

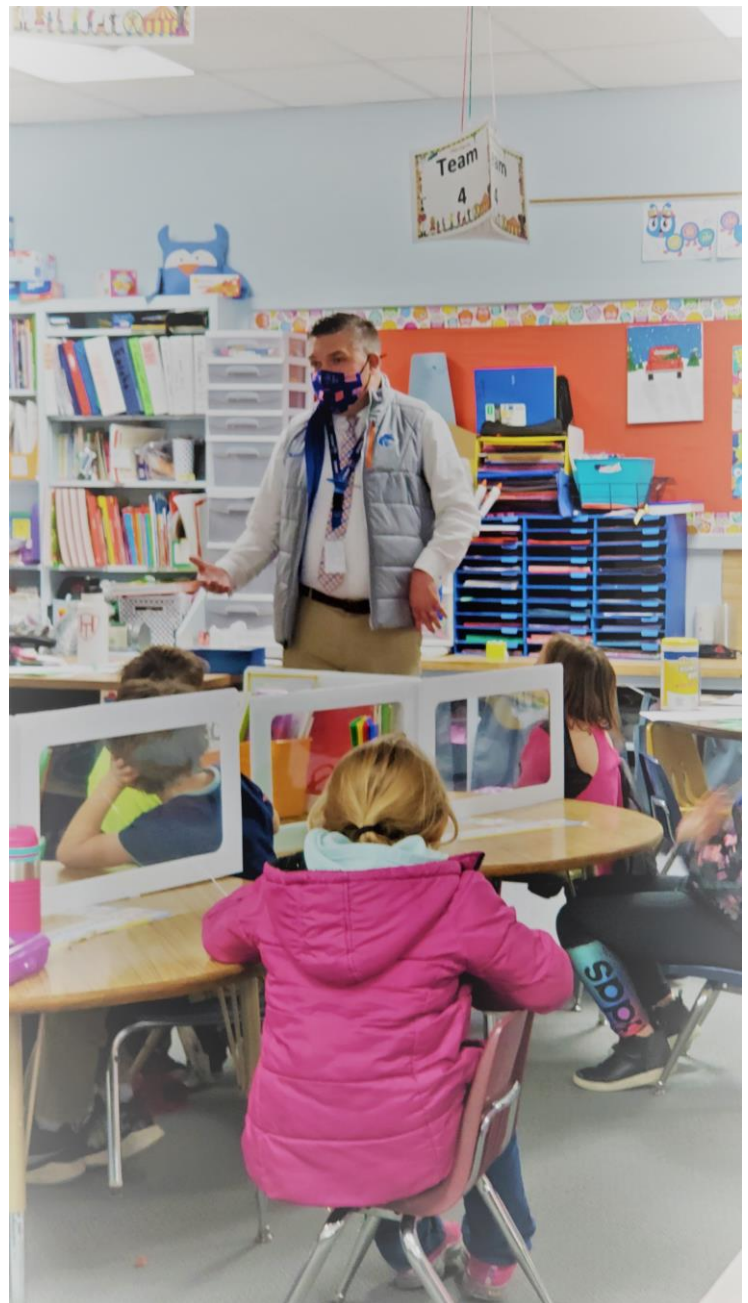
# Homedale Elementary School Memo



To: Homedale Board of Trustees, Superintendent Rob Sauer  
From: Tate Castleton, Principal  
Date: December 9, 2020  
Re: Report to Board of Trustees

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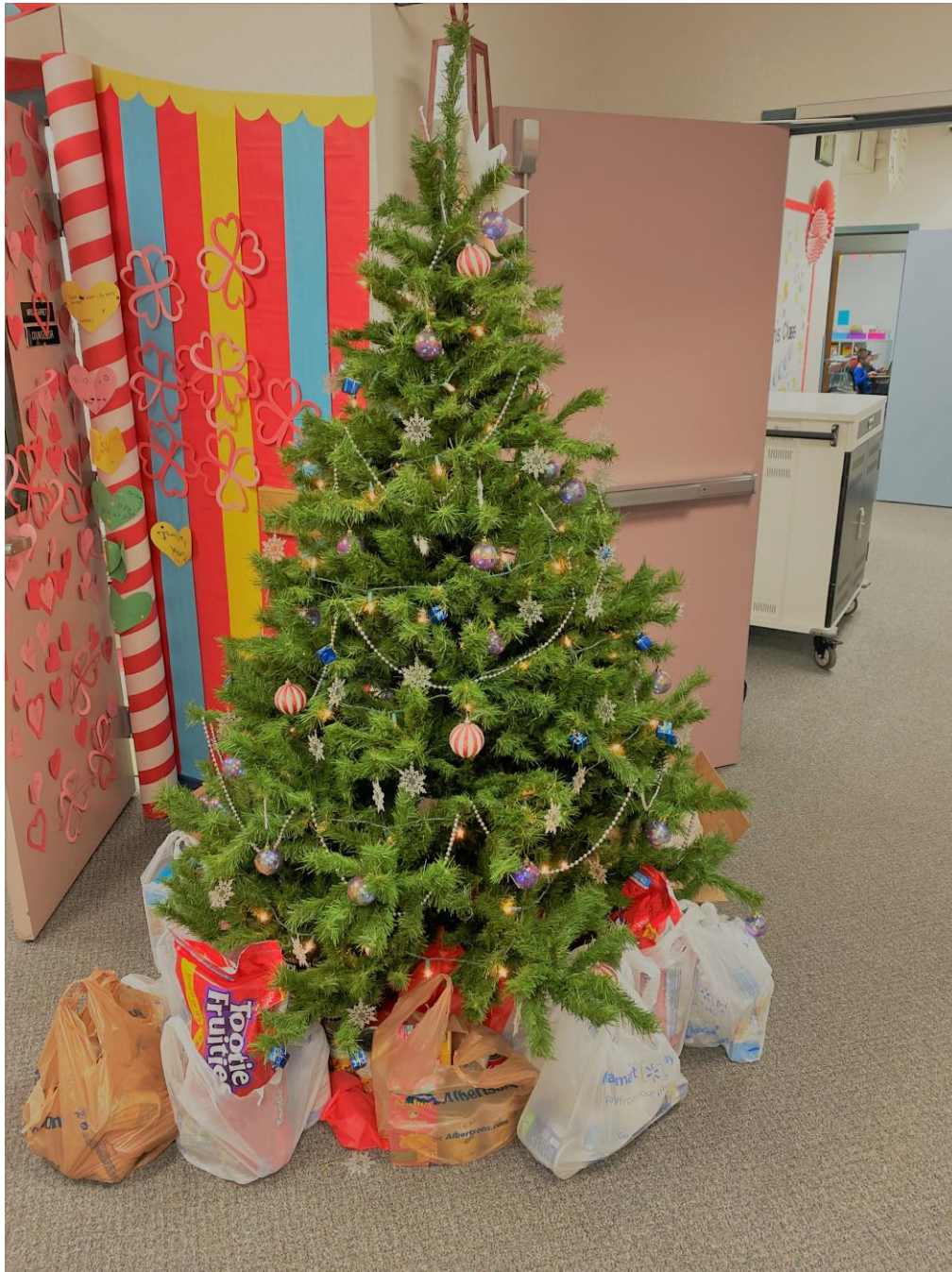
**CLASSROOM CHATS WITH THE PRINCIPAL:** Every month Mr. Castleton visits each classroom and has “chats” with our students. We talk about important things like kindness, service, hard work, and, perhaps most important, The Homedale Way. He shares stories, personal experiences, and always leaves students with a challenge. This month’s message was focused on kindness and Mr. C. challenged every student to do something kind for someone else every single day. One of Mr. Castleton’s favorite things to do as a principal is visit and interact with our students. They are amazing and make our school a special place to be!



**NEW BARK ON THE PLAYGROUND:** Both playgrounds at Homedale Elementary School were revitalized recently with fresh bark. It was badly needed, and we appreciate the prompt response from the team at the district office! We requested new bark and within a week it was in place on our playground! Thank you!



**HES FOOD DRIVE:** The staff at Homedale Elementary School are involved in a variety of service projects designed to help families during the holiday season, including our annual food drive. Students are encouraged to bring in items for the food drive. The class with the biggest contribution will win a class party! We want to thank our counselor, Rande Garrett, for leading this effort each year and for all the work she does behind the scenes to bless the lives of families in need.



**COVID-19 UPDATE AT HES:** Homedale Elementary School continues to be able to operate as we have since school began in August. We feel immensely fortunate to be able to offer in-person learning. There are currently no active cases of COVID-19 among students and staff at this time. Our transition to a mask requirement last week was relatively seamless and our students and staff have done a good job wearing a mask throughout the day. We currently have 11 students whose families have chosen to quarantine them, but our attendance has been steady this week and we're glad to have our students here!

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

December 17 <sup>th</sup>	Early Release at 1:30
December 18-31	No School – Christmas Break
January 15 <sup>th</sup>	Staff In-Service
January 18 <sup>th</sup>	No School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 5 <sup>th</sup>	Staff In-Service