

# Homedale Elementary School Memo



To: Homedale Board of Trustees, Superintendent Rob Sauer  
From: Terri Vasquez, Principal  
Date: April 13, 2020  
Re: Report to Board of Trustees

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## **ENROLLMENT: 462**

AM Kindergarten: 45 (+1 Spec Day)	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade: 91 (+4 Spec Day)
ELL Kindergarten (AM): 15	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade: 86
PM Kindergarten: 44	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade: 87 (+2 Spec Day)
Pre-First: 10	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 87 (+5 Spec Day)
	Special Day (COSSA): 12

## **SCHOOL CLOSURE AND DISTANCE LEARNING:**

Teachers were able to create and send home learning packets with students on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, before the school closure took effect. We had 192 students absent that day, so many packets were mailed home that week.

The elementary teachers worked both days of parent-teacher conferences (March 18 & 19) teleconferencing with parents until 8:00 pm both nights. When they weren't making calls, grade level teams spent time collaborating, creating lesson plans for online learning, and gathering hard-copy materials, and making packets.

Before they left for spring break, each team had completed plans and packets for the first week of distance learning after spring break.

Teams still continue to collaborate at least weekly to create cohesive learning through online and hard-copy packets. Teachers meet via Zoom or Google Meets with their students at least once a week, and they also maintain contact throughout the week to check on families and students. We are asking parents to take a picture of several pages of the learning packets and send them to the classroom teacher via Remind or email.

The paraprofessionals have stepped up to help wherever needed. My elementary team has been handing out meals and packets, helping with Chromebook distribution, making packets, sending postcards to students, and helping at the high school and wherever needed in the district. They are truly a dedicated group of people. I can't thank them enough for their help.

Teachers are mainly working from home, with a bit of time in the building to retrieve materials or get master packets ready to be copied and distributed. Shelley Townsend remains in the office to answer calls. Food service is handing out meals from the elementary cafeteria. One window is for meals, the next window is for learning packets. Thanks to Raymond Smith for taking these great pictures!

