

# Shadow Butte School Board Update

for September 2023

WELCOME  
FALL

As I drove my daughter to the airport to catch her flight back to college our conversation warmed my heart and reminded me of the invaluable community we are a part of here in Emmett. She expressed how much she misses this town and our family. She spoke on the remarkable fortune of growing up in a place where everyone knows her and genuinely cares for her well-being. Her reflections touched upon the sense of security she felt within our community and the incredible learning opportunities it has provided her.

In our conversation, I witnessed her realization - that Emmett is truly a unique and extraordinary place to call home. What was once perceived as prying eyes from teachers and fellow community members has transformed into cherished memories of individuals who always had her best interests at heart, guiding and supporting her when her parents couldn't be there.

Reflecting on the past month's accomplishments at Shadow Butte, it is evident that much of the effort centered around establishing the bedrock of community support. While education remains our primary mission, it is crucial to recognize that true learning flourishes when built upon strong relationships and a sense of security. Our dedicated teachers have tirelessly worked to refine their classroom systems, streamlining the learning process for our students, making it both more effective and efficient. Moreover, they have made a concerted effort to bridge the gap between school and home, creating connections with families and instilling a sense of accountability and partnership.

Emmett, without a doubt, holds a unique place in our hearts as a special place for raising children. Our schools offer a unique rural experience for our students, where they can learn and grow in an environment unlike any other. This distinctive blend of community support and educational opportunity is something truly special, and it's all thanks to the unwavering dedication and commitment of our staff and school planners.

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your contributions in creating this exceptional experience for our students. Your hard work and dedication do not go unnoticed, and together, we continue to nurture a bright future for the children of Emmett.

Principal Jodie Farnsworth

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## Reflections for September

### Bright Spots- Shared by some wonderful Shadow Butte staff members

- Collaborating district wide and sharing resources without any negativity has been great (not always the case in the past). Intervention groups are going well. Staff have been jumping in to help one another for a variety of things, and the overall support from team members across the school is wonderful. -Candice Garcia (5th Grade Teacher)
- It was a tough week, however, some great moments- Kindergarten is understanding the routine much more quickly than in past years, After-school program is doing rockets, 2nd grade is really excited to learn music and grow. 3rd grade is ahead than in previous years. -Dominick Conte (Music Teacher)
- Providing quality professional development during September included full day writing PD for new hire teachers, beginning SMART training with our Kindergarten team, and our first day of Instructional Rounds. We conducted the fall 5th grade DWA (Direct Writing Assessment) with students and this will provide meaningful PD for 3rd - 5th teachers in the area of writing. I have surveyed our staff, conferenced with each of our new hire teachers, as well as several teachers who have requested coaching and have begun formal observations and coaching cycles. -Vickie Renfro (Instructional Coach)
- Working on staff relationships and students relationships has been a big part of this month, I feel like things are going smoothly and falling into place. -Tina Collinworth (Keyboarding)
- September went by too fast. The off-site evacuation I thought was successful. We had apple week in kinder and parents were great in helping us with supplies. -Gina Dunkin (kindergarten Teacher)
- Wonderful class! -Rebekah Maloney (4th Grade Teacher)

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### Areas to Grow in

Some staff were asked what areas they would like to grow in as a school or as an individual.

- I want to improve my use of pre-conference and post-conferences to focus on the effectiveness of coaching to make an impact on teaching and learning. I look forward to having behavior plans established for our most challenging students to outline our interventions/protocols so that staff members supervise consistently.
- I think better communication. It has been brought to my attention the fact that some staff would appreciate a face to face conversation about schedule changes to discuss any concerns and not in email form. (When we don't have subs to fill in for absent staff members schedules need to be alerted.)
- Finding time to meet as a team seems to be a struggle with the new curriculum and extra planning required (though we do have small informal meetings frequently).
- School - Friday donuts, a tier 3 classroom to help support our students and Mrs. Z. Individual - learning how to teach my students better.
- Being more firm in my expectations, don't allow the small things to slide. This is both personal and school wide.

## Principal's Bright Spots

- The E3 safety system is now installed in all computers and most personal phones of our staff members. E3 is a mass notification system which connects employees, administrators, and first responders in the case of emergencies. It also has been used this month for our off-site evacuation and fire drill practice.
- We had a great kick-off meeting for Shadow Butte's PTO. So many positive families are involved in teaming up to make our school great.
- Parent Night for first grade was held this month where parents were given insights into where their student was academically and how best to partner with the teachers to support learning.
- The Lee Pesky Learning team supported our first year teachers in an all day professional learning opportunity around writing and literacy. In addition, they will attend 1 PLC meeting per month to offer further training in writing instruction
- Safety comes before anything else in our schools and we are receiving great feedback from families about the new Safe ID systems that were installed this month in our school.
- We had our first instructional round that allowed kindergarten and 4th grade teachers to observe their fellow teachers and learn from each other.
- We held student council elections and our newly elected group is already spreading positivity with a fun chalk activity that they led as they welcomed students to school on Friday morning.
- The Huskie Hustle is a fun activity and fundraiser that we hold at SBE and this month. We held a t-shirt design contest to determine which artwork would be represented on the event shirts. (see pictures below)
- Lastly, Mrs. Tobias hosted a fun staff social at her house to further our school teaming and positive culture. Thanks, Mrs. T!

## Staff Shout-Outs

When asked who staff couldn't do their job without

- Jennifer Clark is amazing! She really works hard to help the kids be successful and responsible. Papa Zeke is amazing! He does so much behind the scenes and the kids absolutely love his personality. Our support staff is amazing for all they do for groups and progress monitoring. And our office staff just makes everything run so smoothly. -Candice Garcia (5th Grade Teacher)
- Heather Medley and Brandy Griggs and Olga Quebrado They are all always available for feedback, support or information. I know it said one, but they are all 3 wonderful! -Rebekah Maloney (4th Grade Teacher)
- I have to give a shout-out to our office staff! Their organization and willingness to take on more and help out is amazing!! Thank you Tiffanie and Kami!! -Vickie Renfro (Instructional Coach)
- Mrs. G she helps translate for me. She is also someone I go to to bounce of ideas. -Gina Dunkin (kindergarten Teacher)
- Mrs. Zufelt. She does the job of pretty much everyone in this building. -Tina Collinsworth (Keyboarding)
- Olga Quebrado- She has been a life line too me in this career. -Dominick Conte (Music Teacher)

## Looking Ahead to October

- Oct 1-30 - National Bullying Prevention Month
- Oct 2 - Grading window opens
- Oct 2 - Tier 2 PBIS Behavior Planning @3:35pm
- Oct 3 - School Custodian & Grounds Appreciation Day
- Oct 4 - After school program
- Oct 4 - Stranger danger Kinder @2pm
- Oct 5 - Stranger Danger 1st @2pm
- Oct 5 - Staff Meeting @3:35pm in Library
- Oct 6 - Professional Development Day (no students)
- Oct 9-13 - National School Lunch Week
- Oct 9 - Lions Club Vision Screening
- Oct 9 - Tier 2 PBIS Behavior Planning @3:35pm
- Oct 9 - School Board Meeting
- Oct 10 - Lions Club Vision Screening
- Oct 11- After school program
- Oct 11- Dress Up Day- Camo/plaid day
- Oct 12 - Huskie Hustle 12:45-3:00pm (K-2 1:05-1:50 & 3-5 2:00-3:00)
- Oct 13 - End of 1st qtr.
- Oct 13 - K-5 Lee Pesky Training @ 2:35 pm
- Oct 16-20 - Book fair
- Oct 16-20 - National Bus Safety Week
- Oct 16 - Grades due to office by 9:00am- Progress reports sent home at P/T conferences
- Oct 16 - Tier 2 PBIS Behavior Planning @3:35pm
- Oct 17 - PTO Meeting in Library @ 5:30 pm
- Oct 18-19 - No School for students (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
- Oct 18 - P/T Conference (5-8pm)



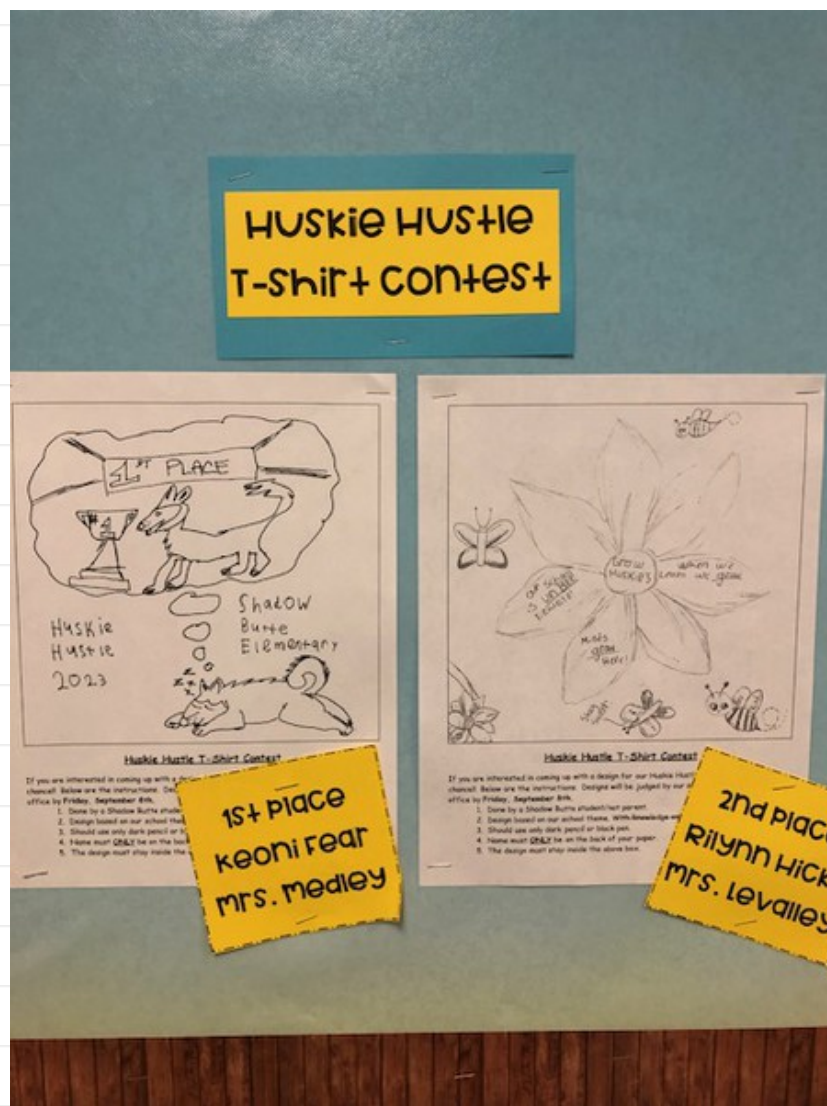
Oct 18 - Lunch Bunch - 3rd Grade and Ms. Creviston  
Oct 19 - P/T Conferences (10am-8pm)  
Oct 20- No School  
Oct 23-27 - Red Ribbon Week  
Oct 23 - Tier 2 PBIS Behavior Planning @3:35pm  
Oct 24 - Picture Retakes @12:30 pm  
Oct 25 - After school program  
Oct 25 - Instructional Round (2nd/5th)  
Oct 26 - Staff Meeting @3:35 pm in Library  
Oct 26 - Class Birthday Celebration  
Oct 27 - SBE Committee Meetings @ 2:50 pm (Events & Safety)  
Oct 27- Grading window closed for progress reports  
Oct 27 Trunk or Treat @1:00 @ SBE  
Oct 30- Boise Phil Grades 3-5 10:35-11am  
Oct 30 - Tier 2 PBIS Behavior Planning @3:35pm  
Oct 31 - Halloween - Just FYI 🎃

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## September Highlights



Student artwork from a getting to know each other activity.

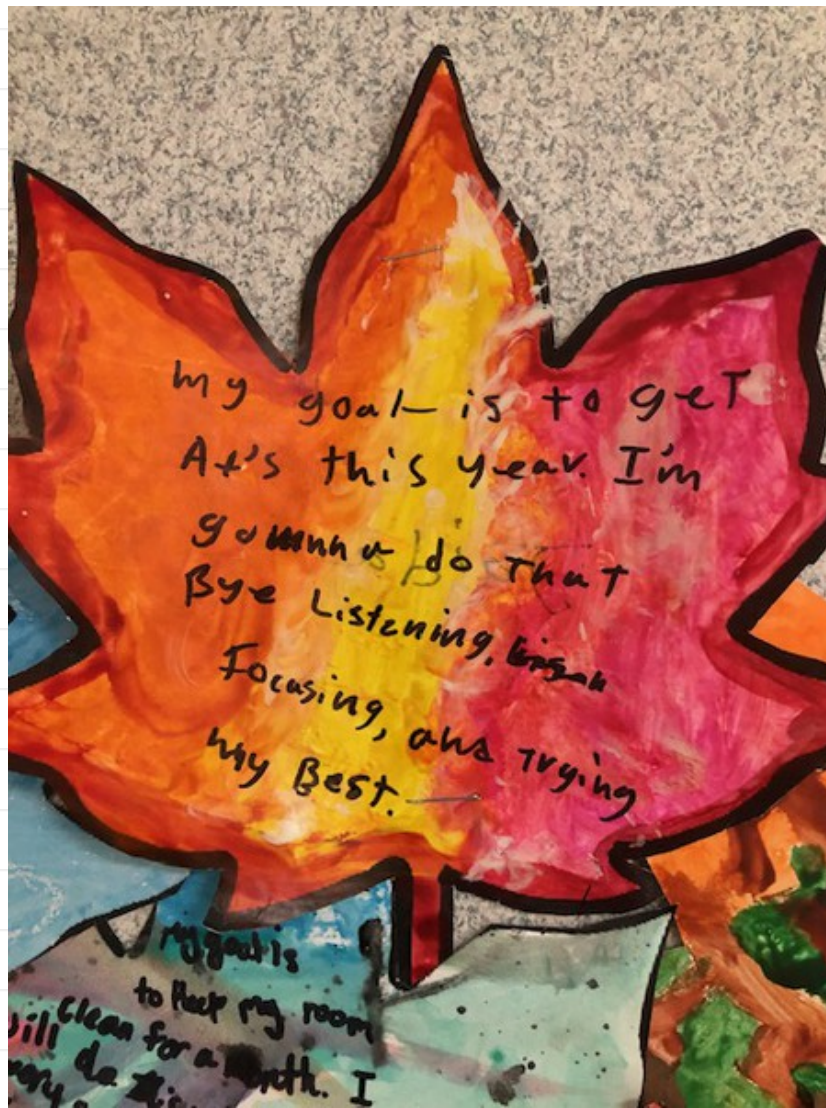


Huskie Hustle T-shirt design winners.



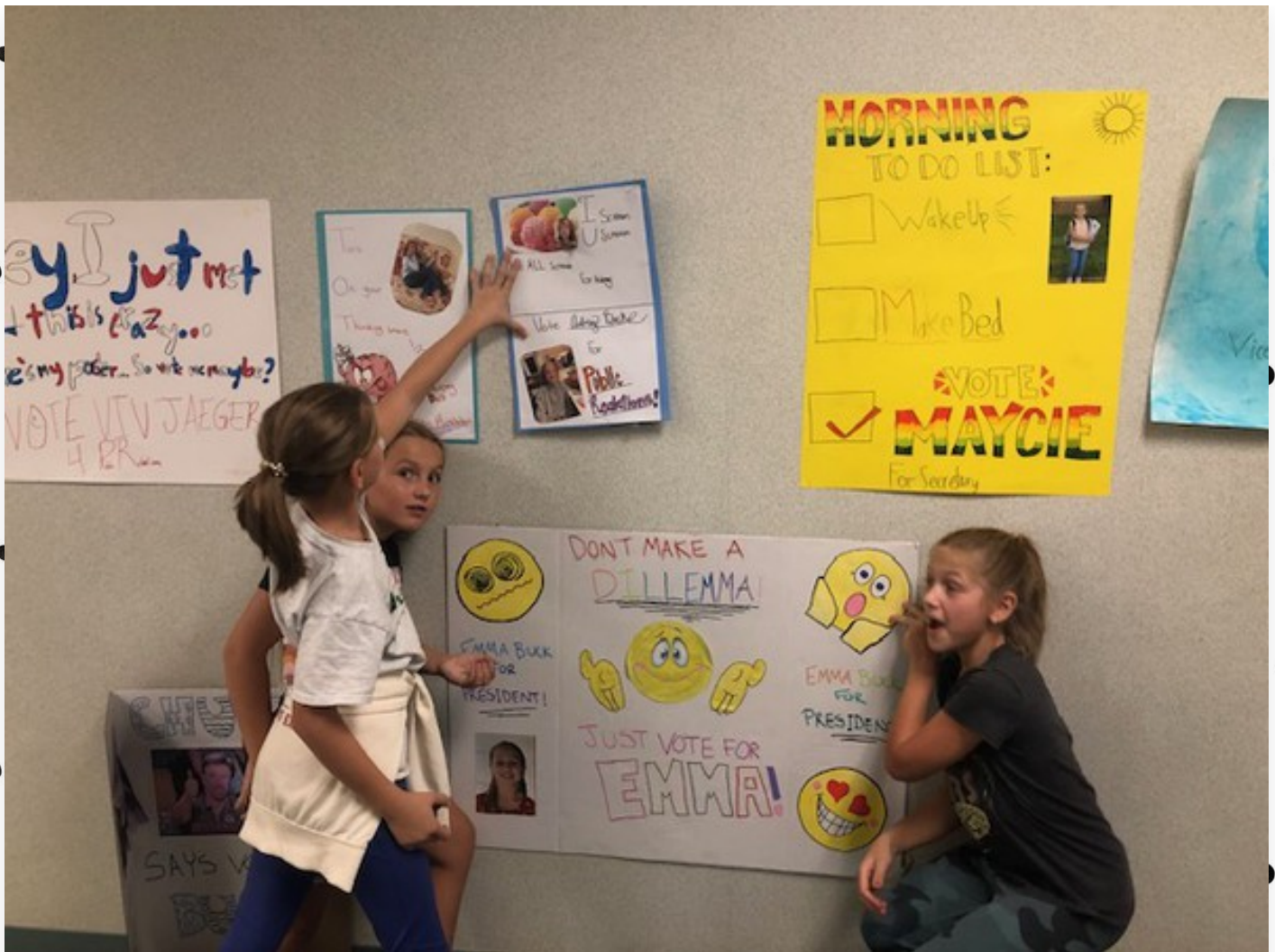


Students that were entertained and cared for by NHS volunteers during our 1st grade parent night .



Many teachers had students get goals for the school year.





Students with their student council election posters.





Students getting ready for the parade. Thank you AAA Boosters for funding our journey down to the parade.







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