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*Shadow Butte*  
*Elementary*  
**School Board Update**  
**Jodie Farnsworth**  
(Looking Back to April)

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May 2025

# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



**IXL Leaderboard Top Dogs** Congratulations to our IXL Leaderboard Top Dogs for this month: **Summer Farmer, Kris Yu, and Weston Buck**. 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** Congratulations to **April Russell**, our Huskie Hero of the Month! April is a quiet, yet powerful leader who plays a vital role in supporting our RTI Response to Intervention) systems and ensuring that struggling learners get exactly what they need to succeed. Her calm, consistent presence and dedication to student growth, both academically and emotionally, make her an incredible teacher and advocate. April not only uplifts her students but also supports and empowers her fellow educators. She is truly a game changer, and we are so lucky to have her on our team!

**Spring Into Art- Kids Art Auction & Dance Party** Shadow Butte Elementary recently hosted its joyful Spring into Art – Kids Art Auction and Dance, a vibrant evening filled with creativity, community, and fun! Each class contributed a unique collective art project for the auction, and students proudly displayed their individual masterpieces to take home. Families enjoyed delicious food and dancing, making it a truly memorable event. A special shout-out goes to Rose Sparks for her incredible support with the student artwork, and a big thank-you to our PTO for their fantastic help and inspiring ideas that made the night such a success!

**Breakfast with Buddies** Shadow Butte's annual Breakfast with Buddies was a huge success this year, with our gym packed full of smiling families and delicious food! This heartwarming tradition continues to grow, and we loved seeing students enjoying breakfast with their loved ones. The joyful energy, full tables, and strong community spirit made for a special morning. We appreciate everyone who joined us and helped make this event happen and we're already looking forward to next year!

# DATA HIGHLIGHTS

End of the School Year =

Spring State and Benchmark Testing



**State & Benchmark test data** is used for many purposes.

Multiple sources of data are used to analyze school wide trends at grade and classroom levels, as well as individual student proficiency and growth of grade level standards.

## **State Tests:**

K - 3rd students - I.R.I. (Idaho Reading Indicator) Istation tests begin week of May 12th

3rd - 5th students - ISAT ELA & Math tests began last week of April

5th - ISAT Science test

## **Benchmark Tests:**

4th & 5th - Istation Reading begin week of May 12th

K - 5th - Istation Math

2nd - 5th - IXL ELA & Math

2024-25 we embraced the challenge to improve and show growth using benchmark data as a tool to inform instruction, professional learning, and support student needs. We are encouraged by the overall growth K - 3 students have demonstrated in monthly Istation testing and look forward to Spring Benchmark results.

## **Preliminary ISAT Results:**

Math scores show improvement in each grade level.

3rd grade = **57% proficiency** above the state average of 50% proficiency and higher than previous 3 years.

We are encouraged by the preliminary ELA results so far!

# MONTHLY CALENDAR



## Mark Your Calendar:

### MAY:

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  
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



### Looking ahead:

June 3 - Core Values Assembly 8:30-10:30 am  
June 3 - 5th Grade Celebration 6:00pm, Gym  
June 4 - Field Day  
June 5 - Kinder Graduation - 10 am - Gym  
June 5 - Last Day of School

# IXL LEADERBOARD TOP DOGS



## Shadow Butte Elementary April Leaderboard

STARTED

Apr 1, 2025

ENDED

Apr 30, 2025



1



Summer Farmer

69 skills mastered



2



Kris Yu

63 skills mastered



3



Weston Buck

55 skills mastered



# HUSKIE HERO

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

Mrs.  
Russell



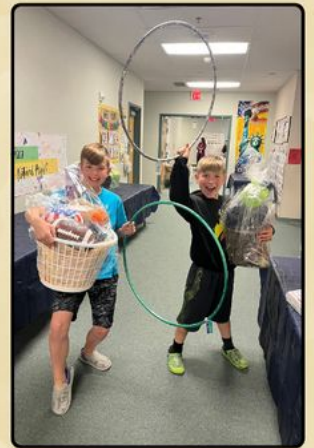
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# Shadow Butte

## Art Auction & Dance Party





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## Student Art Gallery



# Shadow Butte

## *Breakfast with Buddies*

YUM!



# Shadow Butte



## 4th Grade Music Concert



# 1st Graders Releasing Butterflies!

