



SCHOOL DISTRICT #29

MAY 2025

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Board of Directors

The May meeting of the Dufur School District Board of Directors will be held on Monday, May 5th, at 6 pm. The meeting is open to the public and can also be joined online via Zoom. The Zoom Meeting link, agenda, meeting minutes and video archive can be found on the [Board of Directors](#) page on our website.

New Principal

The Dufur School District is pleased to announce that Tess Welk has been hired as the Principal of Dufur School, beginning August 2025. Mrs. Welk received her Associate of Arts Degree from Blue Mountain Community College in 2010. She then earned her Bachelors of Arts in Elementary Education from Eastern Oregon University in 2013, followed by a Masters Degree in Educational Leadership and a Masters Degree in Mathematics Instruction, both from Western Governors University. Mrs. Welk has taught in the Helix School District, North Wasco County School District, and joined the Dufur School District in 2021. She served as an interim Principal in Dufur School in the fall of 2023. Tess is very active in youth sports in the community of Dufur. Welcome to your new role in the Dufur School District Tess Welk!

Maryhill Museum

Ms. Dawkins and Ms. Ford will be taking their classes on a field trip to Maryhill Museum on May 1st.

Ranger Pride Store

During the school year students are awarded Ranger Pride tickets from staff members for positive behavior, being helpful and for many other reasons. Students are able to spend their Pride Points at the Ranger Pride Store a few times throughout the year. The Pride Store will be open on Friday, May 2nd.

FFA Banquet

The Dufur FFA Chapter will be having their annual banquet this month. It will take place in the Dufur School Cafeteria on Tuesday, May 6th from 6-8 pm.

Scholarship Interviews

The Ranger Pride Education Foundation and the Jerri Walker DePriest Endowment Fund offer some amazing scholarships for graduating seniors of Dufur School. The JWD scholarship interviews were held on April 30th, and the RPEF scholarship interviews will be held on May 7th. We are grateful for all board members, community members, businesses, and volunteers who continue to make these scholarship opportunities available to our graduates!

Electrical Safety

The team from Wasco Electrical Co-op will be coming to teach our students about electrical safety. They will be here on Wednesday, May 7th and present to Ms. Ford's class, Ms. Dawkins' class and Mrs. Gratiot's class.

Dufur's Got Talent

The Dufur School biennial talent show will take place in the lower gym on May 7th. Auditions were held earlier for students who wanted to perform for the student body. The talent show will begin at 1:30 pm and will be over by 3 pm.

Annual Walk-a-thon

The annual K-8th Walk-a-thon will be happening on May 8th. We will not be collecting per lap donations this year, just a flat amount. Participating students are actively collecting pledges for the fundraiser. Students may collect donations to turn in to the school, or here is a link you can use to make an on-line donation: https://swipesimple.com/links/link_a01d748767e734c26d1265bc9645e040.

The event will take place on the Henderson Athletic Field. All proceeds from the Walk-a-thon go towards the Classroom Enrichment Fund. Teachers are able to use these funds for special projects or supplies for their classrooms.

No School Days

May 9th is a Staff Development Day. School will not be in session for students.

Friday, May 23rd is a no school day for staff and students. Also, school will be closed on Monday, May 26th in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.

Plant Sale!

Mrs. Hertel and her Greenhouse students are planning a Plant Sale for May 16th. They will be selling some of the plants that they have grown this spring during their greenhouse class! The sale will be from 1:30 to 6 pm. Stop by to purchase plants that have been planted and nurtured by Dufur School students.

Year End Senior Events

The senior class has been busy planning a class trip to celebrate the end of their high school careers. They will be taking a day trip to Silverwood Theme Park.

The seniors final day of attendance at school will be May 28th. They will begin the day by arriving at school in the "Anything But A Car" Parade. All Dufur students and staff are invited to watch the parade at 9:05. The day will end with the Annual Awards Night and Senior Recognition.

The graduation ceremony will be on Saturday, May 31st at 11:00 AM on Henderson Field.



Beyond May...

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| June 2 | Mid-Level Artist in Residence |
| June 2 | Dufur School District Board of Directors Meeting |
| June 3 | Mid-Level Artist in Residence |
| June 4 | 8th Grade Trip to Oaks Park |
| June 4 | 8th Grade Promotion |
| June 5 | Final Day of the School Year |
| June 5 | Early Release for Students at 1 pm |
| June 5 | Girls Basketball Bingo Night |
| June 6 | Staff In-Service |
| July 3 | Girls Basketball Bingo Night |
| July 7 | Dufur School District Board of Directors Meeting |

Fundraisers

The HS girl's basketball team will be having a "Bingo Night" on the first Thursday for each month through August. These fundraisers will take place at the Ranger Station Restaurant and Market.

Annual Awards Night and Senior Recognition

We will celebrate Dufur students at our annual Awards Night and Senior Recognition. The evening is hosted by the Dufur Chapter of the National Honor Society. Dessert will be served beginning at 5:30 pm. The program will begin at 6:00 pm.

Artist in Residence

Our third mid-level session with Artist in Residence, Amy Gray will take place during May 12th-14th.

Title 1

May 14th will be the Title 1 Annual Parent Review Night. The ribbon cutting ceremony for the Indigenous Little Free Library will also take place that evening. Both events will be held at Dufur School at 6 pm.

Indigenous Little Free Library **Ribbon-Cutting &** **Annual Title 1 Parent Review Meeting** **Dufur School 2024-25**

Please join me outside by the Little Free Libraries
(to the left of the Dufur School main parking lot entrance)

Wednesday, May 14th

6:00 PM



- *Ribbon-cutting
- *Exchange books
- *Color bookmarks
- *Outdoor activities
- *Refreshments
- *Read-aloud

- *Define Title 1A
- *Look at reading data
- *Review School-Parent Compact
- *Discuss summer activities
- *Discuss family engagement Activities

Bus transportation to & from Celilo will be provided. Please contact Britt Beeson bbeeson@dufur.k12.or.us for info.

Athletics

Spring sports will be winding down this month. The Golf District Tournament will be held on May 12th & 13th and the State Golf Championships will be held on May 19th & 20th..

The high school track team will end its season with the District Championships on May 22nd & 23rd, and the OSAA 1A State Track & Field Championships will be held on May 29th & 30th in Eugene.

Field Trip to Boardman

Mrs. Welk and Ms. Ford will be taking their classes on a field trip on May 15th. They will be visiting the Boardman Indoor Pool.

CTE News

Ranger TECH in conjunction with Baker Technical Institute will be offering First Aid and CPR certifications for some Dufur students. For more information, contact [Leona Egeland](#).

Over the past year the Ranger TECH Construction CTE program had student participation in a school based enterprise project which consisted of students building and selling cedar planter boxes. Students also participated in a workplace simulation project by framing a wall in the welding shop area. A few elementary classes have been participating in Construction Buddies by visiting the woodshop and doing activities with the high school students.

The Ranger TECH program hosted an elementary CTE Fair during February, which is National CTE month, and also hosted a Skilled Trades/ College Fair which Dufur students in 6-12th grades and other high schools attended.

Community Service

The 8th grade class has a community service project planned for May 16th. They will be working at the Dufur Cemetery.

Community Food Pantry

The Food Pantry located at Dufur School is open each Thursday from 4 to 6 pm. All members of the community are welcome when there is a need for food assistance. If you need emergency food assistance, please call the school office at 541-467-2509.

Elementary Gardens

The Dufur Elementary Garden Program is in need of tools and supplies to keep our garden blooming and our kids learning.

We are currently seeking donations of the following items:

- Big shovels
- Hand trowels
- Watering cans
- Wheelbarrows
- Rakes
- Pitch Fork
- Buckets
- Sprinklers
- Hose nozzles
- Hoses
- Soaker hoses
- Sprinkler timers
- Trellis Materials (tomato cages, cattle panels, goat fencing)
- 3/4" PVC pipe (for frost protectors & sun shades)
- Sun shades
- Landscape fabric

We are also accepting ongoing compost donations! (No meat or garbage, please.)

Every item donated supports hands-on learning and environmental stewardship for our students. Question or ready to donate? Please contact Ken Talley, ken.talley@dufur.k12.or.us

Thank you for helping our garden grow!

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Dean's Student of the Month

Mr. Colasuonno, the Dufur School Dean of Students, presents a monthly award for the K-12 Student of the Month. This award symbolizes what it means to be a Ranger: positive, encouraging, striving for excellence, team-oriented and an overall productive member of our student body. Congratulations to the March Student of the Month, Lexi Ward!

Employee of the Month

We are excited to announce Alice Reffett, as our March Employee of the Month! Alice always goes above and beyond in every aspect of her role-whether it's maintaining a clean school environment, helping in the kitchen, volunteering for school events, or stepping in to cover when needed. On top of all this, she works in the afterschool program, providing a safe and welcoming space for our students. Her commitment, reliability, and willingness to pitch in whenever needed makes her an invaluable part of our team. Her dedication to lend a hand never falls short. We are truly grateful for her positive attitude and dedication to supporting both staff and students. We are lucky to have someone so mighty in spirit and work ethic, no matter the size of the task at hand! Thank you Alice, for everything you do!