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Administrative Notes

We have had a wonderful start to the 2019-20 school year. I want to thank our students, staff, parents/guardians, and entire school community for the positive energy and dedication.

PBIS and Safety

This year we will be again focusing on our Positive Behavior Intervention and Support Program. PBIS is a school wide approach for creating a safer and more effective school by considering the following three phrases as important Life Rules: Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible. Throughout the past four years, the District Administration, Sheriff's Office and Multi-Agency Safety Committee have also implemented robust and proactive safety measures to ensure student/staff safety. During the month of September/October, we will be conducting practice fire, lockdown, bus evacuation, and earthquake drills which will include classroom visits by law enforcement and fire personnel to answer student questions.

Student Success Act Information

Signed into law in May of 2019, the Student Success Act is a historic opportunity for Oregon schools. When fully implemented this act will invest approximately \$2 billion for early learning and K-12 education, and close to \$500 million (approximately \$290,000 for Sherman County School) will go directly to Oregon school districts and eligible charter schools through the Student Investment Account. This account funds a non-competitive grant to focus on critical areas of improvement: reducing class size, increasing instructional time, addressing health and safety needs to ensure a well-rounded education. The law requires districts to determine the best investments for students in their local community while explicitly focusing on student mental and behavioral health, addressing disparities based on race or disability, and improving teaching and learning conditions. During the 2019-20 school year, we will be gathering input to enhance programs for our students from all stakeholders in the community

Hall of Honor/Homecoming Week

Our students, along with the leadership advisors, are working hard to organize and schedule exciting activities to celebrate Homecoming Week, **October 14-19**. This is always a fun time of the year for students and alumni. To culminate the week (October 19), we will be celebrating the induction of four individuals and one team into the Sherman County School District Hall of Honor at a reception that will begin at 5:30 p.m. There will also be a special presentation and celebration of 151 years of education in Sherman County (From One-Room Schools to One Campus). The Booster Club will be serving a Tri-Tip dinner between 5:30-6:15 p.m. and speakers will be sharing memories of each honoree beginning at 6:00 p.m. The public is welcome to join the celebration at 5:30 p.m. Please join us for the \$12.00 fundraising dinner to support the Booster Club as we honor all Hall of Honor Inductees. Dinner tickets can be purchased at the door or you may attend the event for free if not purchasing dinner (**see more about inductees on page 7**).

As always, I encourage your participation in the life of Sherman County School. In addition, I welcome any comments, input, and questions regarding Oregon's Student Success Act. Your feedback is vital to the process of supporting student success at Sherman County School. Please give me a call at 541-565-3500 or send me an email at wowens@sherman.k12.or.us.

Sincerely,

The Other "News" in The New Year of 2019-20

While the Media Team was able to get a kick-off newsletter out in September as a 'welcome back!', there was not time or space to provide proper introductions to all that is new for the 2019-20 school year.

As was previously noted, however, SCS enjoyed significant continuity between 2019 and 2020. All core programs return staff that have been at SCS at least a year (pictured in banner photo above). New staff for 2020 (highlighted on page 3) are in the support fields or through special North Central ESD programs. A 'new' element to add to the continuity heading into 2020 is that the SCS Counselor now officially goes by a new name. It is now Mrs. Hale rather than Ms. Bomberger (at her desk below). However, she has promised that she will still answer to the former name or even just Ms. B. Her initial notes on national testing appears on p. 6.



Banner Photo Courtesy of Jeremy Lanthorn; Mrs. H by Mike D.

Individual top scores and a Third-Place Banner made a nice start to SCS FFA Chapter kicking off its competitive season for 2019-20. A school activity that possesses both a classroom component and an outside-of-school component is a co-curricular activity. The FFA is the largest and most active here at SCS. Our chapter kicked off the 2019-20 competition season with the tractor skills event in Madras, Wednesday, Sept. 25. The Advanced Team was unable to field a full team but had its three participating members earn individual scores that were in the upper part of the top ten for all competitors. Meanwhile, the beginning team relying on some alternates were able to secure a Third-Place Banner.

The photo below shows members of both teams displaying the earned banner: (l-r) Advisor Mr. Swenson, beginning team member (BTM) Aurora B, Advanced Team (ATM) and President Patrick R, ATM Jed H, BTM Tyler W-B, BTM Logan B, ATM Cali J, and BTM Eduardo R. The Chapter would also like to thank RDO and Morrow County Grain Growers for the use of brand new, literally never off the lot, tractors to practice with.



In addition to there being little in the way of personnel change, there is similarly little in the way of course offering differences from last year or new in the way of clubs. One new course that is being offered by Mrs. Von Borstel this year during Period 7 is Drama.

While not a new club but showing signs of excitement and growth is the Gaming Club. Mr. Dearborn has provided this after-school opportunity for students to engage in electronic gaming in his room over the past three years. However, the club was able to kick this year off with the benefit of members' hard work running concessions last year. Koby B and Joey R did the research and helped in the concession stand with other club volunteers with a goal of raising money for virtual reality goggles. Based on the club's efforts, they raised over \$900 and were able to buy two Oculus VR goggles that have been placed into club service. Club members have been learning how to utilize the goggles playing a game where flying cubes are speeding at the player (see Koby B below middle) who must use his/her 'wand' to swipe according to a direction arrow that shows with the cube. The pace of the cube is based upon a musical score that the player chooses. As Koby B pointed out, "They give us a chance to experiment and learn about electronics in a way that we would otherwise not have a chance to."

In the picture below right, Tyler W-B is trying to shoot down a hot air balloon. You ask why; well, it is probably best to have them explain it to you, or you could join Gaming Club!



Photo above: Jed H (center) works on completing his parts identification sheet as part of the Advanced Tractor Competition. FFA photos courtesy of the Chapter's Google Share.



Photos and story on Gaming Club by Jonathan B



Events In October

Oct. 1 - SKORE Registration Opens, Cooking with OSU Extension 3:30-5:00 PM*, Gaming Club 3:30-5:00 PM*, Wear Pink Day to go with Pink Volleyball Game at 5 PM
 Oct. 5 - Half Day, 5-7/PE
 Oct. 7 - FFA Meeting, OSU Visit - 11th & 12th Grade 1:30-2:30 PM
 Oct. 9 - FFA Soils Judging, Sherman County Scholarship Association Meeting 5:30-6:30 PM
 Oct. 11 - No School Students, State In-service
 Oct. 14 - FFA State Soils Judging, School Board Meeting 6-8 PM Homecoming Week Starts
 Oct. 16 - PSAT, SKORE Registration Closes
 Oct. 17 - FFA State Officer Visit, Great Oregon Shakeout 10:17-11:17
 Oct. 18 - Half Day, 1-4/Music
 Oct. 19 - Hall of Honor, Dinner 5:30 PM
 Oct. 22 - First Day of SKORE
 Oct. 23 - Picture Retake Day, Junior's ASVAB Test 9-10 AM
 Oct. 24 - PTO Trunk or Treat at the Senior Center 6-7 PM
 Oct. 29 - FAFSA Night, 6-7 PM
 Oct. 31 - End of First Quarter
 AM K-6 Costume Parade and Pageant
 Nov. 1 - No Student School, Teacher work day
 Nov. 3 - Switch to Daylight Savings Time
S.K.O.R.E. is an afterschool program beginning Oct. 22 for K-6 students focusing on arts/crafts, Cheer Club, Wrestling, and other activity or skills to that are fun or fun to learn.
 S.K.O.R.E. registration forms and activities sign up start the first week of October and end on the 16th.
 Coordinator Deanna Christiansen expresses a profound thank you to the host of amazing community volunteers, parents, and coaches that make the program fun, positive, and even able to exist.
 Once S.K.O.R.E begins on Oct 22, it will then occur the same regular school weeks.
 Gaming Club also occurs on regular school days Mon-Wed, 3:30 - 5 PM

Yearbook Purchases

Both 2019 and 2020 Yearbooks can be ordered online.
 To order: go to treering.com, click the buy tab, type in the very long school code - 101367259899339, and continue through the name, address payment forms directed by the website. 2019 Yearbooks are \$40 plus \$5 shipping.
 2020 editions ordered now will be shipped in bulk to the High School and there will be no shipping cost.

Hall of Honor 2019

Inductees 2019:

1989 B State Champions



Grace Zevely



Deron R. Kaseberg



Ron Townsend



Mike S. Macnab

As photographically represented here, the 2019 inductees include:

At top, the **1989 B State Champion Husky football team**;

At left, top to bottom:

Grace May Zevely grew up in the Biglow Canyon region of the County, and, when not raising her own children, taught in classrooms throughout the county and Central Oregon region. Most notably, based upon the times, in 1919, she became the first female Sherman County Superintendent;

Captain Deron R. Kaseberg earned appointment and graduated from the United States Military Academy, West Point. After his military service, he has continued to serve the country as part of the Transportation Safety Administration;

Ron Townsend, the consummate coach, is actually represented twice in this year's induction: he is the tall gentleman in the team photo above, as its head coach, and he is an inductee in his own right as far and away the most trophied coach in Sherman history, whose list of league and state placing awards could not possibly fit on this page;

Michael S. Macnab was especially active in FFA during his Sherman High days, going on to serve as the State FFA President and, later, earn induction into the OSU College of Agricultural Sciences Hall of Fame. For his professional career, he has found a niche in leading Agribusiness and Trust organizations, but often cites his rural upbringing in Sherman County for teaching him the fundamentals for life success.

Fall Sports

FOOTBALL 2019

PHOTOS COURTESY OF PATTI FIELDS

What a difference a year makes! Football season is back and in a very entertaining fashion at Sherman County with a little help from co-oping with Condon and playing the very different technique of the six-man game. The Huskies have been on the road most of September beginning with the 7-team Jamboree held in Echo that included all but one of their conference opponents. 'Conference' this season refers to 1A Special District 5 (6-Man). 1A SD 5 (6) is eight eastern Oregon individual or co-op teams: Joseph, Huntington/Harper, Prairie City/Burnt River, South Wasco, Echo, Dayville/Monument, Mitchell/Spray/Wheeler, and Sherman/Condon.

Despite being plagued with several injuries, the Huskies have dominated early opponents with their size and athleticism. Wade F directs the team from his quarterback role and was named Papa Murphy's Player of the Week after his performance against Prairie City/Burnt River Sept. 13. He scored five rushing touchdowns, with a long of 58 yards, and was 5 of 11 passing for two additional scores.

Principal, Mr. Somnis, returns as the head coach, and he is assisted by Mr. Bird and Mr. Blagg.

High School Schedule

8/31 - @ Conference Jamboree, Echo
9/7 - @ Condon v. Huntington/Harper, W 73-22*
9/13 - @ Prairie City/Burnt River, W 47-16*
9/20 - @ Mitchell/Spray, W 20-6*
9/27 - v Echo, L 24-57*
10/5 - @ Joseph, 4 PM,* Bus Departs 9:15 AM
10/11 - @ Jewell, 6 PM, Bus Departs 12:30 PM
10/18 - v S. Wasco, Homecoming 7 PM*
10/25 - Hosting 6-Man Showcase
11/1 - @ Madras, 6-Man Crossover
*Special District Contests

Middle School Schedule

9/16 - @ Condon, L 12-36
9/24 - v Dufur L, 8-46
9/27 - v Echo L, 8-38
10/1 - @ Arlington
10/6 - v Lyle/Wishram
10/18 - (Homecoming Week)
v S. Wasco
10/24 - v Condon

There are 23 athletes from grades 5-8 out for football this fall. Eighth-graders returning this fall are Sawyer B, Henry P and Luke F. Henry and Luke are the mainstays of the offensive and defensive lines.

The backfield is comprised of a combination of quarterback Michael B and running-backs Calvin A and Talon D.

Head Coach Mr. Lewis notes that the team is young and a bit small in stature, so it is a group that will have to grow into their game.

This is the third year with Coach Lewis heading the program; he is assisted by Mr. Walker.



MIDDLE SCHOOL



VOLLEYBALL 2019



The Husky volleyball team relies on the whole range of class members in 2019. While seniors Alyssa H and Makayla M going for the block above and Jaelyn J doing the same at right along with Ellie S and Izzy M provide the most experience, the starting rotation often includes freshman Natalie M or sophomores Daisy B and Cali J along with junior Mercedes C. Freshman Emily L also swings JV and varsity.

While the win-loss recorded is a bit on the negative side 4-8 overall and 2-4 in league, the individual games have generally been decided by just 2-4 points. The JV are currently 1-7.

The Huskies earned a major come-back win over Condon Thursday, Sept 26: after going down 0-2, they rallied back with three straight wins which included surviving in a two-point win in the tying game.

The team is looking to gain more consistency in passing and finishing in order to finish strong over the second half of their season.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

8/24 - v Cove, L 1-3
 v Central Christian, L 0-3
 9/7 - @ Echo v Nixyaawii, W 3-0
 9/10 - @ S. Wasco, L 0-3*
 9/13 - @Prairie City, L 0-3
 9/17 - v Dufur, L 0-3*
 9/20 - @ Mitchell/Spray, W, 3-2*
 9/21 - @ Trinity Lutheran, W 3-1
 Prairie City, L 0-3
 9/24 - @ Echo, L 0-3*
 9/26 - v Condon, W 3-2*
 9/27 - v Echo, L 0-3*
 10/1 - v Ione/Arlington Pink Night, 5 PM*
 10/5 - @Damascus Christian Tourney
 10/8 - v S. Wasco, Senior Night, 5 PM*
 10/15 - @ Dufur, 5 PM*
 10/17 - @ Condon*
 10/22 - @ Ione/Arlington 5 PM*
 *League Contests



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Once again, Sherman has the numbers to field three teams (A, B, C). Along with several returning girls at all three levels, the coaching staff of Kari P and Kristen S are also back. The A Team is 4-2 overall and 3-1 in league action. The consistency of service left them in a tough 1-2 loss to Echo on Friday, Sept. 27; otherwise, it had been one of their strengths. The B Team is 2-4 and the C Team is 1-5. This year the C Team is utilizing a lighter ball – Volley Lite, which Coach Peters indicates “is crucial to for younger athletes to concentrate on form and technique whether serving, passing or setting rather than just strength or speed of strike.”

Schedule	A	B	C
9/13 - @ Prairie City	L, 1-2	W, 2-1*	
9/16 - @ Condon	W, 2-1	W, 2-1	
9/18 - @ S Wasco	W 2-1	L, 1-2	
9/23 - @ Dufur	W	L, 1-2	
9/27 - v Echo	L, 1-2	L, 1-2	
9/30 - v St. Mary's	W	L	
10/9 - v. S. Wasco			
10/10 - v Dufur			
10/15 - v. Arlington			
10/18 - v S. Wasco (Homecoming)			
10/21 - @ St. Mary's, The Dalles			
10/24 - v Condon			
10/28 - @Arlington			

*matches are best 2 of 3 games; the first two games are to 25 rally scoring while the deciding game is only to 15



Opportunities from Around the District

Testing Notes from Mrs. Hale SAT/PSAT/ACT/ASVAB

The SAT is one of the national standardized tests used for college admissions recommended for juniors and seniors. In addition to the standard reading, math and science knowledge skills test, the SAT also has several subject area tests required depending on the college for which admission is sought. The PSAT or pre-SAT is a similar standardized test for sophomores to provide an indication of where the student is at in their learning progress and what might be expected as a likely score on the SAT.

The ACT is an alternative college admissions test used by some universities. In addition to the basic math, reading and writing components. The nearest ACT testing site is Hood River with the next test the first weekend in April 2020, though other sites in Oregon have tests in November and February as well. The ASVAB is a test of basic reading, writing, and critical thinking skills to assess interest and aptitude. This is the test the armed services use for recruitment and specialty placement after enlistment. The ASVAB will be administered at SCS on Wednesday, Oct. 23, as part of the regular morning school day. An announcement for exact time and place will be made through the intercom. Result interpretations will be available through the counseling office beginning Nov. 13th.

The SAT will be administered at the High School, Saturday, Oct. 5. Students should report to the front entrance no later than 8 AM

The PSAT will be administered on Wednesday, Oct. 24, as part of the regular morning school day. An announcement for sophomores will be made as to the exact time and place. Those results are expected back before Winter Break. Certain 'bench mark' scores achieved on the PSAT or SAT meet Oregon's essential skills levels for graduation. Finally, all seniors and senior parents FAFSA night will occur Tuesday, Oct 29th at 6 PM; come get help dealing with the complexities of financial aide and exploring your options.

Husky Helping Hands

With the end of September we are halfway through the first quarter and weekly grade checks are in force. Students who are failing any course are required to attend the additional study and work time each Thursday after school until 6 PM. There is an activity bus provided. Mr. Zacharias is supervising Husky Helping Hands to start the fall in Room 3. Remember that most teachers are available after school on a regular basis and should be consulted for their availability and assistance.

No The Golden Tray this year, but The Golden Sneaker lives on for the Elementary Wing!

The SCS behavioral framework of PBIS is intended to emphasize the positive over the negative for reinforcing the habits that promote education and a civil society. Accordingly, while there is no Golden Tray this year (so far anyway) to recognize elementary classrooms for the respect and responsibility they show in the cafeteria. There will be the awarding of the Golden Sneaker for those elementary classes showing outstanding efforts at safety, respect and responsibility in all areas of the building throughout the week. The judging and organization of a ceremony for recognition has almost been decided and elementary students should receive an announcement soon.

Homecoming 2019 – ASB Pres. Cali J Reports:

Homecoming 2019 is the week of Oct 14-19. The theme is **Around the World**, which means that students will be thinking about the world and trying to represent the various cultural and human-geographic difference that exist in our world

The Dress-up days are . . .

Monday – Continents Day, each class dresses in a manner that represents their chosen continent.

Seniors are representing N. America;
Juniors, Africa;
Sophomores, Australia;
Freshman, Europe;
7th/8th Grade, S. America and Antarctica

Tuesday – Sports or Tourist Day, dress in the main sport(s) of your continent or as a tourist visiting same;

Wednesday – Stereotypes or Decades Day, dress stereotypically to represent a certain type of person or as is considered of a certain decade in history;

Thursday – Color Wars: Seniors, Black; Juniors, Blue; Sophomores, Red; Freshman, Green; 8th, Pink; 7th, Purple.

Friday – Orange/Black

Reminder - dress-up still involves maintaining appropriate coverage of body consistent with Handbook guidelines, hats must be **meaningfully and logically** complementary to the costume and **no masks**, as faces must be visible and identifiable.

Events in the Works are . . .

Hallway decoration Thursday afternoon (10/10) and Friday (10/11) morning as needed.

Wednesday (10/16), Noise parade and bonfire (stay tuned);

Friday (10/18) assembly and class volleyball tournament; Dance, after the game.

Saturday (10/19), Hall of Honor Tri-Tip Banquet, dinner starting at 5:30.

The Sherman County/School Library

Want to save money? Borrow a book and receive free meals at your own county library. The free meal refers to the 'Soup Night' scheduled for Tuesday night, Oct. 22, at 6 PM. The library will host Maggie Stuckey for a discussion of her book 'Soup Night: Recipes for Creating Community around a Pot of Soup' – soup will be served! *Tribe: On Homecoming and Belonging*, by Sebastian Junger is the current community read. Junger combines the wisdom of history, psychology and anthropology to explore the important ingredients of loyalty, belonging and civility for community well-being. The next Book Club meeting is Thursday, Oct. 17, at 6 PM. What a better way to build a shared community than by sharing and discussing perspectives over the same book together.

Looking a bit farther into November, Movie Night showing of *Indivisible* will be Tuesday, Nov. 5th at 6 PM, a sign making class will occur Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9 to 2, and a Veteran's Day recognition Open Mic, Monday, Nov 11, at 6PM will invite county veterans to share their stories and lessons with the community. This is strictly a story sharing without Q-n-A or discussion.



PBIS Husky Ticket Building Menu 7-12

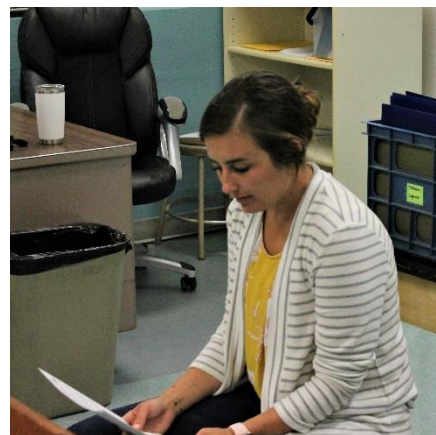
Remember that Husky tickets are not just for earning; they are also meant for spending. As illustrated above, Husky Tickets are the 'thank you' from teachers to students for practicing safe, respectful and responsible behaviors. The goal is that students will want to earn them to get the more tangible rewards the tickets can earn. Individual teachers maintain their own menu of what these tickets can earn listed in their syllabus and/or posted on their classroom wall. Additionally, students have had a couple of whole-class or grade-level division award they could all collectively earn in the form of dress-up days or an after-school dance. This year the first group award for the Middle School is an evening Social. Based upon the number of potential students, their goal is to raise 430 tickets to earn the Social. A similar style Social or Game Night is being planned for the HS level, so you should keep your ears open to the morning announcements for that message soon.



New Staff and Role Changes

At left (l-r), Mrs. Peters, Jesse Flynn and Mrs. R-Smith are listening to instructions regarding gauze-packing a wound during the staff 'Stop the Bleed' training. Ms. Flynn joins the staff this year as a Para-professional assisting Elementary education. Mrs. Peters transitions this year from Para-professional assistant all day to morning High School Office secretary and then Elementary classroom assistance in the afternoon. On the flip-side, Mrs. Kock (below-left) serves as Para-professional in the morning for the Elementary-side and takes over the HS Office in the afternoon. This change allows the HS Office to be staffed throughout the day rather than just in the mornings as was the case during the second half of last year. It should be noted that Mrs. R-Smith has moved out of the Kindergarten classroom to a mentoring and administration role this year. For more information on her new role, see page 8 along with additional information on staff safety trainings.

Trading Off: Role Sharing and Switching



Above left, Mrs. Kock; at right, Mrs. Kaseberg-Ball going over a lesson with 2nd-period students.



Immediately above, Ashley Macnab moves, at least for the day-time hours, from her home and her own family into the Kindergarten classroom in place of Mrs. R-Smith, who as noted above, is moving into a Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) coaching and administrating role.



At top right, Mrs. Kaseberg-Ball, an alumna of SCS, returns from Washington, DC, to serve as the NCESD behavior and academic support educator for the secondary level. She is filling the position held by Mrs. Dumolt last year that will include the 7th-grade English.

Immediately above, Carissa Huva is new to SCS through the NCESD serving the behavior and academic support needs of the elementary students in the position held by Mrs. Shown last year.

Near left, Mr. Dark returns with his family to Sherman County to assist in building and grounds maintenance.

RTIi and PBIS: What are those?



Photo of Mrs. R-Smith at left courtesy of Lifetouch; at right Miss Jen practice tourniquet technique with Ms. Slay: how is she doing?

As most institutions, education is full of organizational terms and acronyms. Those above happen to be two that are trending in Oregon, Sherman and across the country currently. As pictured above, Mrs. R-Smith is here to explain these terms and introduce her new role directing these programs at Sherman School as she leaves the Kindergarten classroom to become SCS's RTIi/PBIS Specialist and Instructional Coach.

She reports that "RTI is a multi-tier systematic approach that Oregon directs schools to use for early identification and support of students with learning needs." The first step of RTIi begins with high-quality instruction in the classrooms and universal screening of all students.

"I will work with teachers this year as an instructional coach to support their needs in the classroom and to help them create an environment where all students are learning and making progress toward their goals," she explained. She will meet weekly with teachers to discuss instructional strategies, interventions, successes, and to make data-based decisions for the future actions to promote academic achievement.

PBIS is also a multi-tier approach that the District has adopted use for early identification and support of students with behavioral needs. This system is used to teach and support positive behaviors and help students to correct undesired behaviors. Mrs. R-Smith will support teachers in this area as well as lead the District PBIS leadership team. "The PBIS team and I are working to create a system of interventions that discourage undesired behaviors as well as a way to document interventions so that we might track both the needs and the success of the program," she reported.

Safe, Respectful and Responsible in Action



Above you get to witness some of the things staff are involved in on in-service Friday afternoons. There is no need for alarm, however; no actual teacher was harmed as far right attests. These photos illustrate 'Stop the Bleed' training of Sept. 20th which was led by Undersheriff James Burgett and Director of Emergency Services Shawn Payne. Over the past four years the District has partnered with a number of safety and emergency services organizations to create procedures and strategies

along with trainings in order to both keep the school protected and to keep students and staff trained to respond in the most optimum fashion should a threat or emergency situation arise.

School began with expectation station overviews of safety procedures at various environments across the school and there has been a whole-school fire drill, lockdown drill and bus evacuation drill and bus safety presentation through the first three weeks of September. Be assured: reading, math, science, and sharing were also taught!

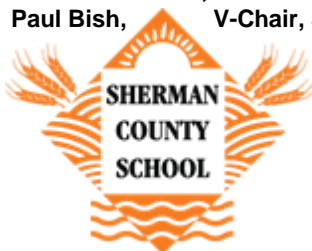


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