

Wasco County School District #29

Dufur School

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Dear Dufur School Supporters,

As we approach the midpoint of the 2023-2024 school year, there are several things I would like to share.

First of all, congratulations to our most recent employee of the month, Steven Bailey! Steven works in our facilities department and does a great job everyday. Steven is always there to help and make Dufur School a better place. Congratulations, Steven Bailey!

The School-Based Health Center project is nearing completion! This has been nearly a three-year process to bring health care to Dufur and the surrounding areas; thanks to all that have helped to make this project a reality. We anticipate that we will be open spring 2024! The most recent donations toward the SBHC of \$50,000 each were from John Dillon and Google; thanks to John for his continued support of the community of Dufur and to Google for their helpful attitude in giving back to the agencies of Wasco County.

A huge shout out to Leona Egeland and our Career Technical Education Program for their continued good work in developing the Dufur High School CTE Program. This work has been ongoing for four years and has been a major improvement to the Dufur High School curriculum. The CTE Program includes instruction in the following areas: 1. Agriculture 2. Construction 3. Early Childhood Education 4. Health Sciences and 5. Welding. The district's recognition of shortages of people working in these career areas will serve Dufur High School graduates very well in the future. For more information, go to www.dufur.k12.or.us/page/ranger-tech-program.

January is School Board Member Appreciation Month, and we say a huge thank you to the Dufur School District Board of Directors. Dufur has been blessed to have strong and stable leadership throughout its history, leading to quality programming for all Dufur students. Thank you to current board members Anne Kelly, Janna Hage, Stan Ashbrook, Robert Wallace, and Tim Fain. Your work is noted and appreciated!

The Dufur School District is organizing the first annual all-school reunion on October 11th and 12th, 2024 during the annual homecoming celebration. There will be organized activities on Friday afternoon beginning at 4:00 pm and continuing through the Ranger football game at 7:00

pm. Activities will begin on Saturday at 10:00 am with the homecoming parade, followed by Ranger volleyball action. The weekend will conclude with an alumni function at Dufur City Park from 3:00-9:00 pm. We look forward to welcoming everyone who has attended Dufur High School at any time, or was/is employed in the Dufur School District; this will be a great weekend of celebrating being "Rangers" and we look forward to hosting many people in October!

One of my goals as Superintendent this year is to hold "Listening Sessions" to gain a better understanding of issues that are impacting families in our school district. The first session is scheduled for Monday, January 29th, beginning at 6:00 pm in the Dufur School cafeteria. I will provide a brief overview of Dufur School District programs and then take any questions that you may have concerning the Dufur School District and these programs. If you have topics that you would like to discuss, please email me at jhender@dufur.k12.or.us and I will be prepared for the conversation. Only one rule: I can't talk about personnel during this time.

And finally, thanks to everyone for working with the district to deal with the current weather challenges. These decisions are difficult to make and very impactful to families. We will always keep student and staff safety at the forefront of any decisions!

Have a great winter season!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JH' or 'Jack Henderson', written in a cursive style.

Jack Henderson, Superintendent