

# Administration Reports

## December 2017

### Sam Boardman Elementary/Windy River Elementary/Riverside Jr/Sr High School

#### Holiday Activities and Community Involvement

The period right before Winter Break is always fun for students and staff in Boardman Schools, and it's also a great time to further involve our community. This year saw the continuation of many Boardman Schools traditions and great family involvement opportunities.

Students at Sam Boardman Elementary under the direction of Mrs. Heather Noble, our new music teacher, honored veterans through a medley of patriotic songs, handmade thank you cards, and a spoken history of the holiday. Andrew Kimmell spoke about his time in the service and how he honors fellow veteran's today. The Boardman Police Explorers from Riverside provided a color guard to open and close the ceremonies. Students from Windy River Elementary joined the assembly as well along with many members of the community. It was a wonderful time honoring those who have served our country.

Moving into Thanksgiving and the winter season, Windy River Elementary and Riverside Junior/Senior High School are both collecting food donations to contribute to the food baskets handed out by several community groups. Additionally, the Honor Society from Windy River purchased Thanksgiving meals to share with three families. Finally, November saw the advent of the Boardman Schools Food backpack program. A huge thank you to Lisa Pratt and Mary Killion for starting this important service. We have handed out around 30 food backpacks in each school twice now, and students and families are very appreciative.

Riverside Junior/Senior High School is continuing their giving tree tradition. Students at the high school connect with the elementary schools to find who is in need this season. They adopt several families and provide gifts such as clothing, toys, and other items to make the holidays special for kids and their families. It is a joy to see our Boardman young people giving back to their community in such a practical way.

Windy River is excited to host their first Winter Concert under the direction of the music teacher Heather Noble. The event will be held in the WRE gym at 2:15 on December 7<sup>th</sup>. That very same evening, SBE will host their annual Winter Concert and family sing along. Both schools are pleased to host families and community members as we wrap up this part of the school year and head into winter vacation.

Finally, Boardman school administrators have been working together along with the IMESD to create the Boardman Schools Brochure. This document will be handed out to local businesses, realtors, and families interested in moving to Boardman and enrolling their students in Boardman schools. It highlights what makes Boardman and its schools so special and such a great place to grow up. We are proud this winter and holiday season to present our schools to the community through these many opportunities for involvement

### A.C. Houghton Elementary

At AC Houghton we have had lots of activity in November and more fun to come in December. We had two visitors bring gifts to our kindergarten and first grade classrooms. First, our kindergarten students received a new, hand knitted hat from the Irrigon Moose Lodge. The ladies from the lodge, made a hat for every kindergarten student. Next, our first graders, received a history lesson on the US flag from the Lions Club for Veterans day. Each first grader also then received an American flag of their own along with the story of the flag to take home.

ACH is also teaming up with the Irrigon Fire Department for the holiday season. We are working together on a canned food drive starting on November 27<sup>th</sup>-December 8<sup>th</sup>. The hope is to help fill food baskets in our community from our donations collected at school.

Finally, just around the corner, is our Christmas concerts at ACH. This year, one of our concerts will also include the ECSE classroom and Little Knights preschoolers who attend here at AC Houghton. The concerts will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade) and December 7<sup>th</sup> (prek/k/1) at 6:30 pm each night. Here's to a Happy Holiday season for all!

### **Irrigon Elementary School**

It is hard to believe that we are almost finished with the 2017 calendar year. We wrapped up the Month of November with our annual "Turkey Trot" Reading Day. We will begin the month of December with our Winter music concert and the thought of the upcoming STEAM night!

Our annual reading day has always been a complete blast and a way for our students to embrace academics and the thanksgiving holiday with multiple engaging activities. We had 9 different rotational activities set up for the students to enjoy. The activity rotations were Family Feud, Mad Libs, a Thanksgiving grocery store plan, Salt Art, a Scoot Game, a Charlie Brown movie with popcorn, several guest readers, the Turkey Trot, turkey bingo, and PE. The activities were set up in 30-minute time periods which allowed all of the classes to be able to participate in each of the activities.

Moving on to December, we have our SPECTACULAR winter music concert coming up on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Our teachers and students have been working very hard in band and music class for the past few months. We always enjoy listening to our students sing and seeing how they are growing as musicians.

Finally, the preparation for our first STEAM night is in full swing! Mark your calendars for January 18<sup>th</sup>. We have always held an evening academic activity for our students and families to come and enjoy. This year we are hoping to get our families involved with STEAM activities. We have community volunteers from Bank of EO, SAGE Center, and OSU extension office who will all have a booth set up. The grand finale is top secret and something the WHOLE crowd will enjoy!

Irrigon Elementary is very excited to finish up the month of December with our winter concert and begin the new year with the family STEAM night. Our students have been very academically successful over the past 3 months. We will keep you all posted with the results of their hard work and upcoming events. IES would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### **Irrigon Jr/Sr High School**

November has really flown by and winter break is only a few weeks ahead. At this time of year, I wanted to highlight what Irrigon Jr/Sr High School has been doing in our community or plans to do during this holiday season. I would like to start with our band program. For Halloween, our band hosted a trick or treat event for the community. This event was open to the public, and hosted at Irrigon Jr/Sr High School. This included a dance and other activities for families to enjoy during Halloween. Our band will also be performing at the Irrigon Tree Lighting event on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, where members from both the junior high and high school will be performing holiday music. The band will also be holding its annual winter concert on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at Irrigon Jr/Sr High School.

Our Key Club assisted with a Halloween party for grade school kids at AC Houghton as well as participated in a canned food drive for the local food pantry, to support families in need.

The Irrigon FFA chapter has begun an initiative titled: Growing & Supporting Our Own. In support of this, the Irrigon FFA Chapter donated 10 holiday meals to families of Irrigon Jr/Sr High School students. The chapter purchased 10-\$26 holiday meals from Fiesta Foods. Families were presented a certificate that they could present at Fiesta Foods to pick up their meal. Along with other chapters Irrigon FFA raised \$12,000 for school supplies at the beginning of the school year. Irrigon FFA also helped with flags during Veterans Day at the cemetery in Irrigon. This was a great opportunity for kids to help in the community and give back to those that support and help them.

During the month of November, we hosted our annual Veterans Day Assembly in the gymnasium with all of our 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students in attendance. We invited all of our local veterans to attend to be honored during the assembly and join

us for refreshments afterward. The local Boy Scout Troop #602 color guard presented the colors and the Irrigon High Pep Band played the national anthem to kick off the event. Irrigon Jr/Sr High School teacher Mr. Johnson, who currently is a member of the National Guard, spoke to the student body about his service and why he chooses to continue to serve. Our students that have already enlisted, or plan on enlisting, were asked to stand and be recognized. We then had student presentations in honor of Veterans Day. This was a combination of songs, poems, and essays. Clara Sexton-Funk performed a song, Jocelyn Dyer presented her own essay, while Liz Perez, Liz Nunez, and Alex Walls all presented pieces that were written by other students from Irrigon Jr/Sr High School. The assembly ended with a standing ovation of thanks for our veterans that were in attendance. The guests were escorted by our ASB students to the Library for refreshments.

And lastly, the Irrigon ASB Leadership students have begun a "Pennies for Patients" drive to support the American Leukemia/Lymphoma Society. Their goal is to raise \$400, and after only 2 days, have already collected \$130 in coin donations at the school.

As you can see, the students at Irrigon Jr/Sr High are proud of the community that they live in and are continuing to find ways to contribute and give back to their community in a variety of different ways. We are very proud of the work and effort our students and staff have put forth in support of all these great endeavors.

### **Heppner Elementary/Heppner Jr/Sr High School**

Heppner Schools receive great support and community involvement throughout the year from many different entities. This fall we enjoyed open houses at both HES and HJSHS during the first month of school, which were supported by our Booster Club at HJSHS and the Parent Teacher Club (PTC) at HES. Most parents/members of both the Booster Club and PTC also volunteer at other times in classrooms, at parties and on fieldtrips throughout the school year. Some even help with our Dental and Vision Screenings and Kindergarten Round-up. The PTC also hosts the annual Book Fair and Carnival at HES at the end of the first quarter, from which all proceeds go to support a variety of activities at HES. The Booster Club holds the annual Steak Feed and Auction every October that helps support all programs at HJSHS including; Arts/Culture Club, Drama, FBLA, FFA and TSA to name a few. There is no way to say "Thank You" enough about the great support of our local business and community members along with the PTC and Booster Club organizations.

Another community involvement partnership that has been enjoyed by approximately 50 HES and HJSHS students each year, for the past several years, is the Chess Mates "Chess for Success" group. This group usually starts meeting in October of each school year. Under Mrs. Elguezabal's direction and with the help of as many as ten different community members our students learn about the game of Chess. This activity culminates in two tournament opportunities in the spring, the regional tournament for state qualification and the state tournament in Portland at the Convention Center. Without the help of our generous community partners who help sponsor and volunteer for this activity it would not be possible.

On November 9<sup>th</sup>, the staff and students of HJSHS and HES once again honored our Veterans with a special program and lunch. The day started with classroom visitations at HJSHS by veterans who were willing to tell their stories to staff and students who were eager to learn the first-hand experiences of our men and women in uniform. After the visitations were over, everyone reported to the gymnasium where the veterans were each given a gift. During the program the HJSHS band and choir performed "Armed Forces on Parade" and "Already Home" for the veterans. A video presentation followed with pictures of the veterans during their time in the military. Former HJSHS math teacher, David Melville, was the honored guest speaker. Each veteran who was there was then recognized in a roll call that gave the veterans' name, rank, and branch of service along with dates of their enlistment. This was followed by a moment of silence and "Taps" to recognize veterans who have passed away. The program was followed by a lunch for the veterans and their families. Lunch was served in cafeteria by HJSHS staff and students.

Also this fall, with the help of the Oregon Trail Library District, HES has begun the afterschool Lego Story starter program. While initially our numbers are few this exciting use of iPads and apps allow students to build structures, take pictures and incorporate them into the story that they write. Employees of OTLD and volunteers help oversee this activity.

Finally, we would be remiss to leave out the community partnerships involved with our annual Winter Concert which was held on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, this year. From the pianist to the sound and light systems we rely heavily on community members to help with this annual event where we are also graced with the inclusion of the Heppner Day Care and Pre-School program which traditionally kicks off the concert with a couple of numbers from future HES students.

Happy Holidays!

### **Management's Discussion and Analysis**

#### **MCSD – Maintenance & Facilities Update – December 2017**

McKinstry has verified the Phase II Project and they are currently working on their report and proposal for the items that they recommend for upgrades and/or repairs. The Heppner Jr/Sr High School Boiler Project is complete with the installation of permanent heaters to prevent frozen pipes as the final step.

The Irrigon Elementary School Modular Building Project is progressing with only a few minor hurdles along the way. We are hoping to have the building ready for student use in January.

The Irrigon Jr/Sr High School Press Box Project is still in progress and nearing completion.

The Riverside Jr/Sr High School Track Project is completed and looks great!

Tremco Roofing will attend the March Board Meeting to give an overview of their roof assessment. We plan to take care of a few repairs out of this year's maintenance budget and will propose replacing a section of Riverside Jr/Sr High School's Roof in the 2018-2019 budget.

Sykes Real Estate will be handling the sale of the three lot properties for the District that are located near Heppner Elementary School, which were discussed at the October board meeting.

#### **Financial Report Talking Points:**

Draft 2017 MCSD Financial Statement has been received from the Auditors and is currently being reviewed. Has to be completed and to ODE by January 2, 2018.

Received a large portion of Current year taxes in November, over \$6 million.

PERS rates for 2019-2021 Biennium came out and they are projecting another 6% plus increase to PERS.

#### **Incident/Accident Report**

DATE	SCHOOL	INCIDENT
11/28/17	ACH	Employee missed chair when sitting and fell. Scraped back on desk behind emp.