

*Shadow Butte
Elementary*

School Board Update

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(Looking Back to December)

January 2025

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



IXL Leaderboard Top Dogs Congratulations to our IXL Leaderboard Top Dogs for this month: **Jonah Robertson, Summer Farmer, and Brody Karrer**. These students have demonstrated outstanding dedication to their learning by earning the highest scores in IXL across the school. Being at the top of the schoolwide leaderboard means they've mastered skills, tackled challenging concepts, and committed extra effort to excel in both math and language arts. We are so proud of their hard work and focus—keep it up, Top Dogs!

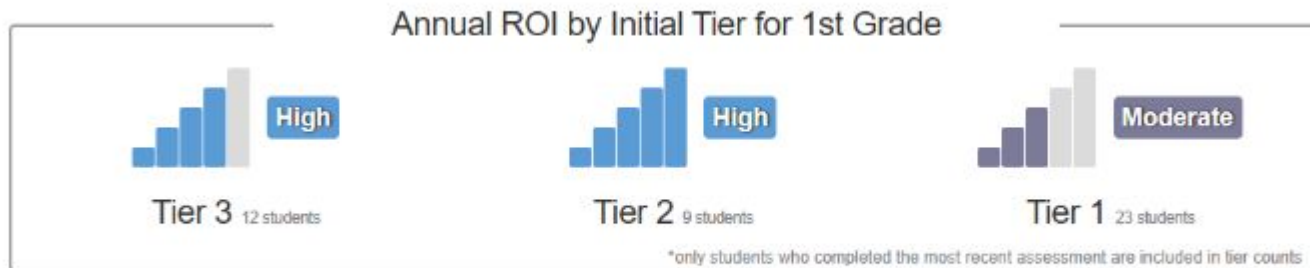
Huskie Heroes Recognition Program **Emily Alexander** has been a tremendous asset to Ms. Maloney's 4th-grade class as a long-term substitute. Her commitment to thoughtful planning, nurturing positive relationships with students, and integrating seamlessly into the team have made a meaningful impact. We sincerely appreciate her dedication and the positive energy she brings to the classroom and school community. Please help us celebrate her by sending her a note of appreciation at ealexander@isd221.net.

December Fun December was filled with joy and excitement at Shadow Butte Elementary, making it the perfect place to get into the Christmas spirit! We kicked off the season with a magical Christmas Dance, bringing together families, staff, and students for an evening of fun and celebration. Our hearts were warmed by the incredible 2nd Grade Music Performance, showcasing the talent and hard work of our students. A highlight of the month was the whole-school singalong, where Santa and Mrs. Claus made a special visit, spreading cheer to all. We also came together for our Core Values Assembly, recognizing students who exemplify being safe, honest, responsible, and respectful. These events made December a memorable month full of togetherness, community, and celebration. Shadow Butte truly shines during the holiday season!

DATA FOCUS



Data Celebrations We are excited to celebrate some outstanding data achievements from our recent Istation testing! Istation is an assessment tool that helps track student progress in reading and math by identifying strengths and areas for growth. Our **1st-grade students** made incredible gains in both math and reading, while our **3rd-grade students** excelled in reading. A key highlight is the high Rate of Improvement (ROI) seen with our Tier 3 and Tier 2 students. ROI measures how quickly students are progressing toward grade-level proficiency, and high ROI means students are making rapid progress. In Istation, students are grouped into tiers: Tier 1 represents students performing at or above grade level, Tier 2 indicates students needing some additional support, and Tier 3 identifies students requiring intensive intervention. While Tier 3 and Tier 2 students showed remarkable growth, Tier 1 students also demonstrated moderate and typical growth, which is essential for sustained success. These results reflect the hard work of our students and teachers, and we are proud to see such significant progress across these grade levels!



1st Grade Rate of Improvement - Math

Sample Report to help give you an idea of what we are talking about.

MONTHLY CALENDAR



Mark Your Calendar:

January:

Jan. 1 - New Year's Day

Jan. 7 - Welcome Back!

Jan. 15 - Dress up Day - Pjs/Comfy

Jan. 20 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Jan. 21- PTO Meeting in Library at 5:30 pm

Looking ahead:

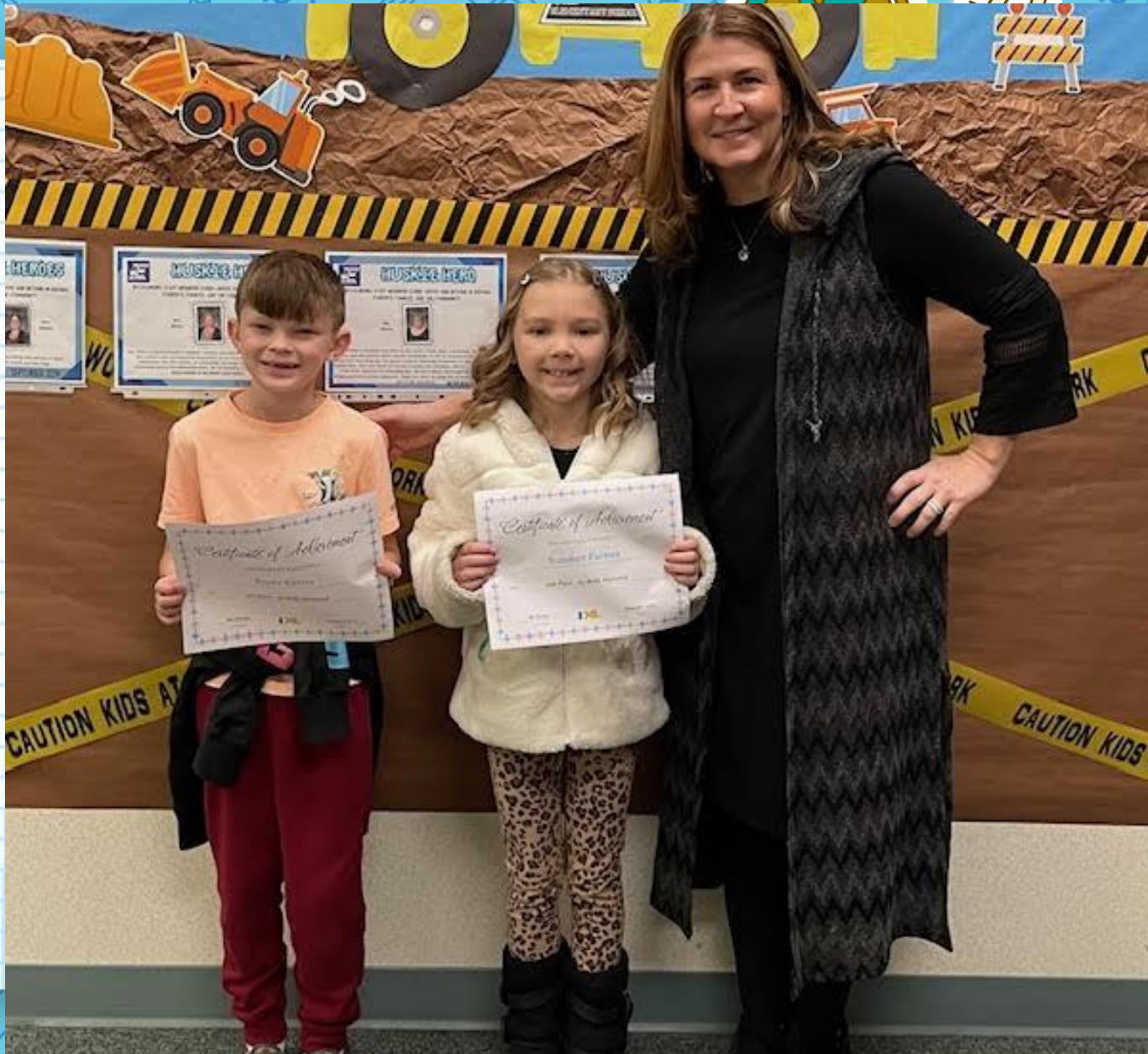
Feb. 3-7 - National School Counseling Week

Feb. 12 - Dress up Day - Red/Pink

Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day



IXL LEADERBOARD TOP DOGS





HUSKIE & HERO

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

Ms.
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Winter Dance

