

Shadow Butte Board Report August 2026

250 Years of

**BOOTS ON THE
GROUND: Grit,
Growth, Greatness**



Jodie Farnsworth

In honor of our nation's 250th anniversary, we are proud to introduce this year's theme:

Boots on the Ground: Grit, Growth, Greatness.

Throughout the year, I look forward to highlighting the moments when our Shadow Butte students and staff show true **GRIT**, achieve meaningful **GROWTH** in their learning and profession, and demonstrate **GREATNESS** in all that they do.





Exciting Changes

One of the most rewarding aspects of my role as principal is building strong, high-performing teams, and this year we successfully recruited top talent to advance our mission of serving our students and community. To address critical academic needs, I also evaluated our instructional time and identified a key challenge: expanding demands in math and reading have left minimal time for dedicated science instruction. While our science scores are steadily improving, there is a clear opportunity for greater impact. After two years of strategic planning, I made the decision to restructure our specials department—reallocating two paraprofessional lines into a single certified teaching position. This adjustment allowed us to launch a dedicated Science Lab & Library position, ensuring our students receive consistent, hands-on STEM learning without compromising core literacy and math time.



REBEKAH BRUNE
INSTRUCTIONAL COACH



TONIA FINCH
TITLE TEACHER

MEET THE NEW STAFF AT SHADOW BUTTE 2026 -2027



ASHLEY NELSON
SPECIAL EDUCATION



LORENA STEVENS
ELL



CHRISTY MCALLISTER
5TH GRADE



TODD NELSON
5TH GRADE



JANICE COOK
4TH GRADE



ABBY KERN
3RD GRADE



HAILEY MINTON
PE



ANNA ROBERTSON
SPEECH/LANGUAGE

NEW STAFF ROLES



ANGELA ALLINGTON
KINDER



APRIL RUSSELL
KINDER



KRISTINA VILLAMOR
SCIENCE/LIBRARY



BRI YOUNGSTROM
SPED PARA

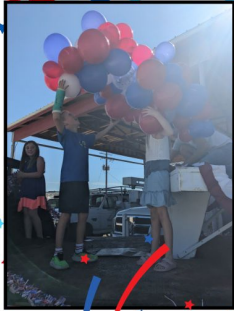
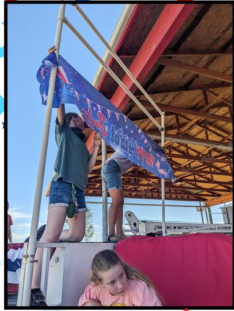


MISTY REYNOLDS
TITLE PARA



SUMMER HOUSLEY
SPED PARA

Summer Fun!



July 2026

Shadow Butte was out in full force for the 4th of July parade! Our Student Council and Leadership Teams showed true 'boots on the ground' grit, working hard in the summer heat to create a float for our nation's 250th celebration. A massive shout-out to Teresa Zufelt, Abby Buck, and Clarissa Weideman for stepping up to guide our students and bring this wonderful project to life.



250 years 4th of July Parade



THANKS!

I appreciate your hard work on behalf of our schools and students. I thank you for helping us to “set a new trail” this year at Shadow Butte.

Much Obligated, Partner!

