

## Homedale School District #370

**TO:** Board of Trustees; Superintendent Rob Sauer  
**FROM:** Amy Winters, HMS Principal  
**DATE:** January 13, 2014  
**RE:** Board of Trustees Report

### **Semester Exams:**

All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students in Pre-Algebra or Art took semester finals for this year. This is the second year of final exams at the middle school and overall students did very well averaging between 70-80% on every test in nearly every class.

### **Semester Grades:**

This year our goal at HMS is that every student passes every class. Although the letter grade of D is considered passing, we encourage students to earn a C or higher grade.

<b>Grade</b>	<b>D Grades Semester 1 (2012-2013)</b>	<b>D Grades Semester 1 (2013-2014)</b>	<b>F Grades Semester 1 (2012-2013)</b>	<b>F Grades Semester 1 (2013-2014)</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	5	1	0	0
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	35	35	21	12
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	33	31	14	2
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	17	35	3	12

Because middle school credits are based on passing 80% of the credits attempted and year-long core courses (English, Math, Science, Social Studies) instead of semester credits as in high school, there are no 7<sup>th</sup> graders and three 8<sup>th</sup> graders in danger of not being promoted to the next grade level next fall. (Last year there were five 7<sup>th</sup> graders and one 8<sup>th</sup> grader.)

### **Box Tops:**

Mrs. DeMark will run a Box Top Scramble for January and February to try and raise \$400 toward purchasing new books for the library.

### **Future City:**

The Future City team will present at Boise State on Jan. 25.

### **Bogus Basin Ski Night:**

5/6<sup>th</sup> grade will attend from 4-10:00 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 16. Mr. Hann coordinates.  
7/8<sup>th</sup> grade will attend from 4-10:00 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 17. Mr. Correa coordinates.

### **Professional Development:**

Joe Bidwell, Val Samano, and Amy Winters will participate in a half-day observation/training at Sage Valley Middle School to learn about the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program and how it is used in math classes.

### **EXPLORE Test:**

All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in this test on Jan. 31. This is the ACT test for 8<sup>th</sup> graders and is paid for by the Gear-Up grant.