

SHERMAN COUNTY SCHOOL HUSKY TIMES



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KEY DATES

Friday, March 16- Track Meet
(Mullen-Leavitt Invitational), Tennis vs.
Riverside, Missoula Children's Theater
Performance @ 7pm

Saturday, March 17- Missoula
Children's Theater @ 3pm

Monday, March 19- Winter Sports
Awards @ 7pm in the cafeteria, FFA
District Officer Interview, Middle
School track practice starts

Tuesday, March 20- Baseball vs. Union,
Tennis vs. White Salmon

Wednesday, March 21- Smokey the
Bear and Sparky visit K-6, Track @
Condon

Thursday, March 22- End of Third
Quarter, K-6 Character Trait Assembly
@ 2:45pm, Baseball @ Grant Union
Invitational, Tennis @ Stevenson

Friday, March 23- NO SCHOOL, FFA
State Convention

Saturday, March 24- Band Trip to
California

March 26-30 SPRING BREAK

Wednesday, April 4- Track @ Hood
River/ Dual

Thursday, April 5- 1/2 Day K-6: Parent
Teacher Conferences @ 12:30pm, FULL
DAY Grades 7-12, Baseball @ The Dalles
at 4pm

Friday, April 6- K-6 NO SCHOOL,
Conferences @ 8am- 12:30pm, 7-12 1/2
Day periods 1-4, Track AMJ Invite @
1pm

CONGRATULATIONS

BOYS ACHIEVE BIG SKY- 1ST PLACE

STATE- 4TH PLACE

GIRLS ACHIEVE BIG SKY 2ND PLACE

WAY TO GO DAWGS!!!



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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Being at school every day is important- here's why:

- When you're not here, teachers and administrators notice because we care about you and we want you to be successful.
- If you think missing a day here or there won't matter, think again. By missing just one day every two weeks, you would be on track to miss two full weeks of the school year.
- Students who miss often fail their classes!
- Did you know that a student who misses 10 days or more during a school year is 20 percent less likely to graduate from high school and 25 percent less likely to ever enroll in college?
- Chronic absence can affect your ability to earn a living. Dropouts are less likely to succeed in a career. Nearly 80 percent of people in prison lack a high school diploma.
- In fact, a high school graduate makes, on average, \$1 million more than a dropout over a lifetime.
- School only gets harder when you skip a class. Sometimes it's tempting to skip or stay home because you don't understand what's going on in class. But missing a day only makes that worse because you aren't learning something that will help you understand a lesson later on.
- Try thinking about it this way: school is your most important job right now, because you're learning about more than math and reading. You're also learning how show up for school on time every day, so that when you graduate and get a job, you'll be able to get to work on time every day.
- We understand that you will get sick sometimes and need to stay home. The important thing is to get to school as often as possible to help stay on track with assignments.
- If you're having trouble getting to school— and have challenges such as transportation, bullies, etc.—tell someone, such as a teacher, guidance counselor or your parents. Many schools offer services to help the whole family.

This information is provided by attendanceworks.org

FFA UPDATE

Your local FFA chapter has had a lot on their plate over the past few months. On February 7th, there was the Parliamentary Procedure Career Development Event as well as the Public Speaking Career Development Event in Redmond, OR. The turnout for this event was great. On the Parliamentary Procedure team was Bradley Moe, Luke Martin, Desiree Winslow, Kris Bair, Jacob Justesen, Isaak Mclemore, and Jed Harrison. The team placed first at the district event and made it all the way to sectionals. Savannah Moe competed in the Prepared Public Speaking portion of the contest and also finished in good standing.

The next Career Development Event was the Books Competition. In this CDE, the chapter had many successes. Bradley Moe competed in the job interview and proceeded to the sectional level. Lexi Grenvik and Bri McKinney submitted an electronic scrapbook that got second at the district level and will proceed to the state level. Savannah Moe, Gaby Rubio, and CJ Johnson all presented their FFA accomplishments and Supervised Agricultural Experiences to a panel of judges in order to qualify for their State Degrees and on Saturday, March 24th, they will receive these degrees on stage at the Oregon FFA State Convention which is March 23rd - 26th.

The Sherman County FFA chapter is bringing 12 active members to State Convention to either compete or participate in other activities, like our chapter Vice President (Savannah Moe) will be running for a Central Oregon District Officer position for the coming year. At this State convention there will also be performances by Ned Ledoux and Danielle Bradbery.

After State Convention, the chapter officer elections will be fast approaching. These elections will take place on April 2nd, so those of you who would like to run for a position should contact Mr. Collins to get an application and further instructions.

-Jared Collins, FFA and Agriculture teacher



Sherman County School District



Communication to the Community

Issue #23

From Sherman County
School District
Moro, Oregon

WORKING TOGETHER TO PUT STUDENT SUCCESS FIRST

March 13, 2018

Sherman County Students, Families, Staff, and Community Members,

The safety and well-being of our students and staff is our District's top priority. Listed below are several safety measures currently in place that are designed to safeguard everyone and to influence positive student leaning in the classroom. As always, I welcome your comments and would be delighted to discuss any ideas or concerns you may have regarding the matter of school safety or emergency preparedness.

Though our nation has seen disheartening and alarming violence in our schools recently, I feel confident that Sherman County School is one of the safest places for our students. Below are some examples:

- We are extremely fortunate to have a new, thoughtfully designed, and safety conscious facility which includes door entry card readers.
- All doors are locked other than two remotely controlled and monitored safety vestibule entrances. This allows for timely response in the event of an emergency in which doors may need to be accessed or locked.
- All visitors are asked to register with the front office before gaining access to the building.
- All visitors are required to wear a visitor badge or lanyard.
- We have direct access to 911 dispatch through emergency radio systems.
- We have more than 40 cameras in our school that monitor activity inside and out.
- The District is fortunate to have a collaborative partnership with the Sherman County Sheriff's Office and Emergency Services.
- Monthly fire drills and periodic emergency preparedness trainings/bus evacuations are conducted.
- A Safety Committee consisting of numerous organizations (Sheriff's Office, Emergency Services, Oregon Department of Transportation, Mid-Columbia Transportation Company, Sherman County Road Department, City of Moro, Sherman Preschool, Local Fire Departments and the School District) meets monthly to discuss safety measures. This dedicated group, along with the Board, is currently discussing well thought out interim and long-term plans to defend against potential security threats.
- An evacuation and reunification plan has been created by the Safety Committee in order to be prepared for a variety of emergency events.
- The District has a School Messenger system to quickly inform parents and other stakeholders of important communications.
- Implementation of Safe Oregon which is explained below.

The Sherman County School District recognizes that creating a safe learning environment is a critical part of helping each child achieve academic success. Last year, our District signed up with the Safe Oregon Tip Line. I would like to again share information regarding this additional resource for students, parents, and our communities to report safety threats or potential acts of violence to school administration.

How does the Safe Oregon Tip Line Work? Students can access the Safe Oregon system through a link on our District's website or they may go directly to the www.safeoregon.com website. Tips can be submitted through the web form on the Safe Oregon website, or by text, email, live call, or mobile app. Around the country, research shows that the number one reason why students do not report is the fear of retaliation from their peers. Again, the Safe Oregon Tip Line can be accessed from the privacy of a phone, home computer, or other internet equipped device, eliminating the possibility of being identified by another student and thus, decreasing the likelihood that a school safety threat would go unreported. I encourage you to learn more about the Safe Oregon Tip Line by visiting the Safe Oregon website at www.safeoregon.com.

Another outstanding resource is The National Association of School Psychologists. The NASP has information on their website for parents related to school safety, violence prevention, children's trauma reactions, and crisis response at www.nasponline.org.

The Sherman County School District Staff, School Board, Safety Committee, and Community Partners have worked hard to implement processes, create infrastructure, and put plans in place to help safeguard our students.

Thank you for your trust!

Sincerely,

Wes Owens
Superintendent



SAFEOREGON

READING FUN!

Dr. Seuss's birthday and participating in Read Across America resulted in Sherman kids reading in costumes, in hallways, and with their Superintendent-turned-Dr. Seuss!



**PARENT/ TEACHER CONFERENCES
COMING SOON! LOOK FOR MORE
INFORMATION FROM YOUR
CHILD'S TEACHER.**

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