

Homedale Elementary School Memo



To: Homedale Board of Trustees, Superintendent Rob Sauer
From: Dr. Tate B. Castleton, Principal
Date: March 3, 2026
Re: Report to Board of Trustees

STUDENT ENROLLMENT UPDATE AT HES: Here are the latest numbers from Homedale Elementary School as of 3/3:

K: 75
1: 89
2: 81
3: 89
4: 106

Total: 440

Female: 219 (49.8%)
Male: 221 (50.2%)

Attendance as of 3/3/26: 93.21%

Number of students currently maintaining perfect attendance during 25-26 school year: 43



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HES HOSTS SOUTHWEST LITERACY COOPERATIVE: Homedale Elementary School hosted more than 30 teachers and administrators from Weiser, New Plymouth, and Fruitland as part of the Southwest Literacy Cooperative on Wednesday, February 25th. Visitors to our school teamed up with teachers from Homedale Elementary to teach, observe, and collaborate with one another throughout the day.



Throughout the day as guests from the visiting schools worked in our building, here are just a few comments that were shared by visitors:

"Whatever you guys are doing here, the feeling in this building is so positive. It feels electric and our teachers are experiencing that here today. I wish we could duplicate it in our school."

As a few teachers were stepping out of a classroom: *"What I just saw in that classroom was amazing. So good and I'm going to use it tomorrow!"*

"I always learn so much from your teachers when we come to Homedale."

"You have one of the best teachers I have ever watched in more than 20 years - every teacher should see that!"

"Homedale is different and I wish more people could experience this and learn from this experience."

We're proud of this feedback and of the great work that is happening in classrooms across our building!

HES PBIS WORK FEATURED AT BOISE STATE SYMPOSIUM ON BEHAVIORAL SUPPORTS: Recently Dr. Castleton and Mrs. Pratt received an invitation from the assistant dean in the College of Education at Boise State University to attend the first annual Boise State Symposium on Behavioral Supports and to participate as members of a panel – *Stories from the Field: Highlighting Systems that Work* - and share our experiences implementing PBIS within our district/school over the past eight years.

Boise State Symposium on Behavioral Supports

Thursday, February 26, 2026, Boise State Student Union Building

The Boise State University College of Education invites Idaho Region 3 schools to attend the 2026 Behavior Supports Symposium, a solutions-focused professional learning experience designed to move beyond theory and into practical action. This full-day event will feature experts sharing evidence-based, immediately applicable strategies that address behavioral support from two critical angles: strengthening system-wide leadership frameworks and equipping classroom teachers with effective, research-aligned practices. Participants will gain tools to build cohesive, sustainable systems to increase positive behavior in schools. Please note this event requires registration, and registration is now closed at this time.



PANEL DISCUSSION

This session brings together Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) team members from schools across Idaho to share their real-world experiences implementing Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). You'll hear how their schools are strengthening positive behavior systems, improving academic outcomes, and creating supportive learning environments for all students. We're excited to learn from the following panelists:

- **Boise School District:** Alex Hopkins, Student Transition Education Program (STEP) Principal
- **Basin School District:** Lynsey Bell, School Counselor, District PBIS Coach and Tricia Kelly, Principal/Superintendent
- **Homedale School District:** Tate Castleton, Homedale Elementary, Principal and Trinity Pratt, Homedale Elementary, Counselor
- **Payette School District:** Amanda Smith, District PBIS Coach, Curriculum & Instruction Director and Kay Cox, Payette Primary School
- **SESTA:** Nate Anderson, State-wide Coordinator, EdD and Diana Morgan, State-wide Coordinator, BCBA

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Dr. Castleton was reunited with former Boise State colleague, Dr. Nate Anderson during this Symposium. Eight years ago, they worked together on a team from Boise State as part of the RK-12 Project to train and support all Homedale School District schools as they implemented the PBIS framework beginning in 2018. Homedale was well represented and the amazing work happening here in our schools and community was in the spotlight during last week's Symposium!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 6 th	Student Support Day/Staff In-Service
March 12 th	End of 3 rd Quarter
March 18 th -19 th	Parent-Teacher Conferences
March 23 rd -27 th	NO SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK
April 10 th	Staff In-Service
May 1 st	Student Support/Teacher In-Service
May 25 th	NO SCHOOL – MEMORIAL DAY
May 28 th	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
May 29 th	Staff In-Service/Work Day