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Shadow Butte Elementary

School Board Update

October 2023

FALLING for GRANDPARENTS



I am excited to start a new program at Shadow Butte. We are looking for local grandparents to help us begin the Foster Grandparents Volunteer Program. This is a remarkable initiative that connects our seasoned generations with the bright young minds of today. It's a beautiful way for our seniors to share their wisdom, love, and experiences, and for our students to benefit from their invaluable insights. This program doesn't just bridge generational gaps; it creates connections that enrich lives on both ends.

When I was teaching I had the good fortune to meet and work with Grandma Jean, a volunteer in our school. Grandma Jean had a presence that could light up a room. She graced our school with her gentle smile and a heart full of kindness. It was as if she brought a little extra sunshine into my classroom every day. Her unwavering commitment to our students was nothing short of extraordinary. She took the time to listen, to nurture, and to be a loving and patient presence in my classroom.

In the spirit of Grandma Jean, I am encouraging our community members to talk with those you know and consider joining our Foster Grandparents Volunteer Program. The love and inspiration shared will not only enrich the lives of our students, but also be returned to you.



Principal Jodie Farnsworth

REFLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER



Bright Spots- Shared by some wonderful Shadow Butte staff members

- This month has gone by so fast for me, and I believe the cause of it has been having more fun! The last several weeks I've focused in on meeting students at their level, making games that they can learn through, and developing deeper relationships. In my low groups I've noticed a ton of growth thanks to other teachers that have stepped in to teach them in groups or given me advice to help them. I've especially enjoyed my high walk to read group where we are reading through a magic treehouse book and are later going to research rain forests in the world. **-Kaitlyn Bailey (2nd Grade Teacher)**
- This month has been getting very comfortable with routines and expectations. Me and my students have built some connections that will help with the whole year and they are amazing. I truly enjoy my class and feel lucky to get to spend my first year as a teacher with them in Emmett. What an unexpected treasure I have found here. This was just a job I applied for and it is fast becoming a home for me and my family. **-Kristina Villamor (4th Grade Teacher)**
- Two Instructional Rounds completed. These have been bright spots and provided opportunities to learn and grow our instructional practices. **-Vickie Renfro (Instructional Coach)**
- October was a learning month for me, as the new School Nurse for Shadow Butte and EHS. I am amazed at the wonderful work our teachers and ancillary staff complete every day. It is obvious how much these folks truly care about our students. Everyone is so very helpful to new staff; they make me feel like I am already a part of the family. I have all the supplies I need and good direction in finding those supplies. **-Dani Bickford (Nurse)**
- I was so excited to learn about the new IXL program that we are trying out this year. Individualized learning that ties into the curriculum we are using that helps access skills that may have been missed and challenges students to try something new as well? Yes, please! My group is hitting the arena, and I can't wait to see where we can go from there. **-Jennifer Clark (SpEd Para)**

REFLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER



Bright Spots Cont...

- I loved seeing all my students excited about the trunk or treat! They have also started to become confident in their blending and reading skills and are making solid growth! Getting a chance to visit with parents and share how their child is doing during conferences is a joy and a privilege! **-Christiana Adama (1st Grade Teacher)**
- It was so great to see all the parents and speak with them about how well their child is doing in school. Building those relationships with families is so important when supporting students and it was such an honor to get to know them better and find out more details about each student. **- Kristina Oliver (Kinder Teacher)**
- The month of October was filled with opportunities for our families to join us! Huskie Hustle, Parent/Teacher Night, Trunk or Treat and volunteers. The community feeling here is simply a gift to our students. **-Stephanie Pirc (SpEd Teacher)**
- October was busy and exciting. The Trunk or Treat stands out to me as my bright spot, seeing the community and the school come together to put on a wonderful event for all of our students. **-Tiffany Nebeker (Head Secretary)**
- My students have made huge gains in reading fluency, in both my homeroom and my reading group. **-Brandy Griggs (3rd Grade Teacher)**
- Students have been working hard and I have seen academic growth and boosted confidence. **-April Russell (Title Teacher)**

AREAS TO GROW IN

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

- One area of growth I would like to see is positive encouragement for those kids who typically, "toe the line." We have lots of encouragement in place and much of it focuses on students who need lots of extra attention. I would like to focus on the quiet kids who do what they should and are often overlooked.
- We are continually making sure to have solid routines in place both school wide and within our classrooms! I look forward to having some quick conversations about how to help make sure the big October events are smooth such as our Huskie Hustle and the Trunk or Treat!
- I look forward to learning more about classroom technology and how to integrate it into teaching the core curriculum. I also want to learn more about what our curriculum has to offer for intervention for students in need of academic support.
- I personally would like to grow in building those small groups in my classroom. Managing 24 Kindergarteners can be a challenge but finding and creating small groups that are meaningful can be a bigger challenge.
- I am not sure where I don't need to grow as a teacher. I want to be better at all of it. I know to start with data driven assessments are something I am working hard to meet the needs of my students.



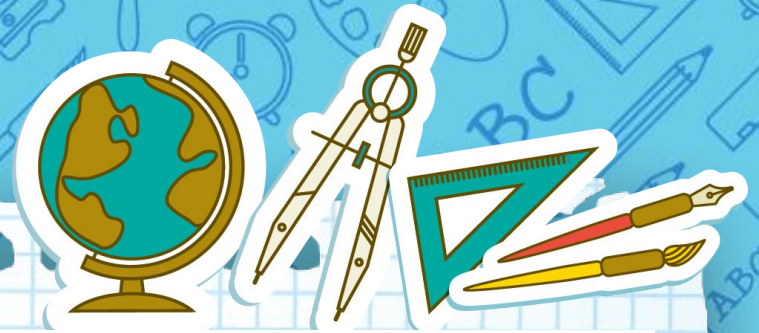
AREAS TO GROW IN CONT...

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- One focus I had this year was to strengthen my low, average, and high groups so that students grow from their current point. I'm still working on this so that there is maximum educational growth.
- I personally would like to grow in my ability to navigate Infinite campus and updating immunizations, medications, and stay on top of all my charting.
- Individually, I am loving building super strong relationship with all of our general education teachers as we share so many amazing kids.
- Data driven instruction - Using ISIPs and Formative Assessments to drive instructional planning and interventions.
- Organization! There isn't enough time in the day.



PRINCIPAL'S BRIGHT SPOTS



- Our students that are being progress monitored for math and reading have all grown along their goal lines or in many cases much higher. These are groups of students that have been identified as needing extra help and are receiving small group instruction from our Title team or classroom teachers.
- Our Tier 2 PBIS Team meets weekly to plan for and review progress on challenging student behaviors. We brainstorm and form next steps to offer support for struggling students and their teachers. This is a committed and talented group of people and I am honored to be working alongside them.
- It is stressful to staff and students when things don't go as planned, like when we had a power outage this month. Our district has invested heavily in outstanding technology to aid in the learning process, but without power technology use comes to a screeching halt. Our staff made lemonade out of lemons the other day and came up with some wonderful on the fly lessons to keep the learning process going. See a sample writing activity later in this report.
- There is so much learning taking place and teachers are really dialing into what students are needing to grow. November's early reporting is showing some nice level movement in the Istation Reading Assessment.

Level Movement

ISIP™ Reading results for **Shadow Butte Elementary School**

Emmett Ind School District 221 - 2023/2024

All Grades - Overall Reading



STAFF SHOUT OUTS

When asked who staff couldn't do their job without...

- Mrs. Z for the Trunk or Treat ! Wow! So much fun for the kids. Mrs. Erickson: She is amazing at how she supports students and her students look to her for support and guidance. Tiffany and Kami in the office help sooo many students in sooo many ways. Simply Wow! Mrs. Farnsworth: She is an amazing principal that truly is present in the hallways and around school. She is a caring support to all students, families and staff. Her believe in a caring school community is evident in addition to her strong academic ethics for students.
-Stephanie Pirc (SpEd Teacher)
- Moving to Idaho and starting a new job at a new district can be overwhelming. I have been blessed with the best team of kindergarten teachers. I could not do this without their support and our down time of joking around. This school is special. I have felt such support and encouragement by everyone. I have quickly grown to love this school, the staff, the families and students. In just a few short months I have students who know my name and say hi in the hallway. I am very grateful to have found my way here. **-Kristina Oliver (Kinder Teacher)**
- Stephanie Pirc has been a blessing and a lifesaver to our school helping shore up our special ed program and make sure all students are getting the support they need! Jodie has been a blessing helping to provide structure to some high flying behaviors and making sure all the teachers feel supported! As always my fellow first grade teachers Michelle and Colette are the best colleagues and help brainstorm solutions and provide laughter every day! I love our lunches together! **-Christiana Adams (1st Grade Teacher)**
- RaeLynn Williams-Keeps our team organized. Tamara Scribner-Keeps us focused on next steps. Heather Medley-Advocates for kids. Candice Garcia-Always available to help with my tough kids or kids needing a short break. **-Brandy Griggs (3rd Grade Teacher)**



STAFF SHOUT OUTS

When asked who staff couldn't do their job without...

- Kim Sheerer RN - Lead Nurse - I have this lady on speed dial! Kami Dixon - She knows where all the good stuff for the nurse is hidden! Tiffany Nebeker - If Kami doesn't know, Tiffany does. Both these ladies are the glue that keeps this school together and operating smoothly. Jodie Farnsworth - Never have I witnessed a kinder individual who is a master of de-escalation of student conduct concerns. Hats off to this principal. **-Dani Bickford (Nurse)**
- Vickie Renfro has been super helpful getting me connected to school curriculum online. April Russell and the title team help in so many ways. From playground duty to small group testing accommodations, and so much more... I would also like to give a shout out to all the teachers who make me feel welcome in your classroom for student support. You know who you are! **-Jennifer Clark (SpEd Para)**
- MY TEAM!! Our second grade team is truly one of a kind. We push each other to be productive and positive. Courtney and Andrea are the best :) I have also received a lot of advice and encouragement from the first grade team. They brighten our hallway! **-Kaitlyn Bailey (2nd Grade Teacher)**
- Clarissa Weideman, the support and compassion she gives to out students and staff does not go unnoticed. She is willing to jump in where needed and pivot quickly if adjustments need to be made. We are very lucky to have her here! **-Tiffany Nebeker (Head Secretary)**
- Vickie Renfro! She is always willing help and listen to my troubles/concerns. Tiffany Nebeker is so helpful and on top of things. She is willing to pitch in wherever needed. **-April Russell (Title Teacher)**
- Our 3rd grade team (Brandi Griggs and Tamara Scribner)-we support each other when we need it and bounce ideas off of each other. **-Raelyn Williams (3rd Grade Teacher)**
 - Love our staff!! We are an amazing team!!! I love seeing the support individuals give to one another each and every day. **-Vickie Renfro (instructional coach)**
 - My 4th grade team has been amazing! **-Kristina Villamor (4th Grade Teacher)**



LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER



Nov 1- After school program

Nov 2- Staff Meeting @3:35 pm in Library

Nov 3- Leadership Team meeting 2:40-3:35pm

Nov 3- STEAM Night 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Nov 6- 10 National School Psychologist Week

Nov 8- After school program

Nov 8- Monthly Dress-up Day

Nov 9- Lunch Bunch 4th grade with Mrs. Russell and Mrs. McCormick

Nov 9- Lee Pesky Training- 3rd-5th (prep time)

Nov 10- K-5 Lee Pesky visit @2:50

Nov 10- 5th Gr. Patriotic concert 9:00 students, 1:00pm parents

Nov 13 -17 – Anti-Bullying Week

Nov 13- Tier 2 PBIS Team 3:35-4:35 pm

Nov 13- School Board Meeting 6-8pm

Nov 14- PTO Meeting in Library @ 5:30 pm

Nov 15- After school program

Nov 16- Staff Meeting @3:35 pm in Library

Nov 17- Mammogram Van

Nov 17- District PLC's 2:50pm

Nov 17- MY DAUGHTER IS COMING HOME FROM COLLEGE FOR A VISIT!!!

Nov 17- Class Birthday Celebrations @1:30

Nov 20 – 25 Thanksgiving Break - No School

Nov 27- Tier 2 PBIS Team 3:35-4:35 pm

Nov 29 - Instructional Rounds (3rd/1st)

Nov 29- After School program

Nov 30- Staff Meeting @3:35 pm in Library



Thank you Helms family for donating pumpkins to our school!



Teachers made the best of the power outage.



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That's why the power wasn't connected."

Trunk-or-Treat was a fun family and community event.



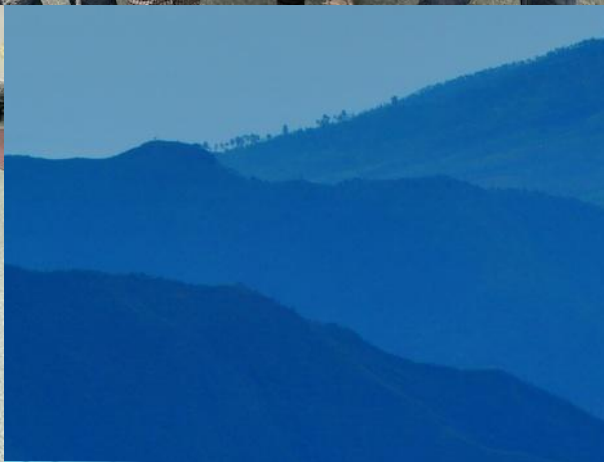
More Halloween Fun!



Staff enjoyed the trunk-or-treat as much as the students.



Steam Night was a Hit



More Steam Night Fun- Thanks PTO for helping with the food!

