

SHERMAN COUNTY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Superintendent Note of Appreciation for Classified Staff

Classified Employee/Support Staff Appreciation Week will be celebrated this year from March 2-6. This is a perfect time to thank our support personnel for the critical roles they play in the success of our students and district. Classified employees support the smooth operation of offices, the safety and maintenance of our beautiful facilities and property, healthy nutrition, the processing of payroll, and direct instruction and supervision of students. They continually work directly with students, educators, parents, volunteers, business partners and community members to ensure the best education possible for ALL students. At Sherman County School they are the backbone of our education system. Not only during this special week, but throughout the entire school year, I want to recognize the outstanding classified employees and support staff for their diverse talents, true dedication, and years of service to our students.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and certified staff, I want to sincerely thank all of the following employees for their collective commitment to providing the best educational experience for our students: Jen Berry, Debbie Bird, Angela Burgett, Darcy Carlson, Betsy Casper, Garak Casper, Deanna Christiansen, Dean Dark, Terri Earl, Jessie Flynn, Tami Jacobsen, Tina Kaseberg, Tionie Kock, Marylou Martin, Kim McKinney, Sabrina Norris, Bruce Olsen, Synoma Olsen, Kari Peters, Amber Riley, and Craig Wood.

If you get the opportunity, please take a moment to thank these wonderful employees for all that they do to support the students, parents and teachers in our school community. Thank you classified and support staff employees for all that you do!

Student Success Act Progress at SCS

In past newsletters, I have written about the historic Student Success Act. The most significant change to K-12 education funding in many years. We have gathered a great deal of information through various engagement opportunities with stakeholders and are now in the process of analyzing data and developing a plan/application for the approximate \$290,000 of new Student Investment Account money from the state. As always, I encourage your participation in the life of Sherman County School. I welcome your comments, feedback and questions. Please give me a call at Sherman County School at 541-565-3500 or send me an email at wowens@sherman.k12.or.us.

Sincerely,



Sherman County Education Foundation (SCEF) Photo courtesy of Tina K; story by Cindy Brown

Just because you are only a year old does not mean you cannot already be creating a legacy.

That is true of the Sherman County Education Foundation. Its fundraising and granting process is in full swing already as evident by the 2nd-graders at right. Mrs. Huffman submitted her request for art supplies, including model magic clay, markers, sharpies, and paint for animal dioramas to support the writing of student reports for their animal research. Her grant was approved at the SCEF January meeting and within a month the class was set to start creating! This award came from donations on behalf of Pat Coats Jacobsen.





Leadership Students as Lunch Buddies

Story & Photos Morgan L

Top left: Mrs. vB, Leadership teacher and ASB advisor is seen far right leaning in on a conversation and in far back is Jaelyn J who also helps with K-3 lunch in her TA capacity.

Bottom left: Alyssa H in a close-up view of her end of the table that is at far left in photo above.



With the new semester, the Leadership class has also started a new initiative to connect high school students with their elementary counterparts.

This connection takes the form of a once per week 'Lunch Buddy' visit by the Leadership students to the K-3 lunch time in the Cafeteria.

Typically on Thursdays or Fridays, the Leadership class consisting of five seniors - Alyssa H., Erynne W., Bailee O., Nick R., and Morgan L. - sit and visit at tables of K-3 students while they eat their lunch. The lower elementary students, K-3, appear to really enjoy the company of the high schoolers. The kids are always asking questions and telling stories. The kids love it, the seniors love it, and the teachers love it.

Kindergarten 100th Day

Photos and story by Morgan L and Mrs. Macnab

One of the kindergarten standards is being able to count to 100 by 1's. School days allow for practice which is why our Kinders went all out on Tuesday, Feb. 18, for the 100th day of school to celebrate this counting achievement! The kindergarten class had a blast celebrating the 100th day of school! From dressing up as 100 year olds (photo below right) to writing what they would do at 100 years old. Students also had fun making 100th day attire accessories, including hats (photo above right) consisting of 100 stickers, wands, and necklaces with 100 beads for their parade around the school singing two songs. Even their snack included 100 pieces each. "Thank you to the kinder families for helping make this year's 100th a huge success!" -Mrs. Macnab



Events Mar 2 – April 2

Mar 2 – Classified Appreciation Week

Dr. Seuss Day/Week

FFA Meeting, 6:15 PM

4-H Sewing, Home Ec Rm, 3:30 -5*

Gaming Club, Rm 12, 3:30-5*

HS Spring Sports Practices Begin

Mar 3 – Kindergarten Field Trip, 8:30-1

SKORE, 3:15-5*

7-12 Cooking, Home Ec, 3:30-5*

Youth Wrestling League, 5 PM Elementary Gym***

3rd Grade AAU Basketball 6-7:30 PM**

Mar 4 – Book Fair Begins, through Mar. 6

Mar 6 - 1/2 Day/1-4/Music

PTO Dr. Seuss Carnival, 6-7 PM

Mar 9 – School Board Meeting, Library Program Rm, 6-8 PM

Mar 13 – 1/2 Day/5-7/PE

Mar 14 – SAT testing 7:30 AM – 1 PM

Mar 16 – Missoula Children's Theatre after school all week, "The Emperor's New Clothes"

Mar 17 – K-6 Talent Show Permission Slips Due

Mar 18 – Smokey Bear visit, Grade 1-2, 1-2 PM

Mar 19 – FFA State Convention begins

OMSI Assembly

Mar 20 – 1/2 Day/1-4/Music

Missoula Theatre Performance, Cafeteria, 7-8 PM

SPRING BREAK begins!

Mar 30 – School Resumes Full Day

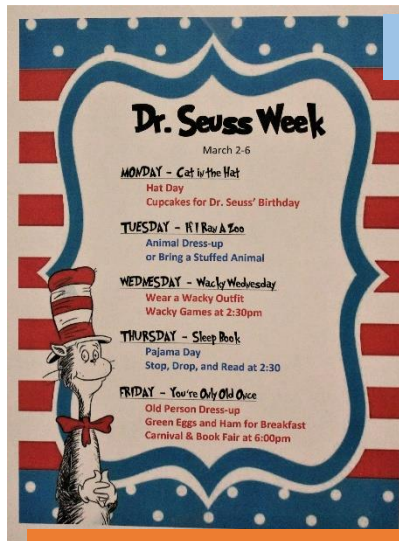
April 2 – Talent Show Tryouts, Cafeteria, 1:30 PM

***S.K.O.R.E.** an afterschool program for K-6 students focusing on arts, Cheer Club, and other skills; OSU Sewing and Cooking takes place on regular school weeks Monday and Wednesday, respectively.

Gaming Club on regular school days Mon-Wed, 3:30 – 5 PM in Mr. Dearborn's room.

** Youth Basketball is practice for club team practice Tuesday and Thurs. 6-7:30 PM through March 17

*** Youth Wrestling League Tues. & Thurs. 5-6 pm through to March 12



Dr. Seuss Week: March 2-6

Mon. – Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!

Hat Day, Birthday cupcakes

Tue. – Animal Attire or Stuffed

Animal 'friend'

Wed. – Wacky Attire; Wacky Games
2:30 PM

Thur. – Pajama Day; Stop, Drop and
Read, 2:30 PM

Fri. – Old Person Attire; Breakfast of
Green Eggs and Ham
Carnival and Book Fair 6 PM

Volcanoes and Earthquake, Field Study Science



A unique elective science option at SCS this semester is Volcanoes and Earthquakes. Mr. Dearborn teaches this course in a field-studies fashion which requires students to go outside and learn to draw topography and distinguish different mineral and soil types.

The first step in developing field study skills involves going outside into the gully (photo below) on the north-side of the building and up on the 'S' ridge (top photo) to observe and sketch (photo at right) the topography. Additionally, the students will go on field trips to Ape Cave near Mt. St. Helens to explore its lava tubes and the lava beds south of Bend near the High Desert Museum.



BOYS HOOPS



In a season of streaks, the Huskies' final three losses brought to an end their dominance of the Big Sky Conference and post-season appearances. January and the month of February started a spurt of disappointing losses, but then a recovery to gain a series of wins that included a dominating performance at home against eventual district champion Lone/Arlington. However, Senior Night kicked off two straight losses that left the Huskies in a three-way tie for fourth in conference. The tie-breaker involved a play-in contest against Condon/Wheeler in The Dalles that resulted in a two-point loss when Luke S's three-point attempt at the buzzer bounced around three points of the rim and fell out. The boys finished league play 7-7 and were 11-14 overall.

HS Boys Results

	Varsity	JV
Jan. 31 v Condon/Wheeler	L, 50-55	
Feb. 1 @ Mitchell/Spray	L, 45-55	W, 59-32
Feb. 3 v Dayville/Monument*	W, 58-25	
Feb. 4 @ Glenwood, Klickitat/Glenwood	---	L, 26-46
Feb. 7 v Lone/Arlington	W, 59-46	L, 43-64
Feb. 8 v Echo	W, 66-19	W, 35-7**
Feb. 11 v S. Wasco	L, 55-67	W, 49-33
Feb. 14 @ Dufur	L, 47-49	L, 53-54
Feb. 17 @ The Dalles, Condon/Wheeler, L, 45-47		

* Non-league contest

** Two Quarter contest

MS Results

	A	B
Feb. 3 - v Dufur	L	L
Feb. 6 - v Arlington	W	L



Photo top left from Senior night versus S. Wasco is of the seniors (l-r) Nick R, Darian D, Owen C, Luke S and Jeremy B. Top middle, Wade F drives for a layin; near middle, Will J posts up and above Nick R gathers for a three attempt.

MS Action

Photo at right, B Team huddle during Arlington contest of Feb. 6 Below right, is Calvin A leading the break against Arlington while Talon D and Gabe F trail. Below Sawyer B. attacks the paint as Benjamin A. rotates behind the ball in end of season action and victory over Arlington.



GIRLS HOOPS

Photo below courtesy of Jeremy Lanthorn



On the girl's side of the action, they too put together a three-game win streak during the first week of February accounting for one-third of their total victories for the season. Additionally, on Senior Night, they were able to gain an early second half lead against South Wasco before foul trouble and fatigue set in. The girls finished the season 9-15.

Photo above on Senior Night Feb. 6 is the Huskies' lone senior of the season Jaelyn J. and parents. In action versus Dayville/Monument (top right photo) on Feb. 3, Cali J. scores a layin with Daisy B looking on. At right during the same game action, Allie M leads the break with Mercedes C. and Cadence S. trailing.

HS Girls Results

Jan. 31 v Condon/Wheeler	L, 31-41
Feb. 1 @Mitchell/Spray	W, 55-30
Feb. 3 v Dayville/Monument	W, 47-16*
Feb. 4 @Glenwood, Klickitat/Glenwood	W, 66-18*
Feb. 7 v Lone/Arlington	L, 38-50
Feb. 8 v Echo	L, 32-60
Feb. 11 v S. Wasco	L, 29-43
Feb. 14 @ Dufur	L, 27-40

MS Results and Schedule

	A	B	C
Jan. 30 - v Horizon	W, 27-17		
Feb. 3 - v Dufur	L, 28-41	W, 15-6	W, 6-4
Feb. 6 - v Arlington	L, 16-17	W, 32-9*	
Feb. 10 - v Lone	W, 23-20	W, 22-4	W, 18-8

*Combined B/C contest



MS Action



Above, Nicole S drives for a layin in the A Team's final game of the season and victory over Lone, while at left in B team play, Coral M leads the break, with Codie Lee H and T'Sharr L trailing in their victory over Arlington Feb. 6.



The SCS Booster Club sponsored a Winter Formal after the basketball contests versus Echo on Feb. 8. Mrs. Deanna C, Mrs. DeeAnn R, and Heide B led the effort for the boosters and utilized student volunteers to help decorate the upper gym for the event (seen above). As formal attire preparation for the dance, Mrs. K-B hosted a dress, shirt and tie give away and exchange in the library program room, Jan 22nd. Nearly 40 tickets were sold for the event with about a dozen staying for the entire time. The attendees held a consensus view that the decorations were outstanding and Mrs. C reported that the students seemed to enjoy great camaraderie and were a pleasure to chaperone. Sophomores Koby B and Isaac A served as DJs for the event. Representative of those in attendance at top right (l-r) sophomores Emma R and Rose C. At right (l-r) Will J, Cali J, and Aurora B.



Valentines Exchange

Photos by Morgan L.

Oregon's statehood birthday on Feb. 14 is more popularly known as Valentine's Day in honor of a priest in ancient Rome who was executed for performing marriages after the Emperor banned them as an institution that made men unfit for military duty. School-age youth, however, know it for the cookies and candies that get exchanged in their classrooms. And indeed, SCS enjoyed candy exchanges in elementary classrooms as illustrated in the photos at left. Far left above, 2nd-graders (l-r) Donovan I, Drew T, and Ruby C examine their treasures. Near left, the Kindergarten class follow their Go Noodle directions to 'dance' away some wiggles before settling into their exchange activities. The Freshmen continued their tradition of selling Valentine cookies (near top) for gift giving, making 700 this year and selling 657. The remainder were donated to the basketball teams and school board.



FFA Week and Parli Pro Competitions



On Monday, Feb. 3, SCS's FFA chapter members participated in State Degree interviews and Parliamentary Procedure competition. President Patrick R pictured far left in above photo and Vice-president Jed H (third from left) successfully completed their degrees which will be awarded later this spring. The remaining members (l-r) Wade F, Will J, Joseph R, Cali J, Darian D, Cadence S, and Grace P were part of the Parli Pro team that finished second and eligible for the Sectional competition held Feb. 24 where the team finished fourth.

Feb. 24th kicked off this year's FFA Week with dress like a farmer day illustrated by the day's winner, Rose C, in photo top left. Tuesday was business attire as illustrated by the seniors at middle left (l-r) Nick R, Loren H, Angel O, Marcus H (the day's dress-up winner) and (front) Jeremy B. Wednesday was Hat or Ag. brand day as evident by bottom left (l-r) Mr. Swenson, Tyler B, Jacob W, Will J, Patrick R, Jed H and Joseph R. Tyler and Will shared hat winner with 8th-grader Luke F. The week concludes with a Car Show on Thursday and the finals of the 'Horse' competition.



SIA Work by Students and Staff



Pursuant to Oregon's Student Success Act passed in last year's legislative session, SCS is eligible to receive approximately \$290,000 in additional money next year. The catch to dipping into this now named Student Improvement Account (SIA) is that districts must demonstrate a collaborative process between community, students and staff. Accordingly, over the past several months, SCS has provided survey opportunities, Board-meeting listening sessions and other sit-down meetings to obtain comprehensive input from these stakeholders.

Pictures at left represent the staff brainstorming and prioritizing over two work sessions on the Friday afternoons of Jan. 31 and Feb. 7. While Superintendent Owens provided opening assignments and concluding thoughts, he stepped out and left staff free to express their needs and concerns for educational improvement. The effort was facilitated by Mr. Pflaum's ability to reduce the sessions into electronically organized data. Below, Mr. Somnis is meeting with the Juniors in one of his discussion sessions with 7-11 graders to obtain more specific detail and understanding of student survey results previously acquired by the District. The Board is currently working on the application process and is on target to meet the application deadline of April 15. The tentative plan provides funding for after school programming and an additional certified and classified person to coordinate and staff additional electives, after school programming and community outreach.





Each semester the elementary students have an opportunity to earn tickets for their out of school reading. These tickets are entered into a raffle to win a bicycle donated by the Masonic Lodge Wasco #15 of The Dalles. At the award assembly recognizing academic achievement for first semester on Jan. 30th, the raffle drawing occurred. First semester winners pictured above front (l-r) Emma G 4-6 grade and Chloe S K-3. In the back row are Masonic representatives led by Rod Patten center.

PBIS Ticket Rewards



The SCS PBIS system emphasizes rewarding the target behavior of safe, respectful and responsible through the recognition of Husky tickets. To be effective, those tickets need to produce a student-desired goal. The photo above is of the new mail-slot box that was put up in the student lounge this semester to give 7-12 students the opportunity to put their award tickets into one of the drawing options. The slot at far left wins students a lunch-time game of Horse with Mr. Somnis. The middle slot wins a Starbucks gift card and the third-from-left wins the student a snack pack.

At least one drawing is held weekly, with the date of the drawing 'posted' below the drop-slot.

The drawing and donations to support the raffles is directed by PBIS Coordinator Mrs. Roberts-Smith.



SCS Ag and Tech instructor Mr. Swenson has a reputation for being up for almost any student challenge. His most recent came from senior Loren H who suffered defeat in both right- and left-handed arm wrestling (far top), but came back to win the 100 meter race (near top) on the track and a tie in the two laps around the school race. Eighth-grader Sawyer B joined (middle, near top photo) the foot-race challenges, finishing 2nd and 3rd respectively.

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