

# Homedale Elementary School Memo



To: Homedale Board of Trustees, Superintendent Rob Sauer  
From: Terri Vasquez, Principal  
Date: September 9, 2019  
Re: Report to Board of Trustees

## **ENROLLMENT:**

AM Kindergarten: 41 (+ 2 SPDC)	1 <sup>st</sup> : 92 (+3 SPDC)	SPDC (Special Day): 14
PM Kindergarten: 47 (+1 SPDC)	2 <sup>nd</sup> : 91	
ELL Immersion AM: 11	3 <sup>rd</sup> : 83 (+2 SPDC)	
Pre-First: 7	4 <sup>th</sup> : 84 (+6 SPDC)	

## **OPEN HOUSE**

The Elementary Open House was held on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with HMS and HHS. Families were given a new Student Handbook, students brought their supplies to put in their desks, and classroom/grade level information was shared with parents and students. PTO served Otter Pops to the parents and students. We heard many positive comments about having the Open House for all three schools at the same time.

**ASSESSMENTS:** MAP assessments began on August 26<sup>th</sup>. We continued the MAP assessments, Idaho Reading Indicator, Math benchmarks, and DWA after we returned from the Labor Day holiday.

**VESTIBULE FACELIFT and SAFETY:** We have had many positive comments about the changes to the lock system and the entryway of the elementary. Teachers love the key cards used to enter the building. Parents are excited about the additional safety feature of the front entry buzz-in system with camera. It has been a learning curve for all of us but the process gets smoother each day. The students and parents are loving the new murals in the vestibule that reflect our district-wide expectations. Mrs. Garrett has been taking her Life Skills classes to the vestibule and doing a “cheer” using our four expectations.



**PBIS:** The elementary staff is continuing with Tier 1 of PBIS and adding Tier 2. We will be focusing on students who may need more behavioral supports during school. We all enjoyed our June training with

Dr. Terri Lewis and will continue to have mini-trainings presented by the PBIS teams throughout the school year.

**CURRICULUM:** Staff is hard at work implementing the new English Language Arts curriculum. “Wonders” has many components with some of the exciting features such as updated instruction to meet core standards, differentiated lesson materials that are tied to the curriculum, and an online piece that allows students to practice skills and listen or read passages on the computer. They can also listen and read the passages at home. The new Idaho History books purchased by the PTO are exciting as well! They are very engaging and contain much more information than the previous books. The teachers and students also have access to online curriculum called “Experience State History”.

**EVACUATION AND EMERGENCY DRILLS:** On August 22<sup>nd</sup> we practiced our evacuation procedures for a fire, and then a “hall check” (soft lockdown) for a situation where there was no imminent danger. Staff and students did a good job following the safety procedures!

### **Upcoming Events**

October 1 – Walk-tober begins

October 7 – “Wagons Ho” for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade