

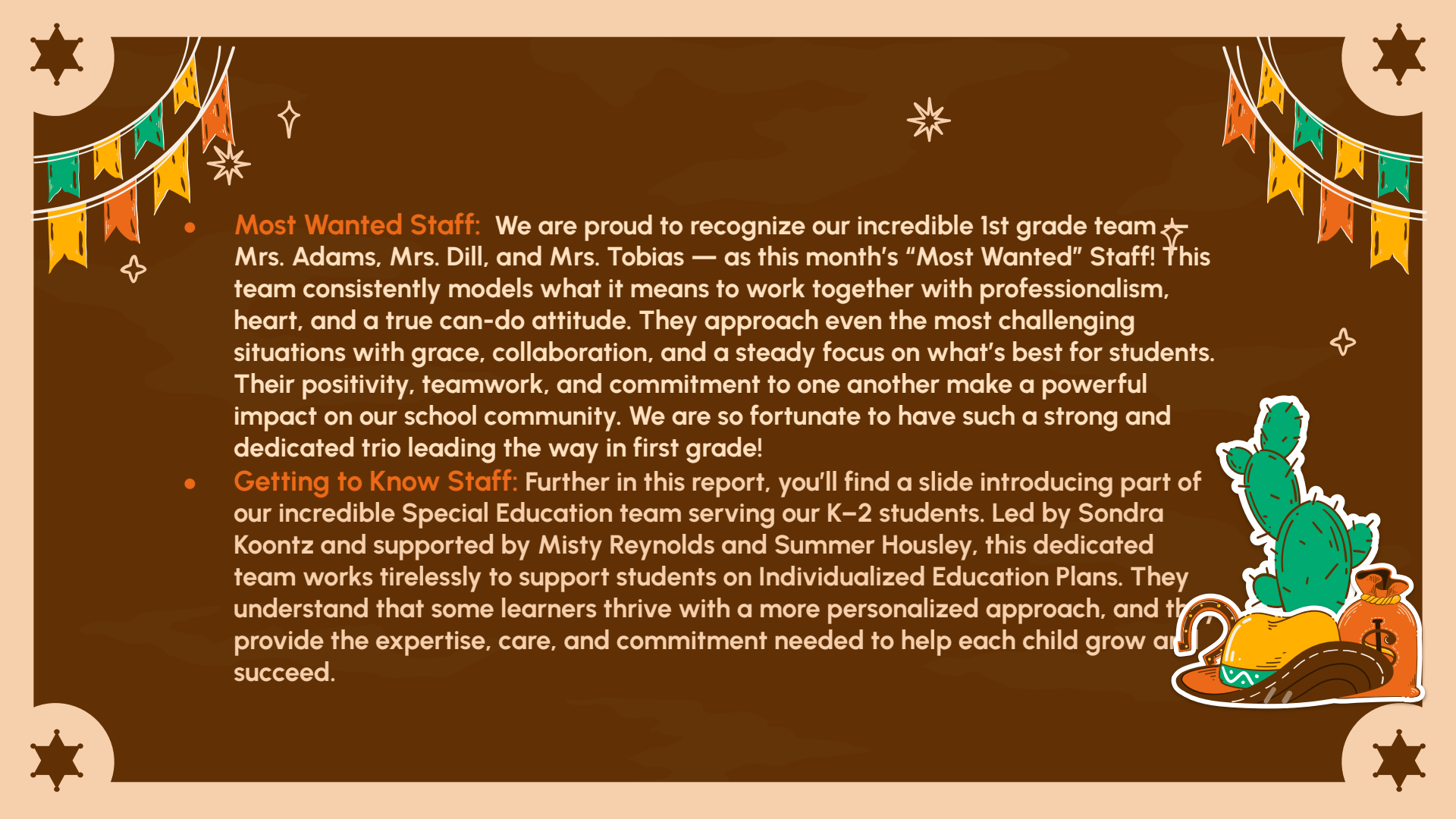
# Shadow Butte Elementary School Board Update






Shared by Jodie Farnsworth



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- **Most Wanted Staff:** We are proud to recognize our incredible 1st grade team — Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Dill, and Mrs. Tobias — as this month's "Most Wanted" Staff! This team consistently models what it means to work together with professionalism, heart, and a true can-do attitude. They approach even the most challenging situations with grace, collaboration, and a steady focus on what's best for students. Their positivity, teamwork, and commitment to one another make a powerful impact on our school community. We are so fortunate to have such a strong and dedicated trio leading the way in first grade!
  - **Getting to Know Staff:** Further in this report, you'll find a slide introducing part of our incredible Special Education team serving our K–2 students. Led by Sondra Koontz and supported by Misty Reynolds and Summer Housley, this dedicated team works tirelessly to support students on Individualized Education Plans. They understand that some learners thrive with a more personalized approach, and they provide the expertise, care, and commitment needed to help each child grow and succeed.



**Breakfast With Buddies:** Our Breakfast with Buddies event on February 26th was a wonderful success! We were thrilled to welcome more than 350 students and special guests into our school for a morning filled with smiles, connection, and community. It was heartwarming to see families and buddies sharing breakfast together and starting the day in such a positive way. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the event so memorable!

- **2nd Grade Wax Museum:** Our 2nd Grade Wax Museum was an incredible celebration of learning and creativity. Students proudly showcased their research and writing by transforming into historical figures and notable characters, complete with thoughtful costumes and impressive poses. Families, staff, and students from other grade levels were invited to walk through the museum and experience the hard work firsthand. It was inspiring to see our second graders speak with confidence and bring their learning to life in such a memorable way.
- **Kind & Thoughtful Student:** I had a professor long ago that told us if you need to be appreciated and thanked for the endless hours you will put into your career, education is not for you. Yet, here is Olive turning that thought on its head. Olive took the time to write this note to make sure we know that she sees us and appreciates us. She even gave the office a dozen eggs as further thanks! Make sure and look for her letter further down in this report.



SHADOW BUTTE NEWS

# MOST WANTED STAFF



MRS. ADAMS



MRS. DILL



MRS. TOBIAS

## WANTED FOR:

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## Sondra Koontz & Team

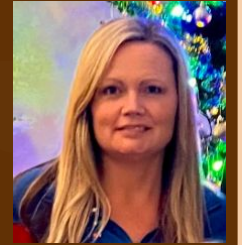


**Misty Reynolds** - I am a married mom of one, and I have lived in Emmett my entire life. I started with the school district in 2023 as a substitute, my 2025, I was hired as a special education paraprofessional at Shadow Butte.

**Sondra Koontz** - Special Education Teacher. My husband and I have lived here since 2007. We have three children that attend schools in the district (4th, 6th, and 9th). We stay busy with their love for sports. I started working for ESD in 2022 as a registrar at EMS while finishing my degree.



**Summer Housley** - Both my husband and I were raised in Emmett, attended ESD and graduated in 2002. We have two girls that attend ESD (8th and 3rd grade). I started substituting for the school district in 2023.



We work together to support students with learning disabilities in reaching their full academic, social, and emotional potential. We collaborate to develop and implement Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), provide accommodations and modifications, monitor student progress, and ensure students receive the services and support they need. It sounds like a broke horse you can just jump on and ride, however it's complex, demanding, and we are stretched thin. Behavior support is a high need in our schools. As we all know, behavior can be tricky to navigate as we cannot tell a student when they can and cannot have one. Our work is deeply meaningful and necessary for student success.

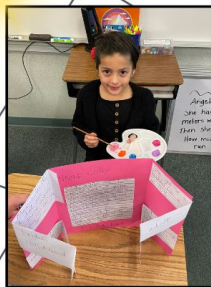
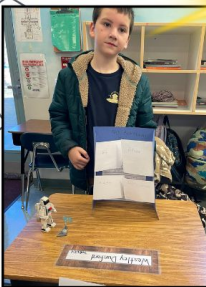
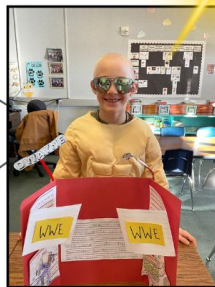




# BREAKFAST WITH BUDDIES



# 2ND GRADE WAX MUSEUM



♥ Dear Staff, You guys do so much  
work for us students, school and so  
much more. I see you teachers, Janitors  
and all the other staff are trying to ♥  
help our students, school and etc.

♥ If you staff need help I can at  
least try to help your guys out when  
I can help. I really want to be a  
teacher when I grow up, so why not get  
some practice in right? ☺☺☺

♥ I really appreciate ~~the~~ teachers, Janitors,  
and staff. You guys are amazing,  
♥ fun, awesome and fabulous Staff. ♥

♥ From: Olive To: All The Staff  
In Are School



**Mark Your Calendar:**

**March 2 - 1st & 3rd Music Concert 2:20, doors open 2:10**

**March 3 - Registration for 6th grade (EMS)**

**March 3 - 100th Day of School**

**March 10 - PTO Meeting 4:15, Library**

**March 12 - Literacy Night - "GLOW" read a book 5:30 - 7:30**

**March 16 - 19 - SPRING BREAK, NO SCHOOL**

**March 17 - St. Patrick's Day**

**March 26 - Class Birthday Celebration, 3:00**

**Looking Ahead:**

**April 1 - Paraprofessional Appreciation Day**

**April 1 - P/T Conferences**

**April 2 - P/T Conferences, NO SCHOOL**

**APRIL 1-2 - Book Fair, Library- during conferences**

**April 4 - School Librarian Appreciation 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.

