

Homedale Elementary School Memo



To: Homedale Board of Trustees, Superintendent Rob Sauer
From: Tate Castleton, Principal
Date: August 4, 2020
Re: Report to Board of Trustees

REGISTRATION: After more than three weeks of online pre-registration, we have enrolled 66 kindergarten students and 107 students in grades 1-4. Online and in-person registration for new students (by appointment only) will continue this week and beyond.

MEET THE TEACHER: Due to COVID-19 and social distancing recommendations, Homedale Elementary School will not be hosting a Meet the Teacher night. Instead, the staff is working together to produce a “Welcome Back” video that will be shared on the school’s social media pages and website. The video will include greetings from each teacher and the new principal, a virtual tour of the building, and an update on what HES is doing to safely welcome kids back to school on August 24th!

HES FACILITY: A new sign has been installed at Homedale Elementary School.



Meet the Principal: Tate Castleton is a passionate, student-centered, collaborative educator who has spent his career striving to make learning fun, enhance classroom experiences, and inspire every student. Prior to joining Homedale Elementary School as the new principal last April, Tate joined the RK-12 team at Boise State University as a Statewide PBIS Tier I Coordinator and has worked with and coached 40 rural schools around the state of Idaho as they implement the PBIS framework.

Prior to joining BSU, Tate served as a secondary principal, instructional coach, and teacher for nearly a decade in both the Caldwell and Vallivue School Districts. Tate began his career in education as an English teacher at Canyon Springs High School in Caldwell, Idaho. He was awarded Teacher of the Year at CSHS after just his second year in the classroom. He has also worked as a middle school instructional coach and served as the first principal of Indian Creek Academy, the Caldwell School District's alternative middle school.

Tate received his Bachelor's degree from Boise State University in 2008 and Master's degrees from the University of Phoenix in 2010 and Western Governor's University in 2014. He is currently working on his doctorate at Boise State University. Tate and his wife, Emily, live in Caldwell and are the parents of four boys (soon to be five boys in late September).



UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 17-20 Teacher Work Days

August 24 First day of school