

*Shadow Butte  
Elementary*

**School Board Update**  
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October 2024

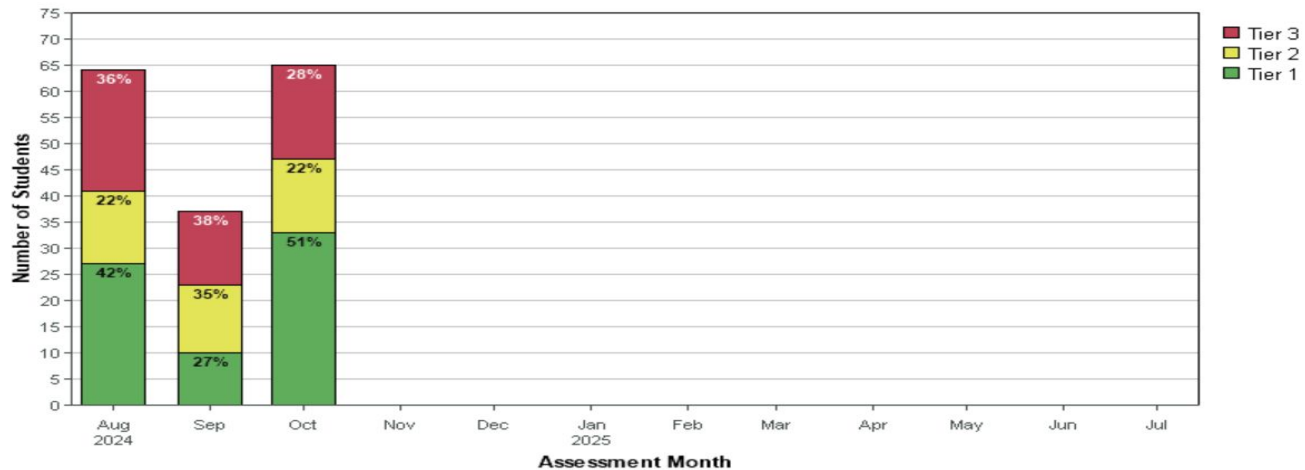
# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



**IXL Leaderboard Top Dogs** Shadow Butte Elementary IXL Leaderboard for October -These students have excelled in their use of the IXL online learning platform. IXL provides personalized practice in subjects like math and language arts. This program helps students master skills and improve academic performance. These students reached the top of the Leaderboard based on criteria like mastering the most skills, answering the most questions correctly, or spending significant time engaged in learning activities. It reflects strong academic effort, consistency, and achievement and it's often celebrated as a sign of dedication and progress.

**Data Celebrations** This month, we're excited to highlight the incredible growth of our 1st grade students and teachers! According to our Tier movement report, reading proficiency has significantly improved. At the start of the year, 42% of students were proficient, and now 51% have reached grade-level proficiency, placing them in the green band/Tier 1. Additionally, our red band/Tier 3 students have decreased from 36% in August to 28% in October. We're so proud of the hard work and progress made by our students and teachers!

1st Grade - Overall Reading



# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT CONT.



**Huskie Heroes Recognition Program** Our Huskie Hero of the month is Kristina Oliver! Since joining our school last year, she has made a tremendous impact, bringing her special education expertise to support our early learners in kindergarten. Watching her work with her students is truly inspiring. Let's show her some appreciation for her dedication and hard work by sending her a note of thanks at [koliver@isd221.net](mailto:koliver@isd221.net). We are so lucky to have her as part of our team!

**Student Leadership** Our Student Leadership Team spreads joy and positivity throughout our school in countless ways. Last month, they brighten our days by writing encouraging messages on sticky notes and placing them around the building for students and staff to enjoy. Their thoughtful gestures truly uplift our school community!

**Writing Training Lives On** Over the past several years, our district has partnered with the Lee Pesky Learning Center to provide ongoing professional development focused on enhancing student writing skills. Walking through the halls of our school, you can see the positive impact of this training. Teachers are using common writing rubrics to guide instruction and provide meaningful feedback to students. In the primary grades, student-friendly checklists are helping our youngest learners develop their writing skills. It's wonderful to see this training come to life in our classrooms!

**Bus Contest** We've recently launched an exciting new positive reinforcement plan for our bus-riding students—who make up the majority of our student population. Each day, we award points or tally marks for positive actions and behavior in the bus lines. At random times, the game is called, and the bus line with the most points wins. A student from the winning line gets to spin the prize wheel for the entire group. This fun initiative has significantly reduced negative behavior in the lines, ensuring students board their buses safely and efficiently!

# MONTHLY CALENDAR



## Mark Your Calendar:

### October

Oct 1 - Domino's Dough Night

Oct 2 - Picture Retakes

Oct 2 - School Custodian Appreciation Day

Oct 7 - 11 - Book Fair

Oct 10 - **NO SCHOOL** - P/T Conferences

Oct 10 & 11 - Parent / Teacher Conferences

Oct 14 - 18 - National School Lunch Week

**Oct 15 - PTO Meeting @ 5:30 in the Library**

Oct 17 - Huskie Hustle

Oct 21 - 25 - National School Bus Safety Week

Oct 24 - Class Birthday Celebrations @ 3:00

Oct 28 - 31 - Red Ribbon Dress up Days

\*Monday 28 - "Don't Get Caught Sleeping, Say No to Drugs" Wear your PJs/Comfy clothes

\*Tuesday 29 - "We Are Crazy About Being Drug Free" Wear crazy socks and crazy hair

\*Wednesday 30 - "Use Your Head-Don't Do Drugs" Wear a Hat to school

\*Thursday 31 - "Show Huskie Pride, Be Drug Free" Huskie Blue Thursday

Oct 31 - Trunk or Treat @ 1:00

### Looking ahead:

Nov 7 - STEAM night 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Nov 11 - Music Concert - Proud to be an American - 5th Grade

**Nov 19 - PTO Meeting @ 5:30 in the Library**

Nov 25 - 29 - NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK



# IXL LEADERBOARD TOP DOGS





# HUSKIE & HERO

RECOGNIZING STAFF MEMBERS GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND IN SERVING STUDENTS, FAMILIES, AND THE COMMUNITY.

**Mrs.  
Oliver**



Mrs. Oliver is a shining example of patience, kindness, and dedication as a kindergarten teacher. She creates a warm and supportive environment for her students while building strong relationships with their families. As a teammate, she brings humor, positivity, and a collaborative spirit to the kindergarten team. We are incredibly fortunate to have her as a valued member of the Shadow Butte family!

**OCTOBER 2024**

# STUDENT COUNCIL + LEADERSHIP TEAM



You're <sup>★</sup>  
all.  
• Unique!  
• in you're  
own way!

— ★  
you can do  
what ever  
☺ you set your  
Mind too

# WRITING SAMPLES



I am 8 years old.  
My favrit food is pizza.  
I hate broccoli it it gross.  
I like big dogs a lot!  
I like my mom a lot!

2024-  
2025

## ONE WORD

Peacemaker

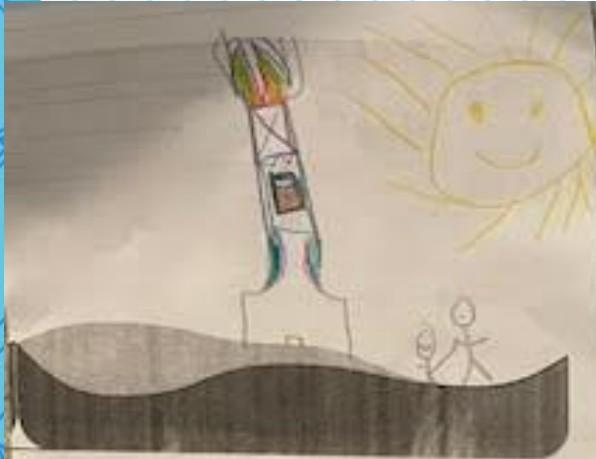
What this word means to me:

To me the word peacemaker means sharing kindness and peace to all those around you. I chose the word peacemaker because I want to be a person that is always so kind and happy the person that is friendly to everyone even when it is hard. If I'm ever struggling with a person I don't like I am always gonna try and be extremely nice to them because I want to always be a peacemaker. Something that will help me remember my one word peacemaker is I will put a sticky note on my wall and tell myself I am a peacemaker.

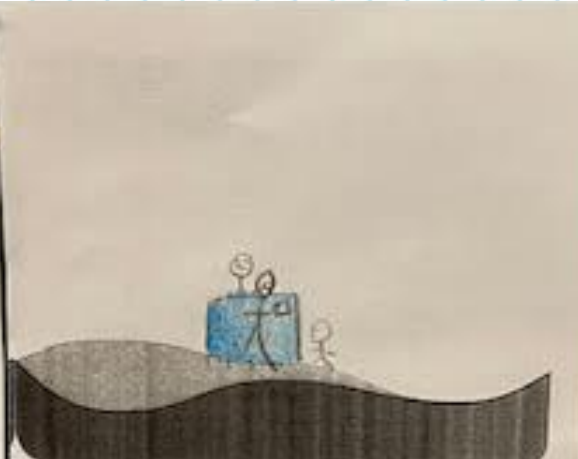
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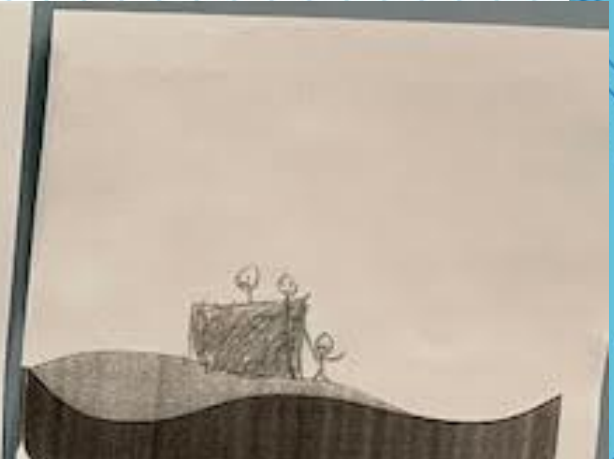
# WRITING SAMPLES CONT.



Me and my dad  
at after noon.  
may 27 in  
taipei taiwan.



We don't have  
Much money to  
go to the highest  
floor.



I told my dad  
It's ok we don't  
need to go to the  
highest floor

