



It is with immense excitement that I extend a warm welcome to an incredible new school year at Shadow Butte Elementary. As we embark on this journey together, I am thrilled to be your new principal. While this role is new to me at Shadow Butte, my roots in our community run deep. I am a true Emmett enthusiast, having grown up, met my husband, watched our children thrive in Emmett schools, and dedicated my entire career to the Emmett School District. Needless to say, my affection for our town knows no bounds.

As I stood on duty, ready to greet our students the other morning, I couldn't help but pause to admire the sprawling fields and the majesty of the Butte. In that moment, I was reminded of the privilege we share in being a part of this remarkable community. Whether you've been here for generations or recently joined our fold, we are all fortunate to call this place home.

Looking ahead, I am genuinely excited to share about Shadow Butte in these monthly reflections. For this first monthly summary I will share my bright spots as well as staff members' reflections. As we grow into the year, I will include student summaries as well.

Thanks for all the volunteer work that you do as board members to help our schools and community to shine. The work you do contributes to helping our Shadow Butte students "Grow their Dreams."

Principal Jodie Farnsworth



Reflections for August

Bright Spots- Shared by some wonderful Shadow Butte staff members

- I had lots of students show compassion for others when we were working and something was hard! It was heart warming to see! -Christina Adams (1st Grade Teacher)
- We've had lots of parents give positive feedback on the new locking doors! -Tiffany Nebeker (Head Secretary)
- I definitely think how we work as a team for our kids is a daily bright spot. -Stephanie Pirc (Special Ed. Teacher)
- Amazing teamwork to get the year started!! Everyone has stepped up to be very visible and supportive! Especially Specials teachers and our paraprofessionals!! Just wow!!! I'd like to thank everyone for putting kids first when approaching difficult situations as well. Thank you Jodie and Stephanie (and everyone behind the scenes) for your proactive, effective, and supportive approach to providing support for our kiddos. 5th graders helping kindergarteners get to bus lines. New ELA curriculum is being implemented in all our classrooms!!! Yay!! -Vickie Renfro (Instructional Coach)
- I have noticed some flexible responses from some of our past behaviors. I'm loving seeing how some of the students have matured and learned to navigate through their own obstacles. -Tina Collinsworth (Keyboarding)
- I just love my team! -Kristina Villamor (4th Grade Teacher)
- I loved seeing the older siblings helping their KG siblings come in for breakfast in the morning. We have a number of great big brothers/sisters! -Bobbi Taylor (Food Services Manager)



Principal's Bright Spots

- We have received several donations of school supplies to help us kickstart the year with our students.
- Shadow Butte has an amazing PTO that supports our school in so many ways. This year they are offering teacher grants that staff members can apply for to help meet additional needs, creative projects, or really anything that supports students.
- Our first fire drill took place this last week and we got positive feedback from our Assistant Chief, Chad Dutcher. I appreciate him taking the time to join us and observe our systems.
- A local artist donated a creative wood carving of a howling dog that I am calling a "Huskie Howler." It is too lovely to keep in just one location, so I have decided to make it a traveling display. It will be awarded weekly to a new class/teacher based on a random act of kindness that

a class has noticed. Our Huskie Howler was awarded to Mrs. Maloney to begin our traveling trophy.

- I have already received 2 positive parent phone calls reporting specific gratitude for their child's teacher. Both times it was noted that a teacher was able to turn a potential negative situation into a positive learning opportunity. Way to go teachers!
- Lastly, our students are a shining light of excitement and potential. As I reminded our students in my classroom meetings, Emmett families do two things very consistently, they raise students that know how to take on responsibilities and get things done, and they raise respectful children. I see the evidence of this work each day I interact with students. Thank you, families!



Looking Ahead to September

Sep 5 – 1st Principal's Pack nominees due in office by 3:35 pm. Due every Wed. at 3:35 pm until May 17th

Sep 7 – Staff Meeting @3:35pm in Library

Sep 8 K-5 Grade Lee Pesky visits- 2:35 pm

Sep 8 – Sub Folder due to Vickie Renfro

Sep 8– Management Plan due - Turn in to Shared Google SBE Staff Drive/PBIS/Management Plans

Sep 13 - Lee Pesky Training w/ New Teachers

Sep 13- After school program

Sep 14 – Fall Pictures All grades in Gym Staff take badge pictures starting @8:00 am

Sep 14– Lunch Bunch 5th Grade with Miss Greer

Sep 15- District PLC's 2:50pm

Sep 18-22 Homecoming week

Sep 18-26 - 5th Grade Only - DWA Testing Window

Sep 19 – PTO Meeting in Library @ 5:30 pm

Sep 20- After school program

Sep 21 – Staff Meeting @3:35pm in Library

Sep 22 Homecoming parade

Sep 22 – SBE Committee Meetings @ 2:50 pm

Sep 26 – SWDH Dental @ 9 Kinder only

Sep 27 - Instructional Rounds (K/4th)

Sep 27- After school program

Sep 29 – Class Birthday Celebrations @2:00

Sep 30 – Safe schools Training due



Community Support



A student helps her dad bring in backpacks filled with donated school supplies.



A generous community member drops off school supplies to help fill the gap for students in need.



Our PTO is strong at Shadow Butte! Parents like Jocelyn Webb go above and beyond to help make our school great. She and her team of dedicated parents decorated the entryway to add some cheer to our students' start of the school year. They ran with our theme for the year of "Growing Our Dreams."



Our "Huskie Howler" is a traveling award that celebrates our students and staff.



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