

Shadow Butte Elementary School Board Update



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Most Wanted Staff: This month's Most Wanted Staff are our trailblazers in improving student learning, our Kindergarten Team. They were the very first team members to step up and join the state's SMART Project — a two-year intensive learning opportunity focused on current reading research and best instructional practices. Not only are they committed to deepening their craft and leading the way for others, they consistently bring positivity, energy, and joy into our building. They make learning fun, and our students absolutely love them. We are grateful for Mrs. Dunkin and Mrs. Oliver's leadership, their growth mindset, and the enthusiasm they bring to the work each day.

- **Getting to Know Staff:** As part of my board report each month, I will be highlighting key individuals and roles within our school so the Board can continue learning more about our team, the work we do, and how each role supports students. This month I am including updates from our Title Teacher, April Russell, and our Community Schools Coordinator, Abby Buck. These spotlights will help share the "who and what" behind the meaningful work happening every day to support our Huskies and their success.





Huskie Hustle: Our Annual Huskie Hustle took place on October 23rd, and it was a wonderful celebration of our motto: “Building a Community of Happy, Healthy Learners.” This year was especially meaningful because we were able to use our new track—a project made possible through school fundraising efforts and generous community support. Students proudly earned a bracelet for each lap completed, recognizing their healthy choices and perseverance. We were grateful to partner with our PTO, community volunteers, and the EHS Student Council to bring this event to life. A big thank you to our Events Team for their organization and leadership in making the Huskie Hustle another joyful success.

- Trunk or Treat: Our Trunk or Treat event was a huge hit again this year! Thanks to the efforts of Teresa Zufelt, we had strong participation from families and community members, and we even set a new record with 40 decorated vehicles. Our students look forward to this tradition each year, and because of the enthusiasm and generosity of our school community, it was another memorable and joyful celebration for all.



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Title Teacher- April Russell:

- RTI is the system we use to ensure that students in academic need are receiving targeted support. ✦
- Screeners (Amira) identify who needs support and diagnostic tests (phonics surveys, math skills surveys) identify what kind of help is needed.
- Based on this data we plan small group interventions and track progress.
- Grade level teams meet with the RTI team every 6 weeks to review progress and interventions and make changes if a student is not responding to interventions.

Room to grow:

- Grow student ownership of data through self-recording scores and goals.
- Continue to grow knowledge of science of reading with SMART program partnership.
- Increase parent involvement with RTI processes (specific to their students).



- Abby Buck- Community Schools Coordinator: ✨

Our Community School has some great things happening!

- After School Program - 4 days a week, serving ~75 students. Offering both academic AND enrichment opportunities
- We recently have been able to support many of our families with food and clothing support - featured on Channel 6 news!



I actively assist families with the many needs that arise, whether it be connecting them to community resources, sending food home for the weekend, or getting shoes/clothes/winter gear for their children needing support with basic needs.

We aim to serve the whole child - which involves the family unit. We are hoping to grow more community and family partnerships to better serve our families here at Shadow Butte!



MOST WANTED STAFF



MRS. DUNKIN



MRS. OLIVER

WANTED FOR:

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TRUNK OR TREAT



Mark Your Calendar:

November 3-7 - National School Psychologist Week

November 3-December 8th - Canned Food Drive

November 4 - Election Day

November 11 - Veterans Day

November 11 - Music Concert - Veterans Day (5th), 2:20 pm

November 13 - World Kindness Day

November 13- STEAM Night 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

November 17-21 - National Sub Appreciation Week

November 18 - PTO Meeting, 4:15 pm- Library

November 20- Class Birthday Celebration, 3:00

November 24-27 - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

November 27 - Thanksgiving Day



Thanks!



Thank you for your significant commitment of time and energy to our schools and district. I recognize that you are busy people with many opportunities to volunteer. Your decision to partner with our schools is truly valued and makes a direct impact on our students.

