

*Shadow Butte
Elementary*

School Board Update

For April 2024

PRINCIPAL'S BRIGHT SPOTS



- **A huge shout-out to our incredible Multi-Disciplinary Team! I am immensely proud to work alongside such dedicated professionals, including our SpEd teacher, Ms. Pirc; SpEd Director, Nicole Thomas; School Psychologist, Alec Smith; Speech/Language Pathologist, Elaine Verstoppen, and myself. Together, we collaborate seamlessly to discuss assessments and special education needs, ensuring that each student receives the personalized support they deserve. Our collective efforts have made a significant impact on the lives of our students and families, and I am grateful for the unwavering commitment and teamwork exhibited by every member of our exceptional team. Here's to continued success and making a difference in the lives of those we serve!**
- **A resounding shout-out to our phenomenal 2nd-grade team of teachers, Ms. Bailey, Ms. Poser, and Ms. Thomas! Their unwavering dedication to collaboration and meticulous planning has undoubtedly set the stage for student success. The impressive student data they have achieved is a testament to their collective efforts and steadfast commitment to partnering effectively. Together, they have created a nurturing and engaging learning environment where every student thrives. Their exemplary teamwork and passion for education inspire us all and truly embody the spirit of collaboration and excellence. Here's to their continued success in shaping the bright futures of our young learners!**
- **A big shout-out to Ms. Pirc and Ms. Weideman for their outstanding efforts in organizing and facilitating successful SpEd and 504 transition meetings! They have played a pivotal role in ensuring that our students are well-prepared for the transition to Emmett Middle School next year. Through their expertise and commitment, they have provided invaluable support to our students and families, ensuring that individual needs are met and comprehensive plans are in place for a smooth transition. We are incredibly grateful for their hard work and dedication to making a positive difference in the lives of our students.**

INSTRUCTIONAL COACH BRIGHT SPOTS



- **Kindergarten Registration**: Our school district held the annual kindergarten registration on April 9th. Our Kindergarten teachers, office staff, and community organizations from each of our elementary schools work collaboratively to hold this annual event. Shadow Butte Elementary screened 47 upcoming Kindergarteners.
- **Spring ISAT**: 3rd - 5th grade ISAT tests are underway! Each spring, students across Idaho participate in the Idaho Standards Achievement Tests in English Language Arts/Literacy, Mathematics, and Science. These tests take place over a two week period and provide insight into individual student performance levels, as well as grade level areas of strength and weakness for our schools and district.
- **SMART Training and Regional Conference**: This year our Kindergarten Teaching Team and myself have participated in in the SMART (Striving to Meet Achievement in Reading Together) project. This is a multi-year training for K-3 educators that strives to advance teacher knowledge of the science of reading and apply within everyday instruction and intervention. Next year we are expanding this project into our 1st and 2nd grades as well. We attended the annual conference this month.

REFLECTIONS FOR APRIL



Bright Spots- Shared by some wonderful Shadow Butte staff members

- Everyone has worked hard to push through the near end of school without looking like exhausted pigeons...too much. (Ms. Collinsworth, keyboarding teacher)
- Our field trip was so fun for the students! (Mrs. Williams, 3rd grade teacher)
- Planting sun flowers to begin growing them for Mother's Day. (Mrs. Adams, 1st grade teacher)
- Awesome students (Mrs. Maloney, 4th grade teacher)
- April is a great time to review procedures and routines. It is a long and spicy month with the students. It has been so great to see them reading and writing. (Mrs. Oliver, kindergarten teacher)
- Kindergarten registration was well attended. Our SMART training culminated with the annual conference held in Meridian this month. Our staff continues to step-up, support one another, and cover duties for one another when illness and injuries occur amongst us. ISAT testing is underway! Our pre-planning has paid off and our start to ISAT testing has been smooth sailing! (Ms. Renfro, instructional coach)
- I love the after school math program! (Mrs. Poser, 2nd grade teacher)
- April was a fun month as we held transition meeting for our 5th graders on IEP's to the middle school. It was our opportunity to brag about the wonderful kids they are and how blessed the middle school is to have them next year. (and how they will be missed here) (Mrs. Pirc, special education teacher)
- Watching all of my students' hard work pay off! We have been reviewing in preparation for ISATs and I love playing a part in their growing confidence. (Mrs. Medley, 4th grade teacher)

REFLECTIONS FOR APRIL

Bright Spots Cont...



- **Support, support, support!** I have had the most amazing support from staff and building administration! During times when I have felt overwhelmed and completely unsure of what to do next, I have assurance, positivity, and direction thrown my way in more than generous amounts. (Mrs. LeValley, 5th grade teacher)
- **My 2nd grade math group showed growth in adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers.** They have been working so hard! (Mrs. Russell, Title 1 teacher)
- **April has brought so many things. One thing that has been the most evident is joy.** Joy in student success, joy in teachers helping teachers, joy in life outside of work. The most joy I'm finding work-related though is student success. This month I have seen students accomplish things that I would not have expected them to be able to do based on where they started this year. These students have worked hard to overcome challenges in their life that have prevented them from other success. (Mrs. Bailey, 2nd grade teacher)

AREAS TO GROW IN

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

- I would really like to work on my positive mindset right now. Just because of "the system" I have felt discouraged and frustrated for students.
- I'm wondering if we started benchmark testing too late. I worry we will be down to the wire to finish by the end.
- Confidence. There are many aspects in the world of education that constantly make us question our value as educators, and we absolutely should honestly reflect on the quality of education we are delivering. However, many forces in this world tend to beat us down, and I think we could all use a little more confidence in the good we do in the lives of our students.
- Positive communication with parents - I am very intentional about complimenting my students and acknowledging their achievements in the classroom, but I would like to extend that same intentionality to communicating those celebrations with parents.
- I always want to grow in school relationships because they are key to student success and in our community. Emmett is a special place to teach and relationships are such a blessing to education.

- I would like to grow in ways to support teacher accountability of District goals. I am looking forward to diving deep into instructional planning (school year, school week, school day) in preparation of the 4-Day School Week. I believe this will compel us to align instructional outcomes within next year's school calendar.



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- I would like to make sure I add more hands on activities and be creative with learning. The students are getting restless and it would help keep them engaged.
- Learn more about Dyslexia
- Working on moving calmly and being in control of our emotions!
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STAFF SHOUT OUTS

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

- Mrs. Poser has worked her butt off to maintain some pretty difficult situations, and I never once heard her complain about the student(s) in a negative way. She was always empathetic with her concerns and I think the students know this, so they trust her even more. (Ms. Collinsworth)
- Mrs. Elliot is a life saver so many days with my kiddos! All the paraprofessionals have been so helpful when needed with my class! (Mrs. Adams)
- Carol Sandahl and Jennifer Clark (Mrs. Maloney)
- My team!!!! (Mrs. Oliver)
- Clarissa Weideman is ALWAYS willing (and with a smile) to help and support when needs arise. Our Title I staff is amazing!!! Each of them are integral to the success of our school interventions and small group support. (Ms. Renfro)
- April Russell is the best! She works so hard to ensure students get the support they need! (Mrs. Poser)
- Theresa Zulfelt gives so much to the students who struggle behaviorally! She is a wonderful addition to the school!(Mrs. Poser)
- Clarissa Weideman has such a way with students! I appreciate her! (Mrs. Poser)
- Courtney Thomas has grown so much and I will truly miss her! (Mrs. Poser)
- Courtney has uplifted me endlessly. (Mrs. Bailey)
- Gina always gives me a good laugh. (Mrs. Bailey)
- Teresa has encouraged me to be myself even when others are stinkers. (Mrs. Bailey)



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- Olga Quebrado, Jodi Farnsworth, Vickie Renfro, Clarissa Weideman - for their never ending support and guidance throughout my toughest days! Kami Dixon, Tiffany Nebeker - for their patience and support with my ceaseless, relentless call to the front office! They provide so much help and support! (Mrs. LeValley)
- LeValley for being a rockstar! (Mrs. Nebeker)
- Misty Reynolds for Stepping up at the end of the year and helping finish the year strong for 5th grade! (Mrs. Nebeker)
- Mrs. Creviston and Mrs. McCormick are always willing to help me with coverage of duties or classes when I am needed to proctor tests or be in meetings. They are the best! (Mrs. Russell)
- I want to shout out to Mrs. G and Mrs. Kimball for their help with being my 'extra eyes' in getting the yearbook edited and looking fabulous! Mrs. G was so great in making sure we had plenty of great photos from all our events to put in the yearbook. (Ms. Dixon)
- I am grateful for so many. Olga Quebrado is such a wonderful person and resource and he work with students is amazing. I also am so excited to work with April Russell who leads our RTI interventions. She is so knowledgeable about our kids and their progress. And a huge shout out to the most amazing paraprofessional I have EVER worked with...Athena Erickson. (Mrs. Pric)
- Kaitlyn Bailey, Andrea Poser, and Courtney Thomas - I am so thankful for their kind words, encouragement, and already making me feel like I am a part of their team. (Mrs Medley)
 - Stephanie has stuck with me through the hard days this year has brought. (Mrs. Bailey)
 - Clarissa has worked hard to remain positive even when the reality of life is discouraging. (Mrs. Bailey)



LOOKING AHEAD TO MAY



May 3- Leadership/Safety Team meeting 2:50-3:35pm

May 3 – School Lunch Hero Day

May 6-10 National Teacher Appreciation Week

May 6– Grading window opens

May 6 – National Nurses Appreciation Day

May 7th- Kinder Concert Oliver

May 8- 5th grade field trip

May 8- 2nd grade field trip

May 9 – Kinder concert Parents only Demery

May 9- ELL at school party

May 10 – Kinder Concert Parents only Dunkin

May 14 – PTO Meeting in Library @ 5:30 pm

May 15- 5th grade visit to EMS

May 15- KG field trip

May 16 – Staff Meeting @3:35pm in Library

May 17- Final day for Title 1 interventions

May 17 – SBE Committee Meetings @ 2:50 pm

May 17- District PLC's 2:50pm

May 17 – Class Birthday Celebrations @1:30

May 17 – Last Principals Pack

May 20- 1st grade field trip

May 21- Awards assembly K-1 9:00-9:30 3-4

9:45-10:10 2-5 10:15-10:45

May 21-5th grade promotion

May 22–Grades to to office by 9:00am

May 22-Field Day

May 23- EHS Grad walk 9am

May 23- 3rd grade publish party 1:50 pm-End of Day

May 24-Kinder Grad 10:30

May 24- Send report cards home

May 24 – Last Day of School

May 24– End of 4th qtr

End of Year Testing:

1. **ISAT:** Grades 3-5 will be assessed in English Language Arts, Math, and Science (for 5th grade). Testing will take place from April 22nd to May 8th.
2. **ISIP Reading:** This assessment focuses on early reading skills, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension, and is administered to students in grades K-3. Testing will be May 8th - May 16th.
3. **ISTATION Math:** Covering a range of math concepts from number sense to algebraic thinking, this test is for students in grades K-5. Testing is scheduled from May 8th to May 16th.

2nd Grade - Bunnies and Chicks





3RD GRADE MUSIC CONCERT

4/11/2024



4TH GRADE MUSIC CONCERT

4/11/2024



3rd Grade Field Trip - Emmett Museum and Black Canyon Dam

