

Homedale High School Principal Report

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To: Board of Trustees, and Rob Sauer, Superintendent

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Re: Board Report

STRIVE Kick-off Event: October 11th 11:50-5:00pm. All seniors participating in STRIVE attended a kick-off event at Boise State University. Students met with their BSU mentors and began planning post-secondary opportunities for next fall. Students in Strive are meeting virtually with their mentors through Google Hangouts Thursday mornings from 6:50 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. from October 16th through December 4th.

Associated Student Body Regional Conference: October 13th 8:30-2:30pm. Mr. Weimerslage and I took Homedale High Schools six ASB officers to the Idaho Associated Student Council Regional III and IV Conference at the Nampa Civic Center. Homedale High School Student Body Officers are President/Victoria Nash, Vice President/Dylan Burks, Secretary/Makenzie Andersen, Treasurer/Dayne Jacobs, Sergeant at Arms/Kyler Landa. Mr. Weimerslage has agreed to be the advisor for our Homedale High School Student Council this year. After attending the regional conference our ASB officers have been inspired to work on building more school spirit and a more supportive culture at Homedale High School. They also will do several service projects to reach out to the community. My goal for the 2015-16 school year is to offer a dual credit leadership class from Boise State University for all student at Homedale High School that are a part of the HHS student counsel or just want to participate and build their leadership skills.

Tall Cop Presentation: October 17th 9:00 – 12:00. We had the opportunity to get trained in the latest Teenage Trends that our students are being challenged with. The Tall Cop from Boise, Jermaine Galloway, came to the Homedale High School gym to share with us the latest teenage trends in clothing, alcohol, drugs, and how our state is being affected by neighboring states Oregon, Washington and Colorado. The presentation was very informative and eye opening.



PSAT NMSQT Test Day: The PSAT/NMSQT Test for Sophomores and Juniors was **Wednesday October 15th, 2014** in the Homedale High School cafeteria. The test was free for all sophomores and cost \$14 for juniors. Results will be ready in December.

Sources of Strength Training: Sources of Strength is a best practice youth suicide prevention project that utilizes the power of peer social networks to change unhealthy norms and culture and ultimately prevent suicide, bullying and substance abuse. The program is designed to prevent suicide by increasing help seeking behaviors and connections between peers and caring adults with a focus on hope, help and strength. The eight areas, which are listed in a circular logo design, are family support, mental health, medical access, spirituality, generosity, healthy activities, mentors and positive friends. Debbie Flaming wrote a grant last spring to bring the program to Homedale High School. The groundwork has begun for the program. A group of Homedale High School staff members will serve as program advisors. This group includes trainer Debbie Flaming, advisors Katie Belanger, Lisa Isla, Cameron Wiemerslage, Casey Grove, Bethany Updike, Becky Emery, Matt Holtry, Jennifer Levinski, Janee Brumfield and Sam Stone. The teacher advisory group nominated 45 students to participate in the student peer group. On **Thursday, October 23rd**, the teacher and staff advisory group received training in the morning and the student peers were trained in the afternoon. The Sources of Strength program utilizes the ideas and efforts of the student peers to help formulate a plan for getting out the message about the eight strengths. The students also brainstormed ideas and created their own projects, such as a poster campaign, or hold activities and games to promote the message. A highlight of the October 23rd event was guest trainer Mark Lomurray, founder of the Sources of Strength program in North Dakota. We are very fortunate to have Sources of Strength at Homedale High School.



ACT: Saturday October 25th 7:45am-12:30pm the ACT was given in the Homedale High School annex. Eighty five students were tested that day; most of these students were Homedale students.

GO ON/ GEAR UP Aim High Week: October 27th-30th Homedale High School students participated in college-going activities. Some highlights included the Idaho-Oregon Border Fair, National College Fair, Cool Speak, and many other fun activities.

Idaho-Oregon Border College Fair: October 28th 9:30am-11:45am All Freshman attended the Idaho-Oregon Border Fair. The college fair was represented by approximately 60 traditional four year and two year schools in Wyoming, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Oregon, Montana, Washington, South Dakota, and Alaska, as well as vocational and technical schools.



National College Fair: Wednesday October 29th 11:00am-3:00pm All Juniors attended the national college fair in Boise, ID. Students had the opportunity to participate in breakout sessions on the following topics: Financial Aid, College Applications, and searching applying and competing for scholarships.



Parent Night for College Bound Juniors & Seniors/Mini College Fair: Monday November 3rd parents of juniors and seniors who are college bound were invited to an informational meeting in the Homedale high School library, a pizza dinner was provided for all attendees. The topics covered were, the college application process, ACT & SAT tests, scholarships, and FAFSA. Ninety Six parents and teenagers

attended this event. There were also nine colleges and two military organizations that presented their information at the event.



FFA National Convention: Homedale High School FFA traveled to the National Convention in Kentucky during the week of October 26th. Homedale's Ag Teacher and FFA advisor Sue Poland, accompanied by two parent advisors traveled with ten of our HS FFA students to this event. The students included, Madi Fisher, Justine Rose, Riley Haun, Lauryn Fisher, Jennifer Bautista, Samantha Woods, Riley Christoffersen, Cobey Christoffersen, Jacob Christensen, and Jordan Packer. The trip was very successful and all arrived back in Homedale in one piece.

Cool Speak visited Homedale High School on Oct. 29th. All freshman and sophomores participated in the event. Cool Speak was founded in 2009 and is the leading youth engagement organization delivering key programs and events to keep students inspired, parents involved and teachers engaged. The Cool Speak platform offers tailored interaction and structure that allows educational institutions, organizations and businesses worldwide to foster their educational agendas and support youth outreach. Cool Speak provides its excellence through research, strategies, proven concepts, online resources and materials enabling intrinsic motivation, personal growth and self-sustaining inspiration. Cool Speak strives to

provide inspiration so that learning can take place allowing each and every student, parent and teacher to achieve their fullest potential. Joey Negron Assistant Vice President and CBO was the presenter.

College Application Week: November 10th-14th College Application Week is a nationwide program to help every high school student apply for a post-secondary degree. This year, during the week of November 10-14, Idaho is piloting a statewide event with up to 50 selected high schools throughout the state. The goal of the event is for all high school seniors to apply to a postsecondary institution.

Veteran's Day Assembly: November 11th 11:05-11:45am Homedale High School is announcing a veteran's day assembly at Homedale High School. All Veteran's new and old are welcome to attend as we honor all the great men and women of our armed services on this day. The assembly will be held at 11:05 on November 11th 2014 in Homedale high schools main gym, lunch will be provided for all veterans after the assembly. For additional information please contact Homedale high school at 337-4613.

Fast Forward 8-in-6 Program will provide funds to cover up to 75% of the cost of taking dual credit courses, college-bearing exams, or professional-technical exams. It provides every high school junior access to a maximum of \$200 a year and each high school senior access to a maximum of \$400 a year. These funds are to be utilized after all other grants, scholarships, and other funds are exhausted.

The 8-in-6 program is designed to help students complete 8 years of schoolwork (2 years of middle school, 4 years of high school, and 2 years of postsecondary or trade school) in just 6 years. Students accomplish this by taking online courses over the summer and by taking online overload courses during the school year. It is important to note that 8-in-6 does not reduce the amount of time students spend in the classroom; it simply increases learning time throughout the year.

Students who do not wish to graduate early may participate in 8 in 6 to make more room for dual credit opportunities their junior and/or senior year.

The state will pay for up to 2 online summer courses and 2 online overload courses per student per school year, for a maximum of 4 courses per year. The state will pay for a maximum of 8 credits of online summer/overload courses per student during their participation in the program. The state will pay up to \$225 per online course. If the cost of the online course exceeds \$225, the student will be responsible to pay the difference.

Homedale High School is the recipient of the Albertson's Foundation Go On grant for a third year!

The purpose of the Go On grant is to provide the resources to equip, support, guide and/or mentor all students so they can "Go On" to higher education and/or to training beyond high school. The grant award for the 2014-15 school year is \$40,000. This money will provide an instructor for the senior project classes. It purchases much needed textbooks and curriculum materials for students, it finances higher educational based field trips, college entrance exams help and preparation for the ACT and SAT. It also provides training for teachers and supports programs designed to improve the school.

The Go On grant expects Homedale High School to:

- Create a school-wide plan built on best practices that will insure that every student is ready to "Go On".
- Use data to evaluate and improve student readiness for post high school education or training.

- The Go On Team is made up of Homedale High School administration, the counselor, teachers, students, community members and local business owners.

Study Skills/ Peer Mentoring: During the month of October, the Study Skills classes focused on "tricks" or short cuts for learning MATH, ENGLISH, SCIENCE and SOCIAL STUDIES. Ninth graders learned about how memory works and tricks to help with retaining and remembering important information. They worked on creative word play, puns through games and puzzles that require problem solving and stretching the imagination. The goal was to provide educationally engaging activities as a reward for getting classroom assignments in on time and to build up essential skills. The October Theme was Trick or Treat....The activities were called "TRICKS" and at the end of the month, on October the 30th, the Study Skill students were "treated" with an exciting culminating event designed and implemented by their older tutors.

24 Hour Think Challenge: Do you think you could solve Idaho's most challenging problems in a 24-hour time span? That's what more than 150 high school students from across the state attempted to do. It was a part of a youth challenge where groups were formed to tackle issues in the areas of education, health, STEM, and life.

The keynote speaker, Sam Levin, says the youth deserve the chance to problem solve which prepares them to take on responsibility. Homedale High School sent fifteen students to the event in Boise. Students are currently planning innovative ideas to create a "think station" at HHS.



Homedale High School Current Enrollment

Total Enrollment: Grades 9-12 347

9th Grade: 91

10th Grade: 67

11th Grade: 100

12th Grade: 89