

Homedale School District #370

TO: Board of Trustees; Superintendent Rob Sauer
FROM: Amy Winters, HMS Principal
DATE: August 11, 2014
RE: Board of Trustees Report

Registration

Students in 6-8th grade selected classes online again this year on August 6-8 and parents came to the school on Aug. 11 to complete paperwork and pay fees. Fifth grade students and parents register on Aug. 12 and are able to tour the school and meet their teachers. I will have registration numbers at the board meeting.

Student Leadership Club

We are starting a new club for 8th grade students who demonstrate leadership skills but are often too shy or lack understanding of how to be a leader. This club will work with Mrs. DeMark and Mr. Holtry to build leadership skills in order to become a positive force within our school. Below are the goals for the club.

Goal 1: Set and model high academic and behavior standards for the younger students in our school

Goal 2: Communicate and plan with adults ways to improve our school overall

Goal 3: Organize and facilitate celebratory activities for middle school students who meet expectations

Club members will hold a fundraiser car wash on Aug. 11 to raise money for sports scholarships, incentive-day activities/transportation, student council activities, and IDFY presentations.

AVID

Nick Ketterling, Starla Bender, Shannon Johnson, Jamie Frelove, Randee Garrett, and I attended the Advancement Via Individual Determination summer institute Aug. 4-6 to learn how to implement the program for this school year. Shannon Johnson will be teaching the AVID elective for 7th grade students and Jamie Frelove will teach the 8th grade class.

Students are chosen to participate in the AVID elective because they are "middle of the road" and have demonstrated an aptitude for college but due to special circumstances (low income, parents without a college education, etc.) they will likely not make it to college without additional support (study skills, mentor, college prep classes, etc.) This class teaches those skills and provides unique opportunities to make them college ready.

Back to School Night

Parents will be invited to meet the teachers and learn about the curriculum and classroom expectations for the year from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. on Aug. 25.