

Shadow Butte Board Report September 2026

250 Years of **BOOTS ON THE GROUND: Grit, Growth, Greatness**

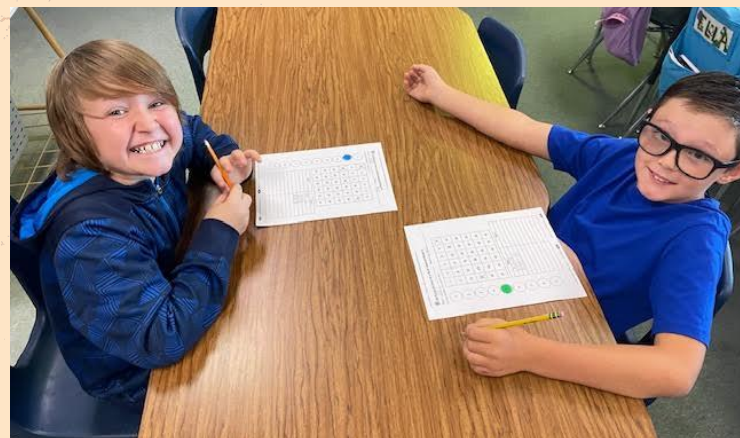


Jodie Farnsworth

New Math Curriculum

Our teachers have been busy planning for and training on our new math curriculum, known as Bridges. It has been a labor of love to launch, but we are excited with the engagement that we are already seeing in our students.

What makes Bridges different is its emphasis on students thinking like mathematicians rather than simply following a procedure. Students explore, explain, justify, compare strategies, and use manipulatives and visual models to make sense of mathematics. This makes the curriculum more inquiry-based and discussion-rich than a traditional “I do, you practice” approach, while still intentionally developing computational fluency and grade-level skills.

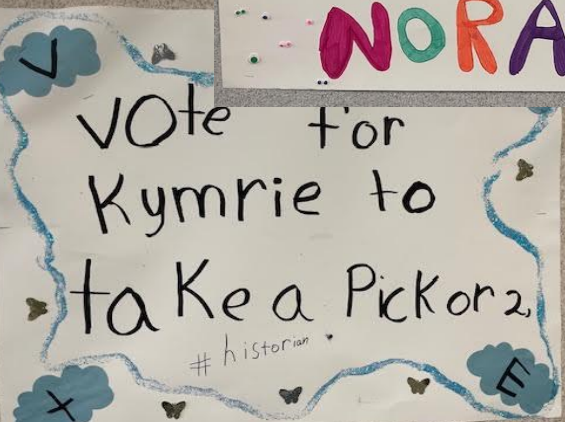


How to Support Math Changes

With any new curriculum launch, intentional support for teachers is essential to ensuring a successful implementation. Through the guidance of our Curriculum Director, Ramey Uriarte, we are partnering with our instructional coaches and the Regional Math Center to build staff capacity and deepen our understanding of effective math instruction through the use of Bridges. We began the year with two additional days of training and collaborative planning, and this learning is being reinforced through weekly grade-level PLC meetings focused on mathematics. In addition, each professional development day throughout the year will include a focus on math instruction, best practices, and continued teacher development. This ongoing support will help ensure our teachers feel confident and equipped to make the most of the Bridges curriculum for our students.



Ramey Uriarte checking in on math progress.



Student Council

In our school, we deeply value developing leadership opportunities and empowering students to make a positive impact. We recently held our Student Council elections, and we are excited to announce this year's student leaders:

President: **Afton Seamons**
Vice President: **Nora Buck**
Secretary: **Quinn Reynolds**
Treasurer: **Mollie Vickery**
Historian: **Kymrie Buck**
Public Relations: **Kaisley Robbins**

We also want to emphasize that every student who participated in the election is a valued leader in our school community. Students who were not elected to an officer position will have the opportunity to serve on our Student Leadership Team, ensuring that all interested students have a voice and a meaningful opportunity to contribute, lead, and make a difference at our school.

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Important Dates

- **September 7 - Labor Day (NO SCHOOL)**
- **September 11 - Patriot Day (9/11)**
- **September 15 - PTO Meeting 4:15, Library**
- **September 15 - Lions Club Vision Screening**
- **September 21-25 - EHS Homecoming Week**
- **September 25 - SCHOOL IN SESSION: Early Release, 1:10**
- **September 25 - Homecoming Parade**

Upcoming Dates:

- **October 14, 15 - Parent Teacher Conferences**
- **October 15 - NO SCHOOL for students**
- **Oct 20 - PTO Meeting 4:15, Library**
- **October 22 - Huskie Hustle: 1-1:30 Kickoff, 1:30-2:10 K, 1, 2, 2:20-3:15 3, 4, 5**
- **October 29 - Community Trunk or Treat**

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!

