The individuals from that group shared personal stories and positive messages to the students. We received a tremendous amount of positive feedback from our students on the assembly.

Another opportunity that our students had this month was to participate in the district FFA shop skills contest. Both the Beginning and Advanced teams placed first overall. Here are the individual results:

#### First for Beginning and Advanced Teams

##### Advanced

Mike Brantley; 1<sup>st</sup> in Arc Welding and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Oxy Cutting  
Bryan Meakins; 9<sup>th</sup> Arc Welding and 2<sup>nd</sup> Surveying (team of 3)  
Tucker McAllister; 1<sup>st</sup> in MIG & 9<sup>th</sup> Oxy Cutting  
Ethan Greer; 3<sup>rd</sup> Wiring, 3<sup>rd</sup> Plasma cutting, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tractor Driving and 1<sup>st</sup> for Advanced Master Mechanic  
Ryan Macomber; 5<sup>th</sup> wiring  
Madisen Haselbusch; 6<sup>th</sup> Plasma cutting and 2<sup>nd</sup> surveying (team)  
Tyler Hascall; 3<sup>rd</sup> Oxy welding and 2<sup>nd</sup> surveying (team)

##### Beginning

Brady Harrington; 1<sup>st</sup> Arc Welding & 1<sup>st</sup> Oxy Cutting  
Emma Flanagan; 3<sup>rd</sup> Arc Welding, 6<sup>th</sup> cutting  
Isaiah Luna; 1<sup>st</sup> Plumbing & 1<sup>st</sup> Wiring  
Reece Sheller; 2<sup>nd</sup> Wiring (learned in 2 days), tool id (looking into score)  
Alejandro Ibbara; 5<sup>th</sup> Plumbing & 5<sup>th</sup> wood working  
Alex Walls; 2<sup>nd</sup> Oxy Welding & 4<sup>th</sup> Wood working

Next Monday 6 to 10 students will be participating in the State Ag Mechanics contest at Central High School in Independence, Oregon.

We were also very excited to honor Marlina Avila-Serratos as she was recognized as Youth of the Year at Irrigon's Time to Shine awards banquet. Marlina is a senior, who plans on attending George Fox University and study Nursing. Marlina was also elected to the Irrigon City Council earlier this year, and is a finalist for the Ford Foundation Scholarship.

Spring sports is winding down as we approach May. Our baseball, softball, and track programs all continue to perform well and are preparing for post-season play. We will have an end of the season report for you on the final standings in each sport next month!

### **Heppner Elementary**

HES students are very busy this spring. In April the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class participated in Watershed Field Day along with students from Lone and Windy River elementary. Luckily it was not a rainy day and all the students had a great time.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class also had a field trip to a ranch to see animals and learn about some ranch activities. Though it was rainy and some things had to be taken into a barn the students enjoyed the time on the ranch. Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students participated in a "Teach to Save" activity.

The Harlem Ambassadors visited Heppner and many from our community enjoyed a night of entertainment at the high school. HES was also visited by Blue Mountain Wildlife with four different species of raptors. All of the students were able to see and learn about the birds and their relative characteristics.

Students of all ages are involved in track this spring. While the rainy days have made this challenging there are more than 60 students from Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade participating in track. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students join with 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades on the 'middle school' team.

We held the third quarter attendance and character awards assembly early in April. Two students from each class were recognized for their example of good character. Many students received recognition for perfect attendance including a fair number who are still perfect for the year.

Math Night was a big night for HES with many of our students placing well in that contest. Speaking of Math, 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are doing the Smarter Balance testing. The first round of Science was completed earlier for 5<sup>th</sup> grade and the results were encouraging. English and Language Arts testing is ongoing. Some students are finishing that portion. Math will be the last of the Smarter Balance tests along with the second Science testing for 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **Heppner Jr/Sr High School**

It is time to once again report the recent happenings of Heppner Jr/Sr High School. May has arrived and our current enrollment at HJSHS is 162 students with an overall attendance percentage of 92.3%. We will continue to promote the importance of regular attendance to the students and parents of Heppner schools.

April was full of many exciting events which took place at HJSHS and we look forward to many May events which include:

- Monday May 1<sup>st</sup> to Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup> - Tupper Outdoor School.
- Tuesday May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Site Council (4:30pm) & PTC (5:30pm) Meetings held at HES.
- Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> - HHS Prom 9pm – 12am.
- Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup> & Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup> – HHS Senior Portfolio Presentations.
- Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup> - Mother's Day!
- Monday May 15<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday May 16<sup>th</sup> - HJSHS Drama Production at 7pm.
- Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup> - Music Concert held at HES Gym - 6pm.
- Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup> - Mustang Mop-Up Community Service 8am to 2pm.
- Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup> - Booster Club Meeting @ 6pm.
- Monday May 22<sup>nd</sup> - Senior Mother/Daughter Tea @ 11:30am (Elks Lodge).
- Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup> - HHS Night of Excellence held at HES Gym - 6:30pm.
- Wednesday May 24<sup>th</sup> - FFA Banquet 6:30pm @ Morrow County Fair Grounds.
- Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup> – Seniors Last Day!
- Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup> - 8th Grade Celebration at HJSHS - 6:00 to 10:00pm.
- Monday May 29<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day Holiday - No School.

## **Management's Discussion and Analysis**

### **MCSD – Maintenance & Facilities Update – May 2017**

**INCENTIVE CHECKS** – We recently received \$80,414.35 from Umatilla Electric for energy savings from our DDC HVAC Efficiency Upgrade through the McKinstry Phase I project. We are still waiting on a check from UEC for Irrigon High School (energy savings still being calculated) and checks for Heppner Elementary and Heppner High School through Columbia Basin Electric. We also received \$42,007.40 through the Energy Trust of Oregon for the DDC upgrades.

McKinstry continues to work on the Facility Improvement Measure repair allotment. They are currently working on the control measures in conjunction with Clima-Tech. They still plan to have all Phase II repairs completed by the end of this school year.

Modular building for IES has been ordered with an anticipated delivery date set for the end of October, 2017.

The Irrigon High School press box project is now back in progress after several months of delay and the re-design plans have been completed and reviewed by the contractor. Upon his initial review, the contractor felt there would be minimal if any increase in costs. The contractor has submitted permit applications with the City of Irrigon, which will take some additional time for approval.

MCSD recently sold West Extension Irrigation District water rights that had not been used for several years to a private party.

As insurance will not cover the expense of the main water line leak that was recently discovered at the RJSHS track, we are currently looking into additional funding sources to help replace the track and relocate the main water line. Additionally, we are currently prioritizing what facilities/maintenance related projects we can complete and finish during the remainder of this fiscal year as opposed to projects that are budgeted for the upcoming 2017-18 fiscal year.

### **Financial Report Talking Points:**

The most current ODE basic school support estimate reflects the District will collect \$244,760 from the 2015-2016 school year. This additional money is driven by improved enrollment and a higher poverty weighting.

### **Incident/Accident Report**

- 4/7/17 – IJSHS – Employee was on a field trip with students, slipped and fell and injured shoulder. Did not miss any work but did see a physician.
- 4/17/17 – RJSHS – Coach was hit in face with a baseball during practice and had to seek immediate medical attention. Has not returned to work.