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Shadow Butte Elementary

School Board Update

For November 2023



Student Council

As we step into the festive month of December, I am delighted to recall a moment of great pride and admiration for three outstanding members of our student council, Aubrey, Faris, and Maycie. As you will recall, these exceptional students were asked to represent our school at a school board meeting, showcasing not only their leadership skills but also the remarkable qualities that define the spirit of Shadow Butte. Their commitment, poise, and bravery were truly commendable, leaving a lasting impression on all who had the privilege of witnessing their presentation. I am immensely proud of these young leaders and grateful for the positive impact they continue to make within our school community. Thank you for giving them the opportunity to shine and for my chance to focus on some outstanding students.



- Principal Jodie Farnsworth

REFLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER



Bright Spots- Shared by some wonderful Shadow Butte staff members

- The month of November was a tough one, but I feel that our staff pulled together and helped each other through. A big bright spot is our resilience in the face of difficulties. **-Clarissa Weideman (counselor)**
- I enjoyed going into other classrooms to see what they are doing! (Ms. Williams got to take part in our instructional rounds.) **-RaeLyn Williams (3rd Grade Teacher)**
- Seeing the kids help each other is wonderful. **-Carol Sandahl (SpEd Para)**
- We truly are a family at SBE, every person is always willing to help anyone who in need. **-Olga Quebrado (5th grade teacher)**
- Lot of students had a better attitude towards learning. **-Tina Collinsworth (Technology Para)**
- Walk to Math is really taking off! I can see how the students are improving! We have started using IXL and I feel like it has a lot to offer. I look forward to using it and seeing how to improve support. Maddie has made such a huge difference in second grade sped groups! She is a wonderful blessing for these kids! **-Andrea Poser (2nd grade teacher)**
- The growth of my students and getting my teaching certification. **-Suzi Grossklaus (EL Para)**
- 3-4th grade is beginning to read rhythms 1 measure phrases well in partners as well as the whole group. **-DJ Conte (Music Teacher)**

REFLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER



Bright Spots Cont...

- Parents and Kids attitude has been getting ready for the Holidays! Great Comments from Parents about the school appearance. Staff the same! **-Ezequiel Ortiz “Papa Zeke” (Head Custodian)**
- Excited to execute my new curriculum. I introduced archery to my students in grades 3-5. **-Seth Conder (PE Teacher)**
- With the holidays and the season changing I feel like I have had a lot more creativity in my lesson planning. This has brought me joy and made my students more engaged! **-Kaitlyn Bailey (2nd Grade Teacher)**
- The Veterans Day Concert! Helping students make a Thankful Book. **-Christiana Adama (1st Grade Teacher)**
- Loved providing treats to send staff off for Thanksgiving. I think our staff fun, pass the pumpkin and turkey in your pocket, were positive and uplifting. Completed our third round of Instructional Rounds last week. All grade levels have participated in these this year. **-Vickie Renfro (Instructional Coach)**
- November was filled with such a thankful spirit at our school. Once again I am in awe of our wonderful and supportive staff. Coming from another state and school districts I can't quite explain what a true gem Shadow Butte is. I am thankful each day for this opportunity to be a part of this school district. **-Kristina Oliver (Kinder Teacher)**
- The month went by very fast! STEAM night was a huge success, seeing how many families came out to share in this event with the school and students exciting. It's fun to see the kids interacting with family and the school in a different way than our typical school day. **-Tiffany Nebeker (Head Secretary)**

AREAS TO GROW IN

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

- Working on getting papers out before the last minute.
- I would like to be able to clean my house better (stooping is a issue)
- I feel like there is still a great need to support our students who struggle with their emotional/social needs, so that we can focus on the students who have academic needs.
- drink more water
- I am personally working on improving my focus groups. We have so many options and I want to make sure each student gets what they need. I feel like I have been juggling a lot to do this. Having Maddie in reading has been a huge help and I feel like I am finally making some ground.
- Getting my Interim Certificate
- For our school I would like to see less students being called off the bus to allow for us to be safe when loading the busses at the end of the day
- Continually looking for ways to help engage all students.



AREAS TO GROW IN CONT...

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- I believe as an outsider of the discipline process, it would be very supportive and team building for staff that accountability should be seen.
- I have noticed that my motivation is lower this time of year and I tend to be more negative. Sooo I'd like to switch that around instead of laying in it.
- This month I plan to check up with each grade level team to reflect on implementation and pacing of curriculum maps and power standards. SICA testing this month will be a biggy!
- After more than 15 years of teaching I continue to reflect on how much I need to learn. Teaching has changed, parenting has changed and students learn differently. I look forward to growing and learning more about the district and how I can best meet all my students needs. Things look a little different but the our focus continues be on the students and families.



PRINCIPAL'S BRIGHT SPOTS



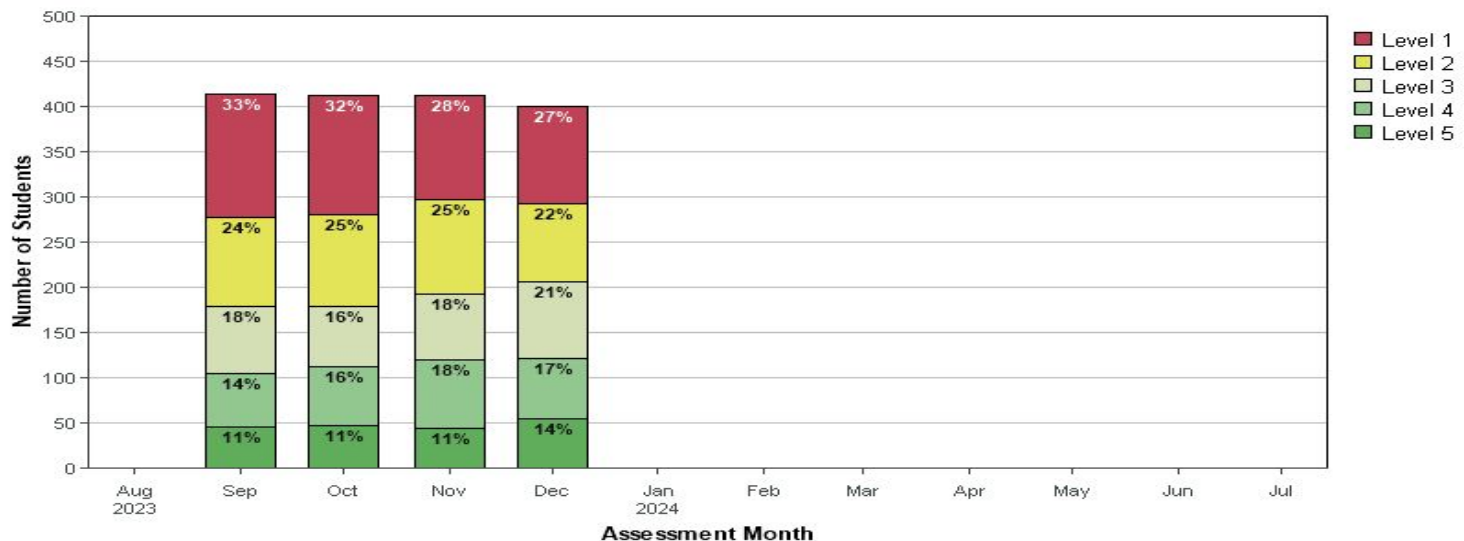
- Our Special Education team has really come together and have grown their skills under the leadership of our very own, Stephanie Pirc. Stephanie is a kind advocate for our students and models patience and grace under pressure. We are fortunate to have her in our school district.
- Our kindergarten team has taken on additional professional development by joining the Idaho SMART project. This is a multi-year training for K-3 educators providing instruction in the science of reading. They are learning leaders in our building. Thank you, kinder team!
- Lots of academic growth as demonstrated in this level movement graph from 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...

- Teresa Zufelt is an amazing part of our school. My job would be more difficult without her knowledge of students and her mentorship in reaching students when they are having a difficult time. She is also very welcoming to staff and helps out all the time. **-Clarissa Weideman (Counselor)**
- Stephanie Pirc, Mrs Maloney , Mrs Villamor **-Carol Sandahl (SpEd Para)**
- Mrs. Zufelt is always able to connect with most of our toughest kids. She is truly amazing. **-Olga Quebrado**
- Kaitlyn Bailey always has a positive way of making a stressful situation less stressful. **-Tina Collinsworth (Keyboarding Para)**
- Maddie- What an amazing person you are! The second graders are so lucky to have you! The kids are bonding and responding to your caring ways and I see them growing more each day!
- Mrs. Dill- Thank you for being my sounding board when I need one!
- Mrs. Weideman- Thank you for helping students with your small group meetings! These students need so much and I know what a toll it takes to be there for so many. I appreciate you!
- Kami and Tiffany- Thank you for keeping us organized and greeting us with smiles! I love having such wonderful people be the voice/contact for our school! **-Andrea Poser (2nd grade Teacher)**
- Mrs. Poser- She is always someone i can go to for help when i need and for emotional support when I am having hard day! **- DJ Conte (Music Teacher)**



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

- I feel SO encouraged each time I'm with Tiffany and Tina. They are joyful and goofy, but I can also share hard days with them. **-Kaitlyn Bailey (2nd Grade Teacher)**
- 2nd Grade team! They are always quick to jump in and resolve any problems that may arise! **-Tiffany Nebeker (Head Secretary)**
- Athena Erickson-She is always willing to help out and is great with all the students! **-Raelyn Williams (3rd Grade Teacher)**
- The whole school deserves a shout out but these individuals have been beyond amazing helping me, the EL/ELD students and the new students this year! Vickie R, April R, Jodie F, Olga Q, Gina D **-Suzi Grossklaus (EL Para)**
- Michelle Dill and Colette Tobias for their constant support in brainstorming solutions to problems! Stephanie Pirc in helping my students get the additional support they need. April Russel in ensuring our students get instruction at their needed level. **-Christiana Adams (1st Grade Teacher)**
- The kitchen staff and the new manager Miss Cassy she is great! The staff that comes into the Cafe at the second and third lunch! They are great! **-Ezequiel Ortiz "Papa Zeke" (Head Custodian)**
- Zufelt, she is a pillar of consistency and hard work for our school. **-Seth Conder (PE Teacher)**
- Teresa Zufelt - kids respond to her and she helps them to experience a positive result. Stephanie Pirc - Our SpEd department, kiddos and whole school staff, would be lost without her guidance, oversight and caring manner. Jodie F - Leadership, support, dedication, endless/tireless PBIS in action. WOW, just Wow! Such a critical component of all things discipline, leading by example is powerful. Love, love, love our K, 1, 2 grade level teams! They embody PLC (academic and behavior) in action! **-Vickie Renfro (instructional coach)**
- Mrs. G for always making sure that all our kindergarten students are accounted for after recess and always backing up teachers when needed. My students love to impress Mrs. G in the hallways and are always excited to tell me when they have a Huskie ticket from Mrs. G. Thank you Mrs. G for making our students feel special. **-Kristina Oliver (Kinder Teacher)**



LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER



Dec 1- Leadership/Safety Team meeting

2:50-3:35pm

Dec 1- 5th grade puberty class @1:20

Dec 4- Grading window opens for Report card

Dec 6- After school program

Dec 8- 5th grade TAR WARS @1:20

Dec 8- K-5 Writing Training w/ Lee Pesky @2:35

Dec 9- Winter Dance 6:00 - 7:30 pm in Gym

Dec 12 - 3-5 Math SICA (State Assessment)

Dec 13- After school program

Dec 14- 3-5 ELA SICA (State Assessment)

Dec 14- 1st-2nd Concert, 2:15 parents in Gym

Dec 14- Staff Meeting @3:35 pm in Library

Dec 14- Lunch Bunch Kindergarten with Mrs Pirc and Mrs Erickson

Dec 15- Class Birthday Celebrations @1:30

Dec 15- Christmas Party @2:35 pm in Library

Dec 18- Core Value Awards Assembly: K-1 @1:00, 2-3 @1:40, 4-5 @2:20

Dec 19- PTO Meeting in Library @ 5:30 pm

Dec 20- After school program - Last Day Session #3

Dec 21- End of 1st Semester

Dec 21 – Christmas Sing Along @10:40-11:20 in Gym

Dec 21 – Class Christmas Parties

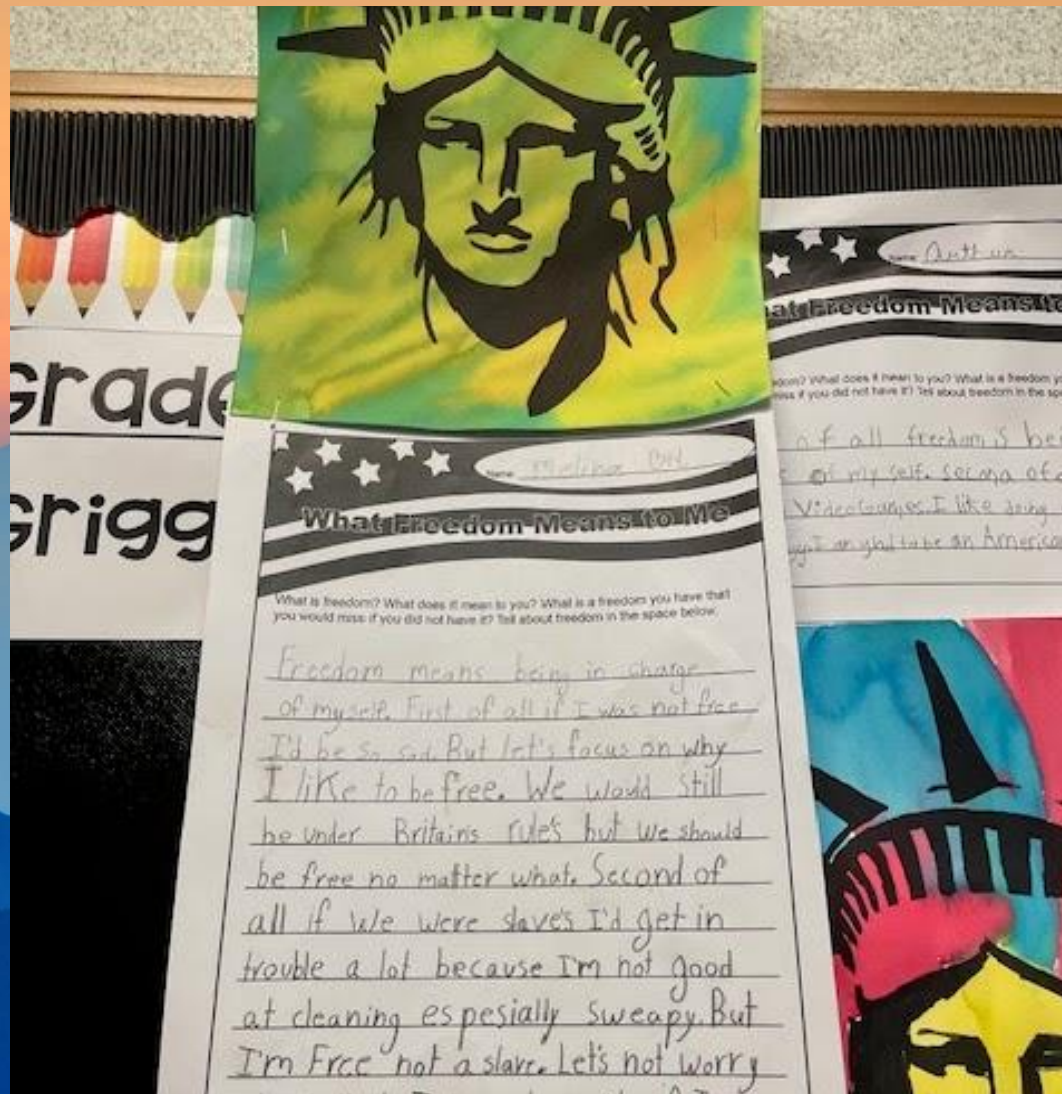
Dec 22 – January 3 Christmas Break- Staff, Students return on Jan 8th



Our 5th grade students honored our veterans in their patriotic concert.



We are thankful for our freedom.





We have some pretty neat turkeys at Shadow Butte!

