

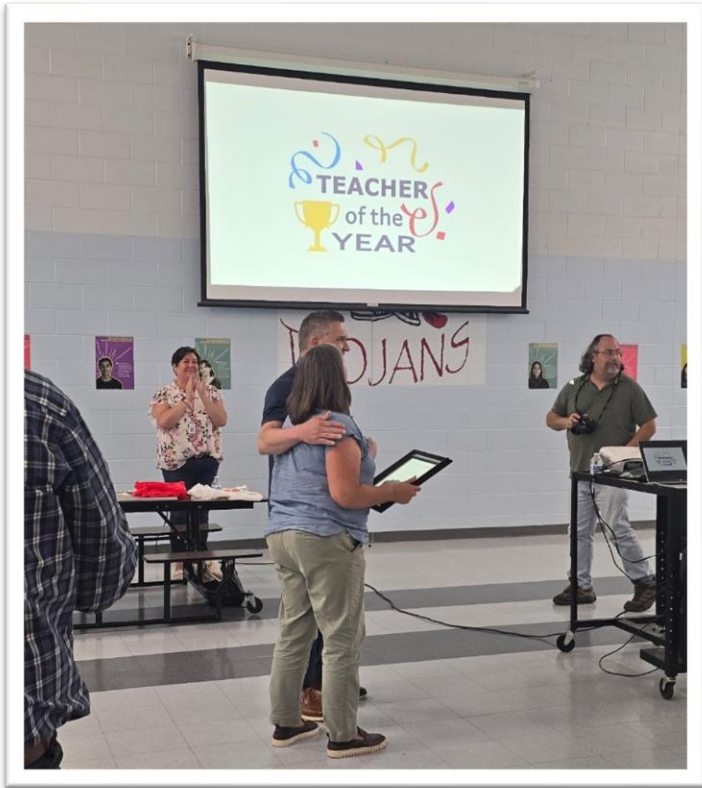
Homedale Elementary School Memo



To: Homedale Board of Trustees, Superintendent Rob Sauer
From: Dr. Tate B. Castleton, Principal
Date: June 1, 2026
Re: Report to Board of Trustees

HES BABY BOOM FEATURED IN THE NEWS: Homedale Elementary made history this year after eight teachers welcome babies throughout the school year! This unique and special milestone was featured on several news outlets, including a story on KTVB Channel 7, as well as the Idaho Education News, the Owyhee Avalanche, and the Idaho Department of Education.





PATTI JEFFERY NAMED HOMEDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR: Homedale Elementary School's own Patti Jeffery was named the Homedale School District Teacher of the Year during last Thursday's End-of-Year District Celebration at Homedale Middle School. Mrs. Jeffery, who joined HES in 2021, has consistently had some of the highest test scores in the district since her arrival. Every year at least 95% of her students have earned proficiency on the IRI, including 100% of her students last year and 96% of her students this year. She is an exemplary colleague, a trusted and sought-after teammate, and one of the humblest teachers in this business. Homedale Elementary School is lucky to have Mrs. Jeffery and we are excited to see what she and her students do next year!

HES KINDERGARTEN PROMOTION CEREMONY DRAWS LARGEST CROWD EVER: Last Thursday, Homedale Elementary School proudly celebrated the promotion of nearly 80 kindergarten students during our annual Kindergarten Promotion Ceremony!

This special event marked the completion of our fifth year of all-day kindergarten, a program that continues to have a tremendous impact on student learning and success. We are especially proud of this year's kindergarten class, which grew from 24% proficiency on the Idaho Reading Indicator (IRI) in October to nearly 70% proficiency in May—meeting our school-wide proficiency goal as a grade level!

This incredible growth is a testament to the hard work of our students, the support of their families, and the dedication of our outstanding kindergarten teachers. We are so proud of our youngest learners and all they have accomplished this year!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 3 rd	Registration for Returning Students Grades 1-4 (2:00-7:00 p.m.)
August 4 th	Registration for New Students Grades K-4 (9:00 a.m. to Noon)
August 10 th	Opening Meeting/Staff Work Day
August 11 th	New Staff Orientation
August 10-17	Staff In-Service/Work Days
August 17 th	District-Wide Open House
August 18 th	First Day of School (K-12)
September 7	NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
September 11 th	Staff In-Service
October 9 th	Student Support/Staff In-Service
October 15 th	End of 1 st Quarter
October 21-22	Parent-Teacher Conferences