

## Administration Reports

May 2025

### A.C. Houghton Elementary

The 2024-2025 school year is rapidly coming to an end in a few short weeks. Our last month and a half includes our final diagnostic assessment for the school year, organizing end of year events and also hiring for Jumpstart in August, looking ahead by planning for next school year already.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade team concluded OSAS testing last week, and now all grade levels are working on our final iReady diagnostic for this school year, in both Math and Reading. Students are working hard to showcase what they learned this school year, which will produce data that is used to help us plan for next steps and next school year. Staff has worked hard to support all students to meet at least one year's academic growth in each of those subjects. As reported in earlier board reports, we did show growth from fall to winter, and soon we will see the benefit of our hard work this school year with results from our student's diagnostic growth results!

ACH participated in two very successful fundraising activities in the past several weeks. Near the middle of April we hosted McTeacher Night in Hermiston, where many of our staff 'volunteered' to work at McDonalds helping serve our families that traveled from Irrigon to come have dinner! A proceed of those sales will be presented at the end of the year assembly. This event is well supported as students are really excited to see their teachers in a different setting. We had a great turnout and raised nearly \$1,000 which we are planning to use to bring a National School Assembly to ACH. We also had a very successful annual school carnival held on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The weather was warm, but nearly perfect and quite pleasant (with very little wind) for an evening event of fun, games and prizes. There were lots of smiles from our kids and I can't say enough about our amazing community support for this annual event. ACH staff, that was willing to put in an extra-long day, worked alongside with our dedicated Parent Club, plus local Fire Department and EMT's, who all pitched in to help raise money that is used to support classrooms and our students. Funds raised are managed by our Parent Club and are used to purchase much needed student supplies, books for our vending machine and many other items needed throughout the school year. I can't thank everyone in the community enough for coming out to enjoy and donate to this worthy cause! I have included a few pictures below from both of these featured FUNdraising events.

Some of the exciting end of the activities that students, and staff, are excited about include:

- End of the year field trips for each grade level including visits to the Think Big Space in Boardman, to The Reach in the TriCities and also walking field trips to our local fire station and library, which also includes picnic lunches at our local marina or Trevor Fox Memorial Park;
- The last week of the year includes inviting our families to a BBQ to enjoy lunch with their students after our end of the year awards assembly;
- Specialists are hard at work planning an exciting "watery" fun field day & safety day on our last day of the school year. This includes the Irrigon Fire Department helping 3<sup>rd</sup> grade "slip and slide" into 4<sup>th</sup> grade!



### **Irrigon Elementary**

Throughout the month of April, our building was filled with a lot of exciting events, with one of the highlights being our STEAM Day on April 25th. This event engaged students across all grade levels in activities that nurtured their skills in math, engineering, art, and science.

Our 4th-grade students had the opportunity to express their creativity by painting flowers on actual canvases. The activity was led by Cynthia Hodgdon, who guided the students through a step-by-step process to create their own masterpieces. Additionally, the students planted seeds which they will continue to nurture and observe grow until the end of the school year. It was a fantastic combination of art and nature.



In 5th grade, students worked in teams to test the velocity of marbles down a track. The structure of the track was determined by the students, and they experimented with different arrangements to see how speed was impacted by changes in the track's design. It was a wonderful hands-on learning experience that sparked curiosity and teamwork.



Under the leadership of Mr. Temple and Mrs. Benetti, our 6th-grade students had the thrilling task of designing and building bottle rockets using 2-liter soda bottles. Students modified their rockets with engineering adjustments to optimize their flight. The rockets were launched using a combination of air pressure and water, and each student had three attempts to launch their rocket. The farthest distance was recorded, and the excitement of the launches created an unforgettable event. Students from all grade levels gathered to watch the rocket launches and cheer on their peers during the distance competition.



In addition to STEAM Day, we are also celebrating the success of our students in the district math competition. Our 5th and 6th graders excelled, with three students from each grade level earning first, second, and third place in the competition. In the 4th grade, students placed 5th and 6th, and 9th and 10th, demonstrating strong performance overall. Our students were not only excited about their individual success but also proud of the collective achievement. The excitement surrounding this competition has created a great deal of energy around math learning, and our students continue to grow in their confidence and skills.



In our building we are evaluating and collaborating on the importance of building a strong foundation for academic success, and our staff is focusing first on the development of our building culture. We recognize that the culture within our school directly impacts the academic success of our students. "Culture eats strategy for breakfast." (Peter Drucker).

We are committed to fostering a positive and supportive school culture that will have a lasting impact on the transformation of our instructional practices and academic progress. By strengthening our culture, we are creating a school environment that is conducive to learning, growth, and collaboration for both students and staff.

As we approach the end of May, we will be preparing for the conclusion of state and district testing. While this marks a significant milestone, we are equally excited about the upcoming end-of-year events that will celebrate our students' hard work and achievements. It has been a wonderful year of growth, and we look forward to closing it with even more memorable moments for our students and staff.

### **Irrigon High School**

IJSHS has almost completed state testing. One or two students remain. Students will finish out the year with the IXL Spring Diagnostic and data meetings will be held with staff administering these tests in June.

The interim FFA Advisor, Erin Heideman took a group of students to BMCC for the Shop Skills competition. Three placed third or better and Kodi Maris had a first place finish in MIG Welding.

The district math competition also brought us a couple of third place finishes by Gunner Adams and Miranda Wedam.

Also, in its first year, FBLA was recognized as a Champion Chapter.

We have several upcoming events including the spring band concert, FFA banquet, Knight of Excellence, Grad Walk and Baccalaureate, 6th grad move up day, field day and of course graduation.

### **Sam Boardman Elementary**

As we enter the final full month of the school year, it's a bittersweet time filled with celebrations and anticipation. May is packed with events that highlight the hard work and achievements of both students and staff.

We kick off May with Certified Appreciation Week, a time dedicated to honoring our teachers who tirelessly support us throughout the year. We take this opportunity to express our gratitude for their dedication and commitment. This year, our classified staff has organized some exciting activities themed around a circus, adding a fun twist to our appreciation efforts.

A special highlight this month is the recognition of Mrs. Graham, who will receive the prestigious Crystal Apple: Excellence In Education Award on the 15th. This honor is a testament to her outstanding contributions to our school, and we are thrilled to celebrate her well-deserved achievement.

May also marks the end of our OSAS assessments. Our third grade students showed determination throughout the testing period in April. This month, all students will participate in our last iReady diagnostic assessment, which will help us identify areas where additional support is needed. Following these assessments, we will place students into appropriate instructional groups during our WIN (What I Need) time, ensuring everyone receives the help they require to meet educational standards. Knowing this information will help us get started right away with WIN groups in the fall.

Another exciting event this month is the Kinder and Pre-K Round-Up. We will welcome our incoming kindergarten and Pre-K students, giving them a chance to tour the school and meet our wonderful kindergarten teachers. This event not only introduces new students to our school environment but also builds a sense of community and belonging.

Additionally, our 1st and 2nd grade classes have planned field trips for the middle of the month to the planetarium in Pasco and Fort Walla Walla. Two second-grade classes will also visit the Think Big Space this month, a fun and educational experience that promises to inspire creativity and curiosity among our young learners.

As we move through this final month, let's take the time to celebrate our achievements, recognize the hard work of our students and staff, and look forward to the exciting events that await us. May is a month of reflection, growth, and community spirit, and we are eager to make the most of it!



## Windy River Elementary

**iReady to Party** We are gearing up for our final diagnostic of the year (as of today, we have completed ONE day of it! Kids are doing well!!!). Kids have been working hard and we are excited/anxious to see how much progress they have made this year! We always make this one a BIG deal; super PE, extra recess, a long testing session, and ICE CREAM SANDWICHES!!!! Hard work can be fun! COME **ON MORE THAN 1** year's growth!!!!

**Spring Concert!** Mr. Azurin is preparing for our 2025 Spring Concert, which is May 15th!!! I am excited to hear the singing and the drumming!!! The kids, under the direction of Mr. Azurin, always do a great job! I can't wait to hear it!!!

**Scholastic Book Fair:** The Spring Scholastic book fair is coming right up!!! Kids (and I) are excited to be excited about BOOKS!

**Teacher appreciation/Classified Appreciation:** We just finished Classified week, Secretaries day, Principal's day, and Teacher appreciation week! We have the BEST folks at WRE, MCS D can be proud of the people that work with kids on a daily basis!!!

**It's a busy finish to the year!** We have a BIG finish to the year! Expect a TON of photos and reports on the June Board Report!!! Field Trips, Concerts, iReady to Party, Multicultural night, and the last day of school (Olympics, Field Day, Tillamook Ice Cream Truck... FUN!)

Here is a screenshot of the upcoming events at WRE:

May-25					Jun-25				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
			1	2	2	3	4	5	6
			Student Day	No School Student/Staff	S. Center - Segulveda	S. Center - Segulveda	6th Grade Field Trip	Multicultural Night	No School Student/Staff
5	6	7	8	9	9	10	11	12	13
Student Day	iReady to Party!	iReady to Party!	Student Day	ALL STAFF 8 Hr. Workday	Student Day	Student Day	Student Day	End of Year FIELD DAY/Chg/Talent Grades	ALL STAFF
12	13	14	15	16	16	17	18	19	20
BOOK FAIR WEEK!!	BOOK FAIR WEEK!!	BOOK FAIR WEEK!!	BOOK FAIR WEEK!!	No School Student/Staff				Juneteenth Holiday	
19	20	21	22	23	23	24	25	26	27
Student Day	Student Day	S. Center - Hunter	S. Center - Hunter	No School Student/Staff					
26	27	28	29	30	30				
Memorial Day Holiday	S. Center - Stewart	S. Center - Stewart	5th Grade Field Trip	No School Student/Staff					

MEC Graduation - June 4, 2025 at 5:00 pm

# PIRATE NATION NEWS

May 2025



Lamb Weston's amazing fry team

## 📌 Captain's Log-Earth Day Community Clean Up

On Tuesday, April 22, 2025 Riverside Jr/Sr High School partnered with the City of Boardman, Tillamook, Lamb Weston, and Boardman Fire Rescue District to clean up Boardman!

Crews of students walked along North Front Street, The City Park, The Riverside Campus, North Main, and Columbia Ave cleaning up garbage and debris filling over 400 bags of trash! Students were then rewarded by local businesses with french fries, hot dogs, and ice cream sandwiches.



Tillamook Team members who kept the kids cool with ice cream

The Boardman Fire Rescue District grilled hot dogs, while Lamb Weston stayed busy at the Fry Truck. The city of Boardman passed out waters to keep everyone cool on the warm spring day. Then Tillamook pulled up with a freezer box full of ice cream sandwiches and the students swarmed the truck while volunteers tossed ice cream sandwiches to the eager students.



Thanks to the City of Boardman, Boardman Fire Rescue District, Lamb Weston and Tillamook for keeping Boardman beautiful!



Boardman Fire Rescue District at the grill for our students

## ⚓ Crew Corner: Upcoming Events

- Thursday, May 1-Conferences from 3:30-7:30
- Friday, May 2 & Saturday, May 3 Riverside FFA plant sale
- Monday, May 12-MGSD Board meeting at AC Houghton
- Friday, May 16-FFA Banquet
- Monday, May 26-No School Memorial Day
- Saturday, June 7-Graduation 10AM
- Thursday, June 12-Last day of School!

Watch our facebook page for updates about changes in schedules

## 🏴‍☠️ Pirate Pro Tips from the Academic Advisor

- Apr 28-30: High School Elective Fair
- Apr 28: Field Trip to Columbia Basin College in Pasco
- Apr 30: 9th Grade class field trip to EOU in La Grande
- May 5-May 12: Registration open for next years' classes
- May 5: Expanded Options BMCC registration for Fall term
- May 5-May 12: You Science Implementation in 8th Grade
- May 27: Scholarship Assembly 9-10 a.m. (Parents welcome!)
- May 27: Senior Portfolio Presentations 3:15-6:15 pm
- May 28: Senior Decision Day Assembly 9-10 am (Parents welcome!)
- May 28: Senior BBQ/Events on Football Field 1-3pm (Parents welcome!)
- May 29: Seniors last day/check out (Must be passing all classes)
- June 5: Senior Graduation Practice @ RHS, 8am
- June 7: Graduation @ RHS, 10am

## 🗺️ Treasure Map-follow us

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🌐 <https://rhs.morrow.k12.or.us/>

📘 Riverside Jr/Sr High school -Official Site

📱 R Schools Today App-Riverside Jr/Sr High Pirates

🌐 <https://www.osaa.org/schools/61>



## Heppner Elementary School

April can sometimes be a long month for students and educators alike, but May flies by! This month started off with 6th graders attending Tupper Outdoor School, a tradition in the Heppner community. Students learn songs, routines, and games that many parents are familiar with from their own Tupper experience as a child. I appreciate our community partners for participating in the experience by teaching classes, cooking, or helping get the facility prepared for students. I would like to recognize Rocky Turner at the USFS for organizing the clean up of the fire camp in time for our students and counselors to come in. Brian Spivey, a local timber expert for the Forest Service, helped students count rings, dig up wild onions, and identify different trees while walking through the Umatilla National Forest. Shaun Mullins and Jeromy Wilson challenged students with map and compass tasks, helping them gain an understanding of the points around them. Jennifer Wilson with the NRCS office helped our students get dirty with a soils class, and Terri Gentry crafted with our students all week long. As I write this board report, students are getting ready to attend their day at Bull Prairie where students will learn about wildlife and fish during the afternoon. Parents come up daily to help cook and 12 counselors are supporting our staff with organizing and monitoring activities.

May is packed with activities- Mrs. Baker, our Crystal Apple winning music teacher, is organizing a concert for k-12 students based on different decades. Students are challenged to try out for solos, and Mrs. Baker holds high performance standards for every student. I look forward to another amazing concert experience! Field trips go hand-in-hand with good weather, and a variety have been planned. Trips to EOU, a watershed study, putting flags on the graves of veterans near Memorial Day, touring Three Mile Farms, Bull Prairie, and more will get students out into the world and learn first hand.

Testing is underway, and teachers look forward to seeing the results of hard work. We will spend much of May and June analyzing the data and adjusting our instruction for the 25/26 school year based on the results.



## Heppner Jr/Sr High School

### **1. You Science Staff Training:**

On Friday, May 10, all HJSHS staff will participate in a training session focused on the implementation of the You Science platform. This initiative is designed to enhance our career exploration and academic advising capabilities. The goal is to fully integrate You Science into our advising and CTE programs beginning in the 2025-26 school year. Staff will receive training on how to utilize student aptitude and interest data to better align students with elective offerings, career pathways, and post-secondary planning.

### **2. Senior Countdown & Testing Wrap-Up:**

With just a few short weeks left in the school year, we are in full countdown mode for our seniors. Graduation preparations are underway, and the student body is focused on finishing the year strong. State testing (SBAC) is nearly complete, with only a small number of students still needing to finalize their assessments. We appreciate the efforts of our staff in creating a supportive testing environment and maintaining accountability through the final stretch.

### **3. Master Scheduling for 2025-26:**

We are actively working on the Master Schedule for the upcoming school year. We have distributed pre-registration forms to students to gather input on elective preferences. Once responses are collected and reviewed, we will use the data to determine the number of sections needed for each course. This student-driven approach ensures that our scheduling decisions are aligned with actual interest and supports efficient staffing and resource distribution.



#### **4. Spring Athletics Update:**

Athletics are in full swing as we approach the postseason. District Golf is scheduled for May 12-13, and District Track will take place on May 23 at Crook County High School. Baseball and softball state playoffs are set to begin on May 26. Our teams are performing well across the board, and we anticipate a busy stretch ahead with both travel and hosting responsibilities. The commitment of our student-athletes and coaching staff continues to reflect positively on the school and community.

#### **5. Graduation & Senior Completion:**

We are proud to report that we expect 100% of our enrolled seniors to graduate on time this year. Seniors are currently completing their final presentations and end-of-year requirements. As we prepare for the upcoming graduation ceremony, staff and students alike are focused on closing out the year with a strong finish and celebrating the accomplishments of the Class of 2025.

#### **MCSD Maintenance & Facilities Report – May 2025**

The required annual inspections and preventative maintenance are being scheduled for June - July and schedules have been shared with pertinent staff. This will help our staff to be able to work around these inspections when cleaning or taking care of other projects. The next step will be scheduling the approved maintenance projects that need to be completed during the summer months.

The board packet includes the quote from Beynon Sports for the two full sized tennis courts at Irrigon Jr Sr High for their growing program. The funds have been secured through grants from Morrow County Unified Recreation District and the City of Irrigon CREZ funds. Once approved, we will move forward with scheduling.

The boiler at Irrigon Elementary has a large leak and three options were given to the district for the replacement. We recommend to fully replace the cast iron style with two smaller high efficiency boilers, the quote and contract are included in the board packet for your review.

We have wrapped up our bond community engagement presentations. We have appreciated all the support from the stakeholders. The IMESD will be mailing informational postcards to help inform voters. Please return your ballot by May 20!

March 19 – Boardman Chamber Lunch

April 2 – Sam Boardman Elementary PTC Meeting

April 7 - Irrigon Booster Club Meeting

April 8 – Boardman Senior Lunch

April 8 - Irrigon Chamber Board Meeting

April 9 - Riverside Booster Club Meeting

April 10 - Heppner Chamber of Commerce Lunch

April 10 - Boardman Chamber of Commerce Business Education

April 14 - Windy River Parent Teacher Club Meeting

April 15 - Heppner Seniors Matter Luncheon

April 16 - AC Houghton Parent Teacher Club Meeting

April 16 - Heppner Booster Club Meeting

April 22 - Boardman Town Hall and Riverside Building Tour

April 23 - Irrigon Town Hall and Irrigon Jr Sr High Building Tour

April 24 - Heppner Town Hall and Heppner Jr Sr High Building Tour

April 29 – Willow Creek Assisted Living

May 1 – Boardman Senior Lunch

May 6 – Heppner Elementary Parent Teacher Club Meeting

Respectfully Submitted By,

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**Staff Incident/Accidents Report: None**

<b>Date</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Incident</b>
4/15/2025	ACH	Employee tripped over a piece of classroom equipment and landed on her knee. No medical attention
4/15/2025	SBE	Employee twisted her knee while interaction with a student. Went to urgent care, 801 claim reported.
5/6/2025	ACH	Student screamed loudly in close proximity to employee's ear. May seek medical attention.
5/7/2025	SBE	Employee tripped on sidewalk while walking into K1 hall and landed on her side. She went to the doctor and has a broken rib. 801 Claim submitted.