

# Homedale Elementary School Memo



To: Homedale Board of Trustees, Superintendent Rob Sauer  
 From: Terri Vasquez, Principal  
 Date: August 10, 2015  
 Re: Report to Board of Trustees

## 2015 ISAT RESULTS:

<b>THIRD GRADE</b>			
<b>ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS</b>	<b>*2014 Estimate</b>	<b>2015 ISAT</b>	
Below Basic	35%	24 students = 26%	6 SPED, 7 LEP
Basic	27%	34 students = 36%	10 LEP
Proficient	20%	20 students = 21%	6 LEP
Advanced	18%	16 students = 17%	
		<b>Prof/Adv = 38%</b>	State Average = 48%
	*Based on 2014 Smarter Balanced Field Test in 21 states.		
<b>MATH</b>	<b>*2014 Estimate</b>	<b>2015 ISAT</b>	
Below Basic	32%	30 students = 32%	5 SPED, 6 LEP
Basic	29%	24 students = 25%	1 SPED, 10 LEP
Proficient	27%	30 students = 32%	7 LEP
Advanced	12%	10 students = 11%	
		<b>Prof/Adv = 43%</b>	State Average = 50%
	*Based on 2014 Smarter Balanced Field Test in 21 states.		
<b>FOURTH GRADE</b>			
<b>ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS</b>	<b>*2014 Estimate</b>	<b>2015 ISAT</b>	
Below Basic	37%	25 students = 29%	5 SPED, 8 LEP
Basic	22%	25 students = 29%	2 SPED, 8 LEP
Proficient	23%	21 students = 24%	1 SPED, 4 LEP
Advanced	18%	16 students = 18%	
		<b>Prof/Adv = 42%</b>	State Average = 46%
	*Based on 2014 Smarter Balanced Field Test in 21 states.		
<b>MATH</b>	<b>*2014 Estimate</b>	<b>2015 ISAT</b>	
Below Basic	27%	20 students = 23%	5 SPED, 8 LEP
Basic	36%	39 students = 45%	2 SPED, 9 LEP
Proficient	24%	22 students = 25%	1 SPED, 3 LEP
Advanced	13%	6 students = 7%	
		<b>Prof/Adv = 32%</b>	State Average = 43%
	*Based on 2014 Smarter Balanced Field Test in 21 states.		

**NEW SIGN:** The electronic reader board was installed a few weeks ago. Thanks to the PTO for helping to fund this project.



**FOOD BANK:** Over the summer, the Homedale Elementary Lil' Pantry (H.E.L.P.) continued to run a mobile pantry one Friday each month. This delivery is run by Becky Forth with helpers Pam Gibbens, Shelly Townsend, Maricela Guzman, Isela Rodriguez and numerous other community volunteers. The mobile pantry is a semi-truck that parks in the back parking lot for approximately three hours. Volunteers unload food and people are free to walk around and get what they need. The Food Pantry has been serving between 75-90 people, or roughly 15-19 families. The summer mobile pantry served between 130 - 140 families each month! With this type of distribution, we are able to serve the community more effectively. We will still continue the backpack foods on Thursdays for the students who need them.

**TECHNOLOGY:** With the key shifts in English/Language Arts Idaho Core Standards, students are to digitally conduct research, and create and present material using digital resources. PTO funded 10 Chromebooks to be used in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. These will be split between teachers to share. Grades 1, 2, & 4 participated in a study last spring and each classroom will be receiving 3-4 iPad minis as compensation. At this point they will be using the technology in groups during workshop or learning center time to practice skills, research, create projects, and present them to the class.

**MEET THE TEACHER:** "Meet the Teacher" night will be held on Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Teachers will be holding five 25-minute informative sessions for their students and parents. Parents will sign up for sessions at registration. Students will bring their supplies to put away and the teacher will share the new handbook, expectations and procedures for the classroom, grade level, and school. PTO will be serving refreshments to welcome parents and students.

**SUPER JOB:** The janitorial staff has done an amazing job again this year. With Martha Guerrero gone, Agripina Vega Ayala and Martha Alamilla went right to work and our building has never looked better! Dan Parrill worked hard to complete the elementary maintenance list, install lights, and help out where needed. We are so lucky to have them at the elementary!

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

August 17-21 Teacher Work Days  
August 20 Meet the Teacher 4:30-7:00 pm  
September 6 Picture Day