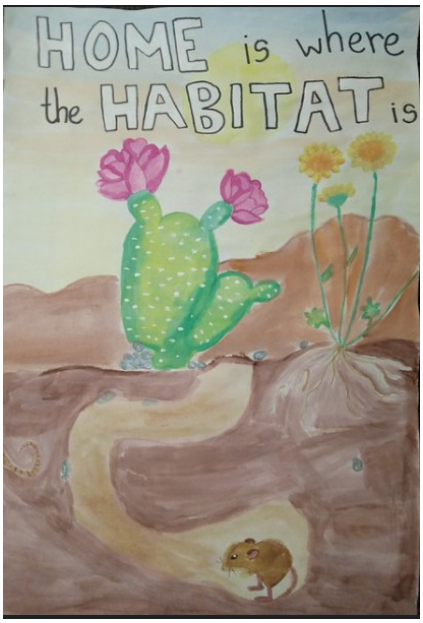


SCHOOL DISTRICT #29 APRIL 2026

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NACD "Home is Where the Habitat Is" poster by Daisy Proctor

2025 NACD Poster Contest

A student at Dufur School has been announced as a 3rd place winner in the 2025 NACD National Poster Contest. NACD stands for the National Association of Conservation Districts. This poster contest is open to students across the nation in kindergarten through 12th grades. The 2025 NACD Stewardship Week theme was "Home is Where the Habitat Is."

Daisy Proctor from Dufur School in Wasco County, Oregon received recognition for her artwork in the 7-9 category! You can view her poster, along with some other impressive entries from conservation districts around the nation on their website. Once you get to their website page, scroll down and look for the "2025 Photo and Poster Contest Winners."

Congratulations Daisy!

Board of Directors Meeting

The regular April meeting of the Dufur School District Board of Directors will be held on **Tuesday, April 7th at 5:30 pm**. This 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.

Budget Committee Vacancy

The Dufur School Board has announced one vacant position on its Budget Committee. Candidates must live in and be registered to vote in the Dufur District and not be an officer, agent, or employee of the district. To apply for this position, please contact Kristin Whitley.

Academics

On April 2nd, we will officially be done with three quarters of this school year. It will mark the Semester 2 mid-term and the end of the elementary and mid-level elective 3rd quarter.

Teachers will work on completing grades on April 3rd, and reports will be sent home the following week.

Student of the Quarter

There will be an assembly on April 9th at 2:45 pm to recognize the Students of the 3rd Quarter. Students are nominated by the teachers for this award.

No School Days

Friday, April 3rd is a Staff In-Service day. Teachers will be working on completing grades for report cards.

School will not be in session on Friday, April 10th for Elementary (K-5th) only. The Elementary staff will be attending an important staff development training on that day!

April 24th is a non-school day for both staff and students!

Library Week

Mrs. Tierney has been working hard to plan activities for Dufur students during Library Week!



Maryhill Field Trip

The Dufur 5th graders are looking forward to a field trip on April 16th. They will be traveling to Maryhill Museum of Art in the Columbia River Gorge. Maryhill Museum has art collections and exhibits with educational enrichment. It is a historic setting in the Columbia River Gorge.

Annual Walk-A-Thon

Join us for our K-5th Walk-A-Thon on April 23rd at the Dufur City Park from 1-3 pm! This is a fun and active way to support our students while building school spirit. This Donation QR code and link make it ease to contribute and cheer on our walkers. We'd love to have community members come out to help, encourage, and support our students throughout the event. We hope to see you there! All proceeds go to the Elementary Enrichment Fund.

It's Scholarship Season

The Ranger Pride Education Foundation & Jerri Walker DePriest Endowment Fund scholarship applications are due on April 21st. This year's senior class is fortunate to have scholarship advisors, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Egeland, to provide help with this process. More information can be found on the RPEF website.

Beyond April...

May 2	K-4 Jr. Ranger Football Camp
May 4	ODOT Flagger Course
May 5	8th Grade Artist in Residence (May 5-7)
May 5	Dufur School Board Meeting
May 7	Mid-Level Greenhouse Plant Sale
May 8	Staff Development Day—No School for Students
May 8	Mid-Level Greenhouse Plant Sale
May 12	HS Golf District Tournament
May 12	Budget Committee Public Meeting
May 13	ASB Red Cross Blood Drive
May 15	JWD Scholarship Interviews & Selection Day
May 16	High School Prom
May 18	State Golf Championships
May 19	State Golf Championships
May 20	Class of 2026 Senior Trip
May 21	High School Track and Field Districts
May 22	High School Track and Field Districts
May 22	No School for Staff or Students

WIN Room Book Mark Contest



Congratulations to the winners of the WIN Room Read Across America/Dr. Seuss's Birthday Celebration! Winners are: Charli Darnielle, Austen Woods, Landon Lindell, Natalee Mason, Carrie Aldrich, and Atreyu Thomas!

Ranger Athletics

Dufur Athletes are very busy this spring! We have Ranger high school and mid-level Track and Field and high school Golf. We also have athletes participating in co-op sports with The Dalles High School including Softball, Baseball, Boys Volleyball and Girls Football.

We are excited now to have Nickie Hage serving as our school-wide Athletic Director. She brings a love of athletics and super organizational skills to the position.



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Superintendent Kristin Whitley **Principal Tess Welk**

Dear Parents, Students, Staff, Coaches, and Community Members,

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself as the District Athletic Director. It is a privilege and honor to serve our students and community in a role that supports one of the great traditions of our schools—education-based athletics.

In a small rural community like ours, school athletics mean much more than wins and losses. Our games and events bring the community together, create lasting memories for students and families, and provide opportunities for young people to learn valuable life lessons such as teamwork, perseverance, leadership, and responsibility.

My goal as Athletic Director is to support our student-athletes, coaches, and programs while maintaining a positive culture built on sportsmanship, respect, and hard work. We want every student who participates in athletics to have a meaningful experience that helps them grow both on and off the field.

Our coaches dedicate countless hours to mentoring and guiding students, and I look forward to working alongside them to ensure that athletics remain a positive and educational experience for all participants. I also believe strong communication between families, coaches, and the school is essential to the success of our programs.

In communities like ours, the support of parents, staff, volunteers, and fans makes a tremendous difference. Thank you for the time, encouragement, and pride you show in supporting our student-athletes and school programs.

I look forward to working together and supporting our students throughout the year. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions or if I can be of assistance.

Thank you for your continued support of our athletic programs.

Sincerely,

Nickie Hage
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Go Rangers!

Junior Ranger Football Camps

Don't forget Junior Ranger Football Camps. The first day of the K-4th camp will be on April 18th. See details on the following flyers! If you have any questions, contact Dufur School Athletic Director, Nickie Hage.





NHS Induction Ceremony

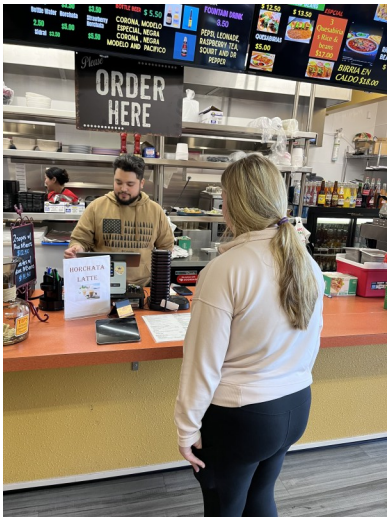
On March 10th, eight members of the Class of 2028 were inducted into Dufur High School's chapter of the National Honor Society. These new members join 17 current juniors and seniors who were previously inducted as sophomores. Students in NHS must demonstrate four pillars of excellence: academics, leadership, character, and service. Congratulations to new members Ellie Brock, Jacey Calloway, Eric Carrillo, Noah Coleman, Alma Compo, Emmy Egeland, Alexandria Olson, and Alexis Ward!





High School Spanish





High School Spanish I students attended a language and culture field trip to a local restaurant, Pueblito Lindo. Students applied their language skills by ordering authentic dishes in Spanish, trying new foods or ingredients, and some even extended their language practice with the staff. Following the excursion students wrote restaurant reviews in Spanish, detailing their experience and opinions. It was a great opportunity to get out of our comfort zone and share a meal together! We would like to add a huge GRACIAS to the RPEF and Dufur School for supporting this experience!!











Spanish 1 is taught by Mrs. Deanna Zalaznik. This is her first year at Dufur school. Other classes she is teaching are Algebra I, Geometry, Mid-Level Survival Skills and Mid-Level Spanish.