

ADRIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT #61 NEWSLETTER

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Superintendents Message

Greetings,

We are just past the halfway point of another exciting and productive year. Our teachers and students are doing a typically great job in the classroom. Our terrific support staff works hard to help provide a safe and learning conducive environment. I could not be more satisfied with school climate, from both an academic and behavior perspective.

The school board is receiving information that will help determine a demolition plan for the old elementary. A decision will be made in the next couple of months. Additionally, architectural work leading to a remodel of the high school science lab is in the works. We need to see both of the above projects completed. However, costs are not clear and a timeline is not in place.

Both high school basketball teams are in John Day for the District Tournament. They have had excellent regular seasons and are both hoping to 'make some noise' at district.

State play-off games are Feb. 24-28. We hope to be involved.

Thanks for your support.

Go Lopes,
Gene Mills

Principal's Report

Sitting in John Day, Oregon watching the district basketball tournament and typing my newsletter article, I couldn't help but think that things should be slowing down. Basketball and wrestling are coming to an end, Spring is fast approaching, Senior Projects are almost completed and it feels like we should be ready to take a deep breath and rest. Well, this isn't Oz and clicking my heels three times is not going to change all of the activity still ahead of us.

The boys wrestling team will be heading to districts this week and then hopefully sending kids on to the OSAA State Meet in Portland. Both basketball teams have a great shot at state which could send us to Portland and/or Salem before we head to Baker City. All of the kids in the winter sports programs have worked really hard and they greatly appreciate the support of the school and community.

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Good Luck in State Playoff Games Boys & Girls Basketball Teams!

Boys - February 24th
at Columbia Christian Knights, Portland
Girls - February 25th
at Adrian vs. Alsea Wolverines

News from the Library

A successful Scholastic Book Fair was held on January 29. As usual, community members were very supportive. In spite of the current economic challenges, total sales were within 10% of last year's sales. The library was able to keep books valued at \$340 and also earned over \$400 in cash to be used (as needed) for teams traveling to Oregon Battle of the Books regional and state tournaments.

Representing Adrian in the middle school Battle of the Books are Olivia Walker, Madi Purnell, Talia Esplin, Jill Nielson, and Quincy Pendergrass. Adrian's elementary team consists of Miriah Richardson, Kianna Scott, Gavin Scott, Kenny Purnell, Emily Case, and Mike Griffin. Their first challenge will be the regional battles to be held in LaGrande on March 21. The top two teams at each level at the regional battles will continue on to the Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) state contest to be held April 4 in Salem.

Nearly 200 new books are currently at some stage of being ordered or processed in the library. They include books from the book fair, sequels to OBOB books, award-winning titles from a backlist sale, and a large order of reference and nonfiction books which were specifically chosen to update our nonfiction sections. If you have any time you'd be willing to donate, we'd be glad to teach you how to cover new paperback books with Contac paper, cover new book jackets with Mylar, and clean and mend old books.

Students of the Month

The following students have been chosen as Student of the Month for the month of February - First Grade: Austin Shepard and Caleb Reinhart, "Excellent Thinkers"; Second Grade: Sephra Sumpter, "Most Improved Reader" and Pepper Beed, "Most Improved Academic Student"; Third Grade: Josh Lynn, "Using Great Math Reasoning Skills" and Ashley Sifuentes, "Great Improvement in Reading Skills"; Fourth Grade: Juan Figueroa & Wesley White, "Always on Task"; Fifth Grade: Aaron Alwes, "Working Hard on Math Facts"; Sixth Grade: Jett McCoy; Seventh Grade: Skye Reinhart; Eighth Grade: Casey Pruyn. Congratulations to all Students of the Month!

Cafeteria Scoop

It has been pretty cold this winter, the wind is not fun, but this is Malheur County, and we do need the cold to kill off the bugs. Not to say I am not ready for spring!! Bring it on!!

It is so fun to see "our" kids growing and maturing every day. They are so different from the first day of school. The kindergarteners are able to see over the counter and pick out what they want to eat. That in itself is an accomplishment! Now they are all losing teeth. They are always so happy to show us their smiles.

Hey lots of things coming up in the way of activities, keep the newsletter to mark your calendar so you won't miss anything you might want to attend!

The recipe this month, has been in my family since I was a little girl. One of the first cookie I learned to make, it is a favorite of our kids.

Sugar Cookies

CREAM: 1-Cup Sugar
1-Cup Powdered Sugar
1-Cup Margarine or butter
When creamed smooth, not gritty,
ADD: 2 eggs
1-teaspoon Vanilla
¾ Cup Salad Oil

SIFT and ADD: 1- teaspoon Soda
4 ½ Cups Flour

Spoon out onto an ungreased cookie sheet. Flatten each cookie gently with a glass dipped in sugar. Bake at 350* for about 10 minutes.

We are always open to suggestions, and ideas, please just talk to us. If you have an idea for the recipe you would like printed, just let me know.

Until next month,
Jan Sillonis and Staff

Principal's Report continued

I had the privilege of accompanying our FFA kids to Jordan Valley for the District Leadership Competition. It was a pleasure to judge the Creed Speaking and Extemporaneous speeches. Olivia Morton and Maddie Pendergrass were excellent in the Creed, the judges were very impressed. Naomi Wilson did a good job in the Extemporaneous Speaking; unfortunately there was some very polished competition. My hat goes off to Mr. Culley and the kids who competed this year, they represented our school well.

I mentioned that Senior Projects are winding down. Levi Jones in cooperation with Russell Martin put on a First Aid and CPR course last week for about 10 staff members; it was well done and greatly needed. McKenzie Purnell and Blake Ishida have projects coming up which will involve the entire school and community; I am looking forward to seeing how these two programs come off. Keep your eyes and ears open for more information.

Mr. Purnell the Teacher/Counselor

I just want to remind the parents of our seniors, if your child is remotely considering going to college and you have not completed the FAFSA please do so soon. Colleges are beginning to award money and much of it is on a 'first come, first served' basis. Parents of juniors, if your child is remotely considering college, they should be sure to sign up for the ACT and/or SAT. We are giving the June SAT in Adrian. Please check the registration deadlines, signing up late costs money and could mean travelling to a different site for the test.

You read correctly: Teacher! I am teaching a Personal Finance class this semester to our seniors. Using the Financial Peace University high school curriculum developed by Dave Ramsey, the students go through a series of units which include savings, budgeting, investing and debt among others. The students seem to be enjoying it and it is our hope that it will give them a great financial foundation as they head out into the real world. We just completed a unit on investing and as part of the unit we are using the website Investopedia.com to simulate real life investing. George Ellsworth is currently leading having made a little over \$500 thus far. Most of the rest of us are glad that it is not real money!



The K-8 Principal Report

We celebrated the 150th birthday for Oregon on February 12 (this was also Lincoln's 200th Birthday) by having students wear a costume depicting anything Oregon and teachers did something different in each classroom to commemorate the events. Oregon's birthday is on Saturday the 14th. The K-8 students enjoyed getting invited to the High School pep assembly and being allowed to be part of the activities. The High School leadership class selects some of our elementary students to be junior leaders in training. Our students continue to take the state tests in the new building's computer lab. It is so nice to have such up-to-date equipment to work with.

I read an article answering the question, "How can parents raise good readers?" It said that it is never too soon to start. Long before children actually "learn to read," they build reading skills. For example, talking and singing build verbal skills. And listening to books teaches about the written word. Some of the best ways to prepare for reading:

-Encourage your child to talk. Then listen to him/her. Ask questions that require more than a "yes" or "no" answer.

-Teach about books and printed materials. How to hold them, turn pages, and follow words from left to right.

-Use the alphabet. Sing the alphabet song. Point out letters. Have fun writing words, such as your child's name.

-Emphasize the sounds of language. Use nursery rhymes and songs. Let your child hear how words are made up of smaller parts and sounds.

-Read aloud to your child. Help him/her see the connection between printed words and the words you say.

As my wife and I have become grandparents I notice that my wife is doing what has been suggested and even gets me involved. I am sure most of you are already helping little guys become better readers. Thanks for all of your support.

William H. Ellsworth

2009 Mr. AHS Pageant

Come join the students and staff of Adrian High School for a fun-filled evening on Friday, March 13. Laugh yourself silly as male students perform their talents, model formal gowns, answer impromptu questions, and much more. Dinner will be served at 6:00 and the pageant begins at 7:00.

Tickets may be purchased through any candidate or the high school office. The dinner/pageant combination ticket costs \$7 and the pageant ticket costs \$5. The price for tickets purchased at the door is \$1 higher. Proceeds will benefit the Adrian Library and Elementary reading program.

Questions? Contact Stephanie Allison: (541)372-2335.

Where are they now?

Submitted by: Jinell VanCorbach

Spring – it comes in like a lion and out like a lamb. The month of March is definitely a lion in Senior Project, as the research paper process is in full swing. Most Seniors were reluctant to dive into the project, but a little push from Mr. Camp helped solve that issue. As we are working on our research papers, I am continuing my physical project – writing and editing articles – until the month of June. Each article will spotlight a past Adrian graduate that I have conducted an interview with concerning their Senior Project, how it affected them, and what career they are currently pursuing. The articles will be posted on the Adrian High School website in the news section and printed in the monthly newsletter. For this article, we go back in time, to when Senior Project was a fairly new program.

Hunter Witcraft – Adrian High School Class of 2002

Known by much of the Adrian staff as a kind, polite student, Hunter Witcraft graduated from Adrian while Senior Project was still a new graduation requirement. He chose to focus his Senior Project on wildlife biology. For his physical project, he constructed a picture board of his job shadow experiences to showcase to the community. Hunter's research paper was about Chronic wasting disease, which is similar to mad cow disease, but affects deer, elk, and moose.

Senior Project helped Hunter in many areas. He learned to become independent because he had to learn without a teacher at the front of the classroom teaching him about his

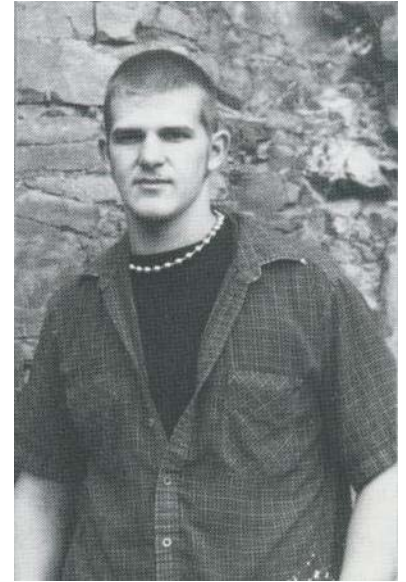
career choice. The research paper portion helped him gain experience in researching a specific topic, which would benefit him later in life.

One thing Hunter would have changed about Senior Project after he completed it is the physical project section. He felt that it was difficult to do because there were not as many guidelines to follow as there are now, which left for a very vague description of what to do.

After Hunter graduated from Adrian, he joined the military. He intended to pursue his Senior Project career choice as a wildlife biologist, but decided that he enjoyed being in the military. Hunter now works for the Department of Corrections.

Hunter's advice to the Senior Class: "Find a stable career that you enjoy and something that will stick with you awhile. Also, don't spend all your money in one place!"

Thanks for the advice, Hunter, and good luck in the future!



You are cordially invited to the

8th Annual

Senior Citizen Luncheon

March 20, 2009 – 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
In the Adrian Cafeteria
Hosted by Adrian High School Students
Come enjoy a hot meal, entertainment, door prizes
and visit with friends and students.
Please RSVP by March 13th-(541)-372-2335
If you need more information please notify Stephanie Allison
or Lorine VanCorbach.
As always it is all free and you do not have to
be a senior citizen to attend.

From: Darla Witty
To: Allison, Stephanie
Date: 1/15/2009 8:50 am
Subject: Re: Newsletter

Two things:

Feb. Board Meeting, Tuesday the 10th.

Board Director Election May 19, 2009, there are three positions up for election. Each term is for four years, beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2013. The terms up for election are: Zone 1, The area south of Mendiola Road to the south boundary of Lambert Dierking line or to the Ridgeview area. Zone 2, the area north of Mendiola Road to the Owyhee River, and Zone 3, the area north of the Owyhee River. To be eligible to be a candidate for election to a board position, you must be a register voter and have lived in the school district for one year immediately preceding the election. You must currently live in the Zone for which you file candidacy. You may not be an employee of the school district. To file for candidacy, you must file a declaration of candidacy with the Malheur County Clerk. The first day you can file your declaration of candidacy is February 7, 2009, and the last day to file is March 19, 2009. There are two forms that may be used to declare your candidacy, you may complete the candidacy declaration form and file the form with a \$10 fee, or a petition signed by 25 registered voters from district. The forms are available from the Darla Witty, at the school district office, or from the Malheur County Clerk's office at the County Courthouse in Vale.

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Milk served with every meal.

March Menu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 French Toast Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Fruit Birthday Cake	3 Biscuits & Gravy Fajitas Rice Beans Fruit	4 Muffins Mac & Cheese Veggie Fruit	5 Hash Browns Beef Nachos Salad Fruit	6 RSD Day	7
8	9 Waffles Wiener Wraps Fries Fruit	10 Sausage Tacos Rice Beans Fruit	11 Pancakes Pizza Roll Salad Fruit	12 Eggs Chicken Fries Fruit Hot Roll	13 RSD Day	14
15	16 Sausage & Eggs Hamburgers Tots Fruit	17 Biscuits & Gravy Chili & Cheese Salad Fruit Cinnamon Rolls	18 Muffins Hay Stacks Chili & Cheese Fruit	19 French Toast Beef Stew Salad & Fruit Hot Roll	20 No School	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Spring Break						
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29	30 Waffles Ham & Cheese Yum Yums Veggie Fruit	31 Pancakes Lasagna Veggie Fruit Hot Roll				

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Adrian School District #61
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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2008

The Board of Directors of Adrian School District #61, Malheur County, met on 13th day of January, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Adrian School Library. Members present were: Paul Shenk, Neil Allison, Dave Reynolds, and Dennis Daugherty. Rick Olsen was absent. Others present were: Gene Mills, Superintendent/Clerk; Darla Witty, Deputy Clerk/Business Manager; Kevin Purnell, High School Principal; and Claudia Beltran, Student Body President.

- 1) Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Neil Allison, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) Adopt Agenda The agenda was amended to move Information Item b) Standards Compliance Report to the February meeting and to go into executive session for a student matter. Motion was made by Dennis Daugherty and was seconded by Dave Reynolds, to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) Architect Report/Construction Items Mr. Mills shared information he had received from Design West on estimated costs for future projects. The list included gym roof replacement, \$98,859.20 which is the cost that was included in the prior bid, remodel the high school science lab, \$160,000, demolition of the old building which includes a new wall for the remaining portion, \$177,000, and design costs of \$36,000. Mr. Mills asked the board which of the projects they would like to pursue. He suggested they consider the design/planning of a scaled down version of the science lab remodel so that the ground work would be in place should the federal economic stimulus plan include money for shovel ready projects, and the demo of the old building to finish up the new school project. The board was in agreement with this.
- 4) Student and Personnel Communications
 - a) Student Reports/Requests Claudia Beltran, Student Body President, presented the student body report as Katie Bowns had a schedule conflict. She reported that first semester finals were given the week before the break and the students played Bingo on the day school was out for Christmas Break. The students liked the long break. The Wrestling team is doing well, placing 5th at Joseph and at Imbler with Daniel Lode and James Prechtl placing first. Basketball is also doing well. Tip-off week is next week. The basketball teams will be home vs Crane on Saturday the 24th and the wrestlers will be at Crane that day. The Senior Citizen Luncheon is tentatively scheduled for March 7th. Drama is starting to organize and it looks like there will be a large cast again this year.
 - b) Staff Reports/Requests There were none.
 - c) Elementary Principal Report Mr. Ellsworth was unable to attend today, so Mr. Mills presented his report. The Winter Concerts were professionally done, the teachers participated in writing assessment training the last R/SD day in December, and Middle School boys basketball has started and their first game is January 21st at 4 p.m.

- d) High School Principal Report Mr. Purnell reported that new classes are being offered this semester, Personal Finance and English 12 to go with Senior Project. Mr. Mills is teaching Bigger, Faster, Stronger again and has added 9th grade P.E. as Miss Goss is working with English Language Learners and English as a Second Language students. Mr. Ready is doing Middle School P.E. There was an Academic Awards Assembly today. The teachers liked having the R/SD day the first day back from break. We are beginning to review the curriculum beginning with English and P.E./Health. National Honor Society is reactivating. There are twenty-two students meeting the initial application criteria who will be invited to submit membership applications. Mr. Purnell reported that he had been invited and spoke at the Nyssa Senior Center.
 - e) Superintendent Report There is a group organizing to formulate a facilities improvement program to try to get the State to provide funds for school facility improvement throughout the state. Obama's economic stimulus package has proposed about 36% of the local money to go to education. The alternative education issue has been settled and our share is 10 payments of \$1,630. The Malheur Education Service District Local Service Plan for 2009-2010 will be presented at the February meeting. Mr. Mills spoke with Mr. Gordon regarding the Sports Boosters donation of trees. Mr. Gordon will talk to Mrs. Ramirez.
 - f) Financial Report Darla Wittly presented a balance sheet for all funds as of December 31, 2008, and a summary of general fund receipts and expenditures as of December 31, 2008. There will be approximately \$8,000.00 in change orders coming on the HVAC project which is basically completed. Mr. Poyzer is having us hold \$2,000 from the final payment until they can figure why there isn't any heat in the teacher's lounge area.
- 5) Public Comment There were none.
 - 6) Consent Agenda Motion was made by Paul Shenk and was seconded by Dave Reynolds to adopt the December 11, 2008 minutes as presented and to approve the payment of the bills as listed in the amount of \$187,525.49. Motion carried unanimously.
 - 7) Action Items
 - a) Adopt Budget Calendar A budget calendar was proposed which calls for public comment to be received at the budget committee meeting. The calendar calls for the release of the budget to the public on April 30, 2009 and the budget committee will meet on May 5, 2009. Motion was made by Dave Reynolds and was seconded by Dennis Daugherty to adopt the budget calendar as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b) Superintendent Evaluation Timeline and Process The superintendent's evaluation will be conducted in the same format as prior years at the February 10, 2009 meeting. Board members will complete the evaluation form, Policy CBG, and return it to Darla Wittly by Tuesday, February 3rd. The staff will be asked for their input on the Superintendent Performance Rating form. The board consensus was not to do the board evaluation form this year.
 - 8) Information Items
 - a) School Board Member Election School Board Directors election will be May 19, 2009. There are three positions up for election; Zone 1, currently held by Dennis Daugherty, Zone 2, currently held by Rick Olsen and Zone 3, currently held by Dave

Reynolds. The first day you can file your declaration of candidacy is February 7, 2009, and the last day to file is March 19, 2009.

- b) Standards Compliance Report This report will be made in February.
- 9) Board Comments A board member commented that the gym was really hot at the Jordan Valley game. Mr. Mills explained that we are fine tuning our new heating/cooling system.
- 10) Executive Session Executive session as provided by ORS 192.660 for a student matter was entered at 8:05 p.m. Regular session resumed at 8:15 p.m.
- 11) Adjournment Motion was made by Dennis Daugherty and was seconded by Paul Shenk to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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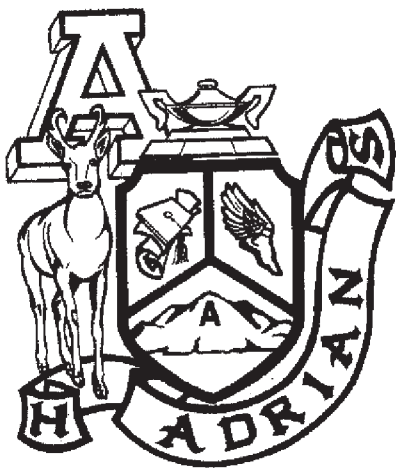
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Schedule of Events

March 12	Regular Board Meeting, Library, 8:00 p.m.
March 13	Mr. AHS Pageant
March 19	Parent Teacher Conferences, Elementary/MS, scheduled; HS 5-8 p.m.
March 20.....	Parent Teacher Conferences, Elementary/MS, scheduled; HS 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
March 20.....	Senior Citizen Luncheon, 12:00-2:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria
March 23-27.....	Spring Break
March 31.....	School Resumes

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