

Homedale School District #370

TO: Board of Trustees; Superintendent Rob Sauer
FROM: Amy Winters, HMS Principal
DATE: December 14, 2015
RE: Board of Trustees Report

Enrollment

5th = 93 6th = 84 7th = 97 8th = 103 Total: 377 (-4)

Grants

Congratulations to Brooke Winston for getting the Sources of Strength grant for next year. This is the same suicide prevention program the high school has had the last couple of years.

Chili Feed

Thank you to Lindsey Love for organizing the Chili Feed for HMS. It brought in ~\$750 for the library to purchase new books.

Veteran's Day Assembly



Scout Troop #509 posted and retired the flags. The band played the *Star Spangled Banner* and *America the Beautiful*. Fifth grade students, led by music director, Mary Sonke, sang *Proud to be an American*, student Natalia Waters read the poem *Veteran's Day* and Mrs. Winston's husband, Stoney, recited *Ragged Ole' Flag*. Students, teachers, and visitors shared a moment of silence and watched a slide show with pictures of HMS relatives who are veterans.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

157 kids (41.2%) represented at conferences. Last year we had 181 students represented during this conference time.

5th grade Field Trip



Fifth grade students went to the College of Idaho's planetarium to learn about astronomy as it is related to the novel, *A Wrinkle in Time*, they are reading in class. The transportation was paid for by the Wax Museum funds students earned the month before. Students were especially excited to learn this is where Mrs. Swallow attended college.

Canned Food Drive



The canned food drive began the week before Thanksgiving and runs until Dec. 10. The class who brings the most food in the entire school will get a root beer float party and each grade level class with the most will earn a popcorn and juice party. Mrs. Winston will help Mrs. Garrett distribute all the food to those in need.

AVID Update

AVID students consistently do better academically than the rest of the students. The following represents the percentage of AVID students who are on the 1st quarter honor roll compared to the percentage of students for the entire class on the honor roll.

7th grade = 84.61% (class = 69.38%)

8th grade = 100% (class = 87.5%)

9th grade = 77.27% (class = 73.26%)

The regional coordinator visited HMS and HHS Dec. 2. She was excited to see the tutorial sessions working well at the middle school and offered some helpful hints for moving those forward schoolwide. For the high school, she met with Mr. Holtry and helped plan ways to continue to build the AVID program into next year and beyond.