Homedale School District #370

Memo

To: Board of Trustees

From: Principal - Shay Swan

CC: Rob Sauer

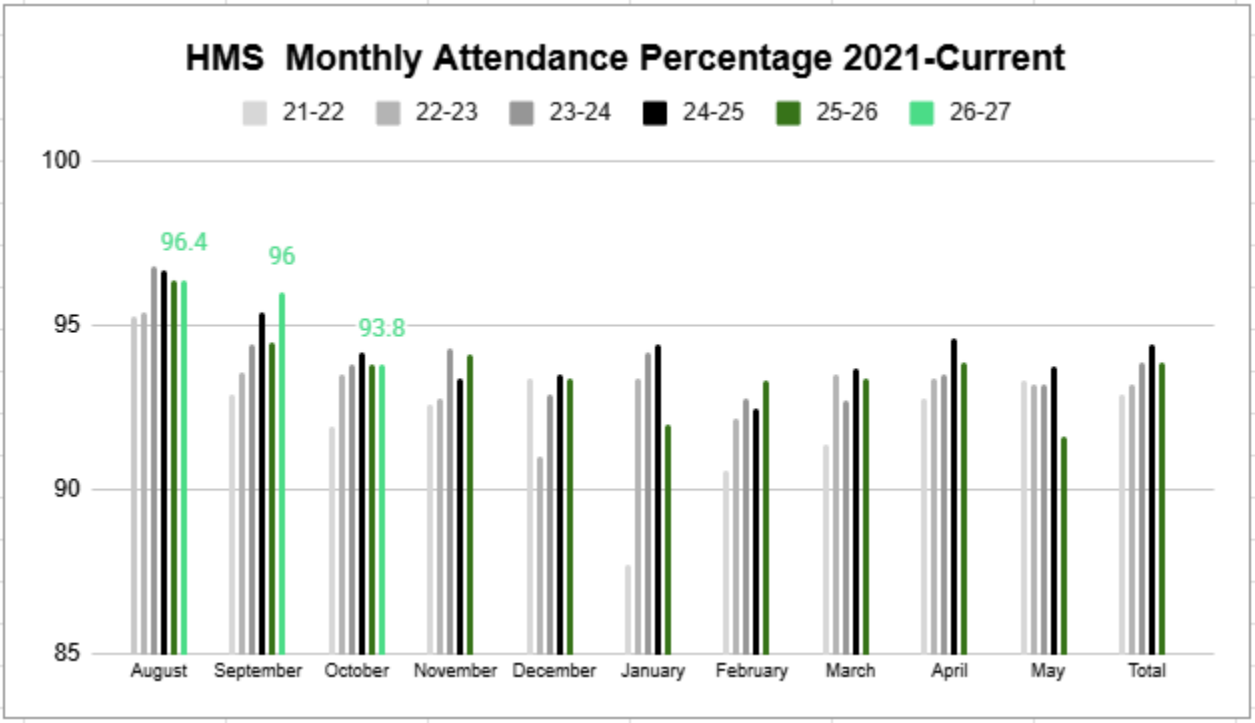
Date: 11/5/26

Re: Board Report - Homedale Middle School

Registration / Enrollment:
Listed below are our current enrollment numbers:

5th Grade: 93
6th Grade: 93
7th Grade: 100
8th Grade: 97
Total: 384

School Attendance:
As a school, we have had 95.87% attendance in the current school year. Please take a look at a comparison of the month to month attendance below.



Parent Teacher Conferences…

Homedale Middle School had a very good turnout for fall parent teacher conferences. Our teachers did an amazing job sharing the progress of their students.

Parent Teacher Confernces - Parents in Attendance - Year by Year Comparison											
	Fall						Spring				
	5th	6th	7th	8th	Total		5th	6th	7th	8th	Total
23-24	88%	74%	49%	39%	63%		58%	51%	36%	38%	45%
24-25	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		55%	57%	39%	41%	48%
25-26	51%	51%	44%	44%	47%		65%	38%	35%	47%	46%
26-27	71%	56%	42%	53%	55%						

Leadership Symposiums…

This year, we have made a big concerted effort to teach our students leadership skills. Recently, we were able to have two different groups of students attend a leadership symposium where local community leaders, Coach Matt Holtry and Kathy Deal, talked to the students about leadership and how important relationships are in their lives. Both speakers did an amazing job, the kids were very receptive to the message. We look forward to meeting and learning with these groups throughout the year.







First Quarter Newsletter…

Pictured below are highlights of the quarterly newsletter sent to parents:

Homedale Middle School NEWS

Quarter 1 Edition Oct. 2026

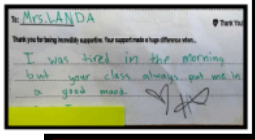
HMS HAPPENINGS



Kindness Campaign

Homedale Middle School kicked off the year by continuing our Kindness Campaign with a special visit from Matt Emerzian, bestselling author and founder of Every Monday Matters. During our opening assembly, Matt shared an inspiring message about recognizing our own worth, showing kindness, and reminding others that they matter. Each student received a 'You Matter' wristband as a reminder of his message. Our eighth graders carried this message into the first quarter by writing heartfelt notes to teachers and staff members who've made a positive impact on their lives. These thoughtful gestures helped spread kindness and appreciation throughout our school community.

We can't wait to see what our seventh graders have planned for our second quarter!





Important DATES

- OCT. 15 - PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES
- OCT. 15 - END OF QUARTER 1
- OCT 29 & NOV 19 - TROJAN READ-IN
- NOV 12 - MATT EMERZIAN FAMILY NIGHT
- NOV. 23-27 NO SCHOOL- THANKSGIVING BREAK

Positive Behavior Intervention & Supports

The Homedale Way

Positive Behavioral Interventio
Supports (PBIS) is a schoolw
framework we use at Homedale
School to create a safe, support
positive environment where
students can succeed. Rather t
responding to misbehavior,
focuses on teaching, modelin
celebrating positive choices fr
very start.

To bring this to life, we estab
consistent schoolwide expect
across all settings and reward s
through grade-level positive be
incentives. Students also partic
targeted life skills lessons and
leadership activities that pror
healthy, encouraging school c
We love seeing our students tak
in their actions, and we tr
appreciate your partnership at
reinforcing these positive va

Homedale Middle School

Quarter 1 Newsletter
October 2026

SOS Whitewater Rafting

The SOS team went on their much-anticipated whitewater rafting trip last month. The trip was a huge success, giving students not only an unforgettable experience on the river, but also opportunities to participate in team- and leadership-building activities throughout the day. Our fantastic counselor, Mrs. Morin, and the SOS advisors put more than six months of planning and preparation into making this trip a reality. Their hard work paid off with an incredible experience for our students. Great job, SOS team!





Two Ways to Receive Information From HMS

#1 Parents are able to access all student information (assignments, grades, attendance, etc...) using the Lumen Parent Portal. Please go to Homedaleschools.org to retrieve your username and passwords and enter the portal.

#2 HSD staff members push out a lot of their school and classroom information through the messaging software, Apptegy. Please make sure to download the Homedale School District #370 application on your phone. You can use QR code below to access this application.

TROJAN CONNECTION / FOOD PANTRY

Homedale School District has opened a full-service food pantry for the community of Homedale! All services are confidential. You do not need ID or proof of residency at this time.
Hours of operation are Wednesdays from 2pm-6pm. It is located behind the preschool, across from the district office. Please follow the signs, and use the alley access. Feel free to reach out with any questions!

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ASUMMERS@HOMEDALESCHOOLS.ORG
OFFICE PHONE: (208) 974-5921

SAVE THE DATE!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Quarter 1 Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held **Thursday, October 15, from 5:00–8:00 p.m.** Conferences will be held in an open-forum format, meaning families may stop by anytime during the conference window to visit with teachers. No appointment is necessary.

If you would prefer a longer, individual conference or need to meet at another time, please reach out to your child's teacher to make arrangements.

TROJAN THRIVE TIME

After School Tutoring Program

Our new tutoring program, Trojan Thrive Time, is up and running! Busing is provided. Join us Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4-5pm!

TUTORING & HOMEWORK HELP
SNACKS, FUN, & LEARNING
STEM & ART ACTIVITIES

Trojan Read In!

On the last Thursday of every month, HMS does a "Trojan Read-In". As a school all students and staff members take 45 minutes in the morning to read their favorite novel. This is an uplifting experience and goes a long way to build a culture of readers.

Volleyball





Our HMS Volleyball Teams finished as District Reserve Champs! Congratulations to our 7th and 8th grade volleyball teams on a fantastic season! Both teams demonstrated great teamwork and determination, finishing as District Reserve Champions (Runners-Up)! We are proud of our athletes and coaches for their hard work and dedication. Way to go, Trojans!

Upcoming Sports

Girls' Basketball: The Trojans will tip off their season with their first game on October 20!

Wrestling: Trojan wrestlers will hit the mats as practices officially begin October 19!

Contact HMS:

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Mr. Swan (Principal)
sswan@homedaleschools.org

Get updates on Facebook!

Sports Spotlight

FOOTBALL



Congratulations to our 7th and 8th grade football teams on an incredible regular season! Both of our teams finished with perfect 8-0 records, showcasing their dedication, determination, and teamwork throughout the season.

The Trojans will host both District Championship games on Wednesday, October 15! Our 7th graders will face Weiser, while our 8th graders will take on Cole Valley Christian Academy. We're proud of our players and coaches for an outstanding season. Let's finish strong and bring home those championships! Go Trojans!

CROSS COUNTRY



Our Cross Country team has had a great season filled with hard work, determination, and personal growth! Our runners have challenged themselves, tackled tough courses, and continued to improve throughout the season. We are proud of our runners! The Trojans will wrap up their season on Wednesday, October 14, at the Winston Tilzey meet in Nampa. Let's finish strong, Trojans!