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**To:** Board of Trustees  
**From:** Matt Holtry, Principal  
**CC:** R. Sauer, Superintendent  
**Date:** 8/4/2015  
**Re:** Principal Report August, 2015

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Homedale Board of Trustees,

This summer has been full of classes, meetings, and training. There has been lots of learning this summer to say the least and the excitement of the new school year is starting to build as we close in on registration. We are looking forward to a great school year at the high school and the staff is excited.

## **AVID-**

The High School was able to take four high school staff members to the Denver AVID training July 21-24. It was quite the experience with 3,500+ teachers from all over the country learning the AVID strategies and collaborating together. We will be implementing our 9<sup>th</sup> grade AVID elective class this fall which will pick up the incoming AVID students from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade AVID class at the middle school. Alex Wilson will be the 9<sup>th</sup> grade AVID instructor at the High School and the program will be overseen by Debbie Flaming along with myself. We are looking forward to implementing the AVID strategies not only in our AVID classroom but throughout the school as well.

## **Monsanto Fund Grant Award-**

Sue Poland and the Homedale Ag department have received the following grant award. Congratulations! Your school district has been selected to receive a \$10,000.00 grant for Enhancing Science and Math through Applied Agricultural Science through America's Farmers Grow Rural Education, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund. Growing the next generation is very important to farmers, and they realize that you are an integral part of that process. To show their appreciation, farmers in your area nominated you to receive this grant. After your application was submitted, it was reviewed first by math and science teachers from ineligible school districts, then by the America's Farmers Grow Rural Education Advisory Council, a group of 29 prominent farmers from across the country. The Advisory Council was impressed with your dedication to your students and your innovative ideas for improving their educational experiences.

## **2015 IASA Summer Leadership Conference-**

Administration will be attending the IASA conference August 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> in Boise.

## **High School Registration-**

Registration this year will be held on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>.  
Aug 10<sup>th</sup> Seniors 10-12, Juniors 1-3.  
Aug 11<sup>th</sup> Sophomores 10-12, Freshman 1-3.  
Aug 12<sup>th</sup> New Students (9-12) 10-12.

**2015 ISAT DATA**

**English Language Arts (ELA) Scores**

9 <sup>th</sup> grade	14.6% Advanced	52.8% at or above grade level
	38.2% Proficient	
	25.8% Basic	47.2% below grade level
	21.4% Below Basic	
10 <sup>th</sup> grade	22.7% Advanced	59.1% at or above grade level
	36.4% Proficient	
	28.8% Basic	40.9% below grade level
	12.1% Below Basic	

**Math**

9 <sup>th</sup> grade	3.3% Advanced	20.1% at or above grade level
	16.8% Proficient	
	31.4% Basic	79.1% below grade level
	48.3% Below Basic	
10 <sup>th</sup> grade	9.2% Advanced	27.7% at or above grade level
	18.5% Proficient	
	20% Basic	72.3 below grade level
	52.3% Below Basic	