

# Homedale Elementary School Memo

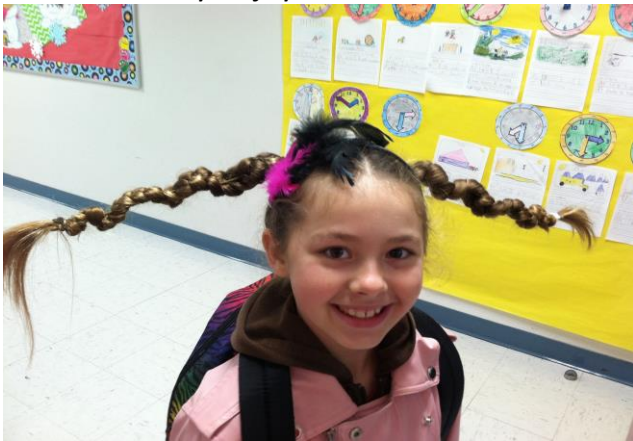


To: Homedale Board of Trustees, Superintendent Rob Sauer  
From: Terri Vasquez, Principal  
Date: March 10, 2014  
Re: Report to Board of Trustees

## **ENROLLMENT:**

AM Kindergarten: 63 (up 1)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade: 102
ELL Kindergarten (AM): 12 (down 1)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade: 92 (up 4)
PM Kindergarten: 35	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 106 (up 1)
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade: 78 (down 1)	Special Day (COSSA): 13

**DR. SEUSS WEEK:** Our students celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday with a week of fun activities. Students dressed up with inside out clothes, crazy hair and socks, pajamas, and hats. The PTO served birthday cake on Wednesday, and two assemblies were held on the same day. "What is a Hero?" was held Wednesday morning for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. This was an assembly by the author of the Michael Vey reading series, Richard Paul Evans, presented by Shelly Nattress. In the afternoon, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students were treated to "A Cat and a Hat and Green Eggs and Jam", an assembly promoting reading with six learning outcomes (vocabulary building, spelling, fiction identification, genre, plot, and character analysis) that celebrate Dr. Seuss. The students really enjoyed these assemblies.



**FAMILY READING NIGHT:** Family Reading Night for HES and HMS was held at the elementary school on the evening of March 4th. Elementary and middle school families were treated to a pizza dinner before students and parents went to classrooms, the library, and the gym for reading activities. About 200 people attended the event. Every student who attended went home with at least one free book.

**IDAHO EDUCATION NETWORK VIDEO TELECONFERENCING:** The teachers and students have been on several virtual field trips the past month. **Fourth grade** students viewed a program on the creative writing process and talked with authors who were twins; **First grade** students viewed an egg experiment based on a Dr. Seuss book, Zoo Food for Thought from the Minnesota Zoo and a Valentine's art presentation from the Philadelphia Museum of Art; **Third grade** students learned about the Invertebrates in Space program from the Denver Museum of Nature and Science; and **Second grade** students discovered how the Minnesota Zoo engineers and designs their animal exhibits. Upcoming virtual field trips include Texas State Aquarium's Turtle Tots for Kindergarten and Cleveland Institute of Music's Mozart Math for 4<sup>th</sup> grade students.

**HOMEDALE ELEMENTARY LIL' PANTRY (H.E.L.P.):** The past month the pantry has fed 75+ people each time it has been open, up from our last month's numbers of between 50-60 people. We have opened it up to all families with children in the elementary, middle, or high schools. The Idaho Food Bank has approved our request to be open during the summer months. Mrs. DeWitt will be organizing the summer program.

**CAVITY PREVENTION:** Southwest District Health provided a free community service by providing a fluoride varnish to kindergarten students. This varnish helps prevent children from getting cavities. Delta Dental's Community Outreach Program will be coming in April to apply dental sealants and fluoride to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students in an effort to prevent cavities.

**FIRE DRILL:** Sgt. McFetridge observed our monthly fire drill and made recommendations. He is also going to contact the city on repainting the lines in front of the school for drop-off and pick-up as we have cars double parking and parents are letting children run between the cars. He will also be patrolling the area before school.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

March 12 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade program with Deer Flat Animal Refuge

March 19 & 20 – Conferences