

*Shadow Butte
Elementary*

School Board Update

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(Looking Back to March)

April 2025

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



IXL Leaderboard Top Dogs Congratulations to our IXL Leaderboard Top Dogs for this month: **Nichelle Morse, Samson Parry, David Henderson, Kris Yu, Mollie Vickery**. 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 We are proud to recognize **Serenity McCormick, Tina Collinsworth, and Shandra DeWitt** as this month's Huskie Heroes! Each of these outstanding staff members was chosen for their exceptional contributions that go above and beyond. As we've faced recent challenges with substitute availability, their flexibility, teamwork, and incredibly positive attitudes have made a huge difference. Whether stepping in to support students, shifting roles on short notice, or simply being part of the solution, Serenity, Tina, and Shandra have shown what it means to be true Huskie Heroes. Thank you for your dedication—you inspire us all!

School-wide Writing Focus At Shadow Butte, we placed a school-wide focus on writing during February and March, with all grade levels participating in writing projects designed to strengthen the writing process and showcase student growth. While writing is a year-round priority, this focused effort allowed classrooms to collaborate across grade levels by reviewing samples, identifying common strengths and areas for growth, and fostering shared goals. Teachers selected exemplary student work, which was proudly displayed throughout the school over the past month to celebrate our young authors and their accomplishments.

PBIS in Action As part of our commitment to proactive behavior support, our PBIS team reviewed school-wide data and noticed a significant increase in behavior reports during February of last year. In response, our PBIS team collaborated with our specialists to revamp our system with a more student-centered approach. Rather than drawing names for the same standard prizes, we gave students more choice in their rewards. This included options like lunch with the principal, helping with morning announcements, extra recess, spinning the prize wheel, selecting from the prize box, or choosing a favorite treat. This shift not only increased student engagement but also encouraged positive behavior, leading to a noticeable decrease in behavior reports

MONTHLY CALENDAR



Mark Your Calendar:

April:

- April 2 - Spring Pictures: Individual and Class pictures
- April 4 - Spring Dance/PTO Art Fundraiser, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- April 9 - Dress Up Day - RAINBOW: K - Blue, 1st - Red, 2nd - Yellow, 3rd - Green, 4th - Purple, 5th - Orange
- April 15 - PTO meeting in library, 5:30 pm
- April 17 - Kindergarten Registration (No School for Kindergarteners)
- April 23 - Food Box Distribution at Carberry, 4:00 - 5:30 pm
- April 24 - Breakfast with Buddies, 7:00 am
- April 28 - Music Concert 4th grade
- April 29 & 30 - ISAT Testing

Looking ahead:

- May 1 - 5th Grade field trip - Eagle Island State Park
- May 1 - ISAT Testing 3rd & 4th Grades
- May 5-9 - Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 6 & 7 - ISAT Testing
- May 13 - ISAT Testing
- May 14 - Dress Up Day - Sports Day
- May 14 - 3rd, 4th Grade - Fishing Field Trip at Dick Knox Pond
- May 20 - PTO Meeting in Library at 5:30 pm
- May 21 - 5th Grade Tour of EMS



Looking ahead:

- May 21 - Food Box Distribution at Carberry, 4:00 - 5:30 pm
- May 22 - 3rd Grade Field Trip - Black Canyon Dam & Gem County Museum
- May 22 - 5th Grade Fishing Field Trip - Dick Knox Pond
- May 26 - No School - Memorial Day
- May 27 - 2nd Grade Field Trip - Lake Lowell
- May 28 - 1st Grade Field Trip - Deer Flat Wildlife Refuge
- May 29 - 4th Grade Pioneer Day
- May 29 - 5th Grade Outdoor School

IXL LEADERBOARD TOP DOGS





HUSKIE & HEROES

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



Mrs. McCormick



Mrs. Collinsworth



Mrs. DeWitt

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All Students participated in grade level writing projects to develop writing process skills and showcase their final work. Each grade level wrote about a different topic.

Classroom teachers evaluated student writing, and ultimately identified students who demonstrate excellence in writing. Congratulations to these Young Writers.





PBIS

At Work



Students helping with announcements
and getting extra recess



LITERACY NIGHT

