

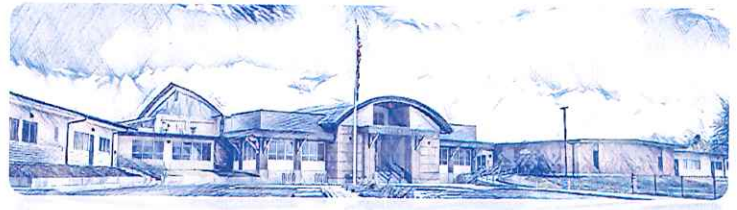
Wasco County School District #29

Dufur School

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Dear Dufur School Supporters,

Another school year is here!

Welcome to the new families joining the Dufur School District, and welcome back to the families that have been a part of the district prior to this year. We look forward to working together with each of you to provide the best education possible for your students.

Several Highlights From the Summer of 2023:

- Summer school was a great success; we served well over 100 students during the four-week program!
- We've received multiple grants to assist in the purchase of a school-based health center. One from the Ford Family Foundation and one from Google. Both grants were in the amount of \$25,000.
- Work is nearing completion on the cooling center grant, and we will have air conditioning in the upper gym by the end of this week. This project will continue with a new HVAC system for the front entry of our main building, as well as a filtering system to provide clean air during smokey conditions. Both of these areas will be open to the community during emergency situations.
- The district's enrollment has grown significantly during the summer, and we look forward to serving everyone.
- We welcome new staff members: Melissa Mead joins us as our fifth grade teacher and Josie Turner took over as the district's chief financial officer on July 1st, Nicole Ryan is now our Mid Level ELA/Physical Education Teacher. Welcome, ladies! Caleb Olson now serves as the district's mechanic. Welcome, Caleb!
- The district's newest board member, Tim Fain, was sworn in during the July district board of directors meeting. Welcome, Tim!
- Back-to-School Night will be held on Wednesday, August 30th, beginning at 5:00 pm. Dinner will be provided for all. Several informational meetings will be held, and teachers will be available in your students' classrooms. Please plan to attend!
- Dufur students had a great week during the Wasco County Fair last week both in terms of gaining a rich educational experience, but also with great returns on their animals at the auction.

Upcoming Events

- The Oregon Eight-Man Classic, as well as the Classic volleyball tournament, will be held with football beginning on Thursday, August 31st and volleyball on Friday, September 1st. The Classic continues through Saturday, September 2nd.
- The first day of school is Tuesday, September 5th.
- The 25th Annual Jerri Walker DePriest Dinner and Auction will be held at Dufur City Park on Saturday, September 16th at 6:00 pm.

I'm looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Henderson', written over the printed name.

Jack Henderson, Superintendent