



# The Rock



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## *Creative Solutions - Child Care Center*

By: Elijah Boren

Not every rural community has a Early learning center, but at Rimrock Jr-Sr High School, there is such a center open to all staff members with children. The center is also open to students at Rimrock. This center has been a great benefit to the Bruneau-Grandview School District.

In a recent interview, the center’s director Kailee McClure stated that the early learning center started in order to serve the needs of district employees. There were several new and returning employees that needed child care in order to commit to a full-time position in the 2023-24 school year. Without a childcare option, there was not an opportunity for several of those employees to work outside of the home. The district wanted to hire quality people without asking them to make

compromises for their family; starting a center met that need.

Currently, the center serves between seven and twelve children.

McClure relayed that this has a range for two reasons. First, the center is open to substitutes in order to allow quality people to cover classes without the stress of finding child care. Additionally, on professional development days, the center is also extended to the children of employees that are normally in school to allow those employees to participate fully in their professional development opportunities.

The center currently has four registered employees that have completed a comprehensive enhanced background check and the required training. The center also provides eligible high school students with an opportunity to support and interact with the children and the learning opportunities within. Those high school students are not considered employees, though they do support employees with their responsibilities. .

The center follows a structure that provides children ages birth to five with opportunities for social and emotional growth, language and reasoning, and developmentally appropriate academic skills. A typical day includes exposure to letters, numbers, colors, and shapes, hands-on activities, meal times, rest time, and outside activities like walks and making snowballs. The children build foundational skills in making and maintaining relationships, problem solving, and risk taking that allows them to grow in a safe environment. Some benefits of parents being working near their kids are that it gives parents the peace of mind that their kids are safe and close. Because of that relationship, parents have more confidence in their child's care. It also allows them the opportunity to check on their child throughout the day if necessary. It also provides the nursing mothers an opportunity to continue that routine. The center has been helpful this year because several of our new employees needed a child care option. The center helps illustrate how the district considers the personal lives of their employees and wants to support more than just their professional career.



# Senior Spotlight

By: Mckya Friel

Welcome back to the senior spotlight. Today, we are interviewing Ashten Moore. Ashten is a Senior at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High school and she's been attending this school district for seven years. She is very ready to graduate, like all the seniors. Ashten is the senior president, and stands six feet tall. She is great at Basketball, but that's not the only sport Ashten plays. She is a four-sport athlete: cross country, volleyball, basketball, and track. Ashten loves sports so much she is thinking about possibly going to TVCC and continuing her education in basketball.

Ashten started working at age fourteen in the food industry. She learned a lot from working hard the last four years. She has gained a lot of knowledge and experience in that field. Helping out in the community and getting to know a lot of people is something Ashten has enjoyed.

Before we end this senior spotlight, Ashten wants to thank a few people she cares about. "I would like to thank my family and my friends for supporting me through my high school career!" We wish Ashten the best of luck going forward!



# Senior Spotlight

By: Laine Raymond

"You can't move forward without saying goodbye to the past," Rimrock senior Loyd Boren quotes. Loyd Boren is ready to say goodbye to his past at Rimrock Jr/Sr High School and say hello to his future. Son of Steve and Mandi Boren, Loyd loves outdoor activities such as rafting, hiking, and camping, and working on his family's ranch in Oreana. Loyd had been attending the Bruneau Grand View Joint School District since kindergarten, almost thirteen years.

Throughout high school Loyd participated in cross country, basketball, and track. He will miss his teammates and coaches the most. Loyd's favorite memory is setting a personal and school record in state track his Junior year. After he graduates, Loyd is planning to serve a two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. His advice to the freshmen - always and absolutely - "be yourself". Congratulations Loyd, your dedication and hard work are paying off! We can't wait to see what your bright future will hold!



# End of Year Basketball Awards

## All Conference Honors

- Ashten Moore - 1st Team All-Conference
- Kloey Borgen - 1st Team All-Conference
- Kailee Martinez - Honorable Mention
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- Jackie Thurman - JV Coach of the Year
- Kyla Jewett - Coach of the Year
- Kloey Borgen - All-State Honorable Mention
  
- Ronaldo Gomez - 2nd Team All-Conference
- Loyd Boren - Honorable Mention
- Loyd Boren - Senior All-Star
- Pedro Varela - JV Coach of the Year

## JV Boys' Team

- Hays Black - MVP
- Carlos Escobedo - Most Improved
- Kas Bachman - Defensive POY
- Kolton Jewett - Raider Award
- Adrian Farfan - Rookie of the Year
- Dylan McNeley - 6th Man Award

## JV Girls' Team

- Laine Raymond - MVP
- Paisley Prow - Offensive POY
- Bryllie Mendoza - Defensive POY
- Ruby Lisle - Lead Offensive Rebounder
- Jade Reisinger - Lead Defensive Rebounder
- Olivia Farfan - Sharp Shooter
- Juana Lemus - 6th Man Award

## Varsity Boys' Team

- Loyd Boren - MVP
- Ronaldo Gomez - MVP
- Wylee Rinner - MVP
- Morgan Field - Most Improved
- Rocky Aquiso - Bonzai Award

## Varsity Girls' Team

- Ashten Moore - MVP
- Kloey Borgen - Offensive POY
- Kailee Martinez - Defensive POY
- Alia Aquiso - Heart Award
- Josie Lisle - Hustle Award
- Kayloni Hall - Desire Award