

# Homedale Elementary School Memo



To: Homedale Board of Trustees, Superintendent Rob Sauer  
From: Terri Vasquez, Principal  
Date: December 12, 2016  
Re: Report to Board of Trustees

## **ENROLLMENT:**

AM Kindergarten: 39 (2 SPDC)	Pre-First: 13
ELL Kindergarten (AM): 13	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade: 70 (4 SPDC)
PM Kindergarten: 38	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade: 95 (4 SPDC)
Special Day (COSSA): 14	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade: 96 (2 SPDC)
	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 87 (2 SPDC)

**VETERANS DAY PROGRAM:** Our students performed songs and a reader's theater for the 13 Veterans in attendance. We even had some special WWII and Korean War Veterans in attendance! Boy Scout Troop #409 presented the flags and led the Pledge of Allegiance. After the program, each student personally thanked the Veterans.



**MAYOR'S WALKING CHALLENGE:** An assembly was held to celebrate our students' walking achievement. HES students walked a grand total of 11,216 miles (4,150 miles more than last year's 7,066 miles) to win the Mayor's Walking Challenge for the second year in a row. Mr. Long held a "walking club" during recess times in October with the help of PTO. Mayor Christoffersen won \$1,000 for the city park or elementary school! We were presented with a \$2,000 check for playground/PE and food service equipment. "Let the Pie Fly" celebrated our walking success, students who walked the most in Walking Club, superb reading achievement, and raffle winners to "pie" Mrs. V.



**PTO FALL FESTIVAL:** The PTO held their best Fall Festival ever this year. There were games for all ages, great prizes, a hot dog or nacho dinner, a “sweets” shoppe, and an exciting raffle table filled with amazing items. The PTO made over \$13,400 this year!



**GENEROUS DONORS:** Mrs. Garrett has been gathering donations all year for school supplies for students, and Christmas food boxes and gifts for our Wish Tree for students and families. Thank you to these businesses and community members that have so graciously donated:

- Idaho Power and the Employee Community Fund Members of the Nampa and Emmett offices brought us about 10 new coats of various sizes for boys and girls.
- Greg and Lori Idsinga had a bet to see which of them could benefit the most people with \$100. Lori brought us 50 canisters of wet wipes for every classroom in the building to use. She is taking credit for every student who DOES NOT get the flu.
- Logan's Market in Marsing and the Owyhee County Sheriff's office had a coat drive and brought two large garbage bags of coats. We will make the adult sizes available when we hand out Christmas food boxes and the children's sizes are in our supply room.
- Every year, Dave & Connie Hart bring us a boy and girl backpack for each grade level - filled with the corresponding supplies.
- Costco sent us about 70 empty backpacks.
- Mountain View Church of the Nazarene brought a dozen filled backpacks before school started.
- Albertson's donated school supplies, including a case of crayons.
- Megaen Harper just did a service project on her own and brought in personal hygiene supplies - 20 large pack of soap, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, and wash cloths. These packets will stay here at school for students who need them. Supplies will be divided between HES, HMS, and HHS. She also brought about 34 smaller packs of similar items for us to put in the food boxes that we distribute on the 15th.
- Silverhawk Realty (Karla Frank) will take two of our students shopping at Walmart on December 7th. They will have lunch at Idaho Pizza first.
- Allendale Produce is donating enough oranges, onions and potatoes for our 65 food boxes, as well as about 12 turkeys.
- Pleasant Ridge Grange (Melanie Harper is a member) is adopting one of our Wish Tree families.
- Eastern Star in Homedale is adopting a family.
- The FFA at the High School is adopting a family.
- Karl Kingston and our Homedale Police Department have coordinated the "Shop With a Cop" project and will take three of our students shopping on December 10th.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

December 9 – Student Support Day/Enrichment

December 12 – Benchmark Assessments

December 15 – Christmas Programs (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades)

December 21 – Classroom Christmas Parties