

Homedale Elementary School Memo



To: Homedale Board of Trustees, Superintendent Rob Sauer
From: Dr. Tate B. Castleton, Principal
Date: September 6, 2023
Re: Report to Board of Trustees

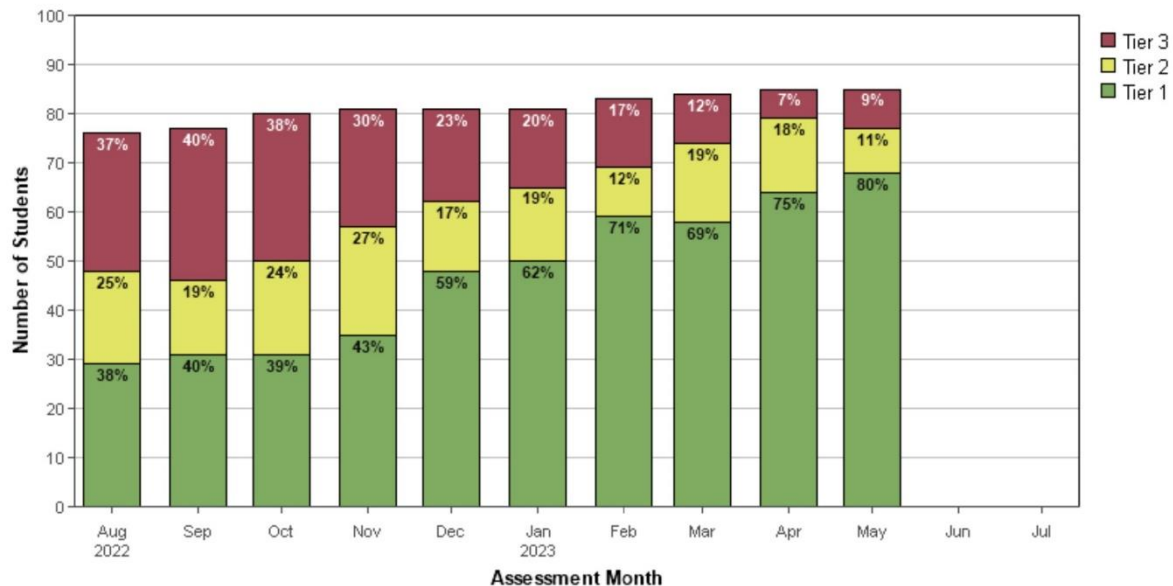
KINDERGARTEN LEADS THE STATE: Last week we were notified by the Commission for Education Excellence in Idaho that **our kindergarten classes from 2022-2023 had the HIGHEST GROWTH in the state of Idaho at 42%!** Our kindergarten class began last school year at 38% proficiency and grew to 80% on the IRI from fall to spring, eclipsing all other elementary schools in the state!

Tier Movement

ISIP™ Early Reading results for [Homedale Elementary School](#)

Homedale Joint School Dist 370 - 2022/2023

Kindergarten - Overall Reading



This is an outstanding achievement and is a credit to the incredible kindergarten team at HES. Together with the paraprofessionals who work tirelessly in those classrooms, they helped our students grow in leaps and bounds and we are proud of the amazing work they continue to do!

HES HIRES NEW NURSE: Homedale Elementary School recently hired Analiese Sheperd to serve as a part-time nurse. Analiese is an RN with a Bachelor's degree in Nursing. Her husband, Charlie, teaches and coaches at the high school. They are the parents of two children. We are very excited to have Analiese at our school!



HES EXCITED ABOUT NEW THEME: Each year our staff selects a new theme. Our theme this year will be "Mindsets Move Mountains." We are excited to teach our students that no task, challenge, or obstacle is too big if we have the right mindset, a good attitude, and we try our very best. Anything is possible when we work hard, work together, and never give up! Each day here at Homedale Elementary School, every teacher, paraprofessional, counselor, and every other staff member will be positive, encouraging, and engaged in helping every one of our students be their best and reach their potential.



****Picture – The scene outside of Mrs. Pratt's (new school counselor) office near the front entry.*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 8 th	Staff In-Service
October 6 th	Student Support Day / Staff In-service Day
October 13 th	End of 1 st Quarter
October 25-26 th	Parent-Teacher Conferences
November 3 rd	Staff In-Service
November 20-24 th	Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL
December 1 st	Student Support / Staff In-Service Day
December 21 st	End of 2 nd Quarter