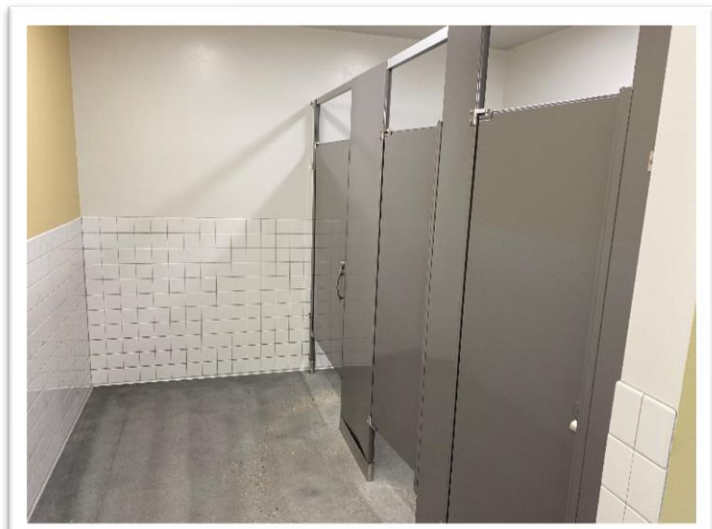
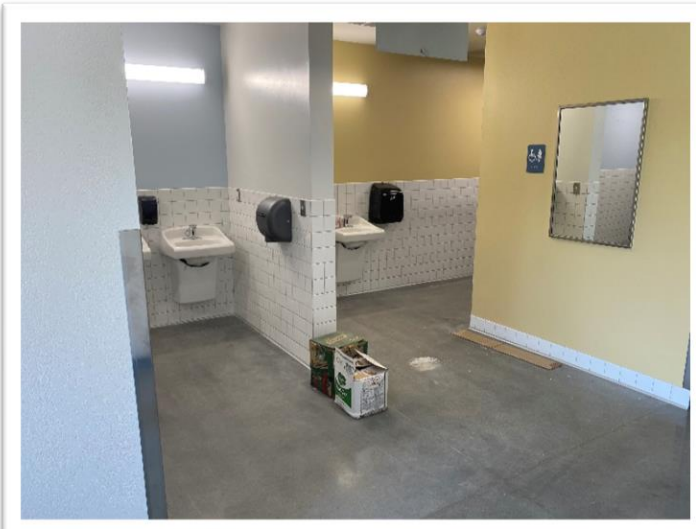
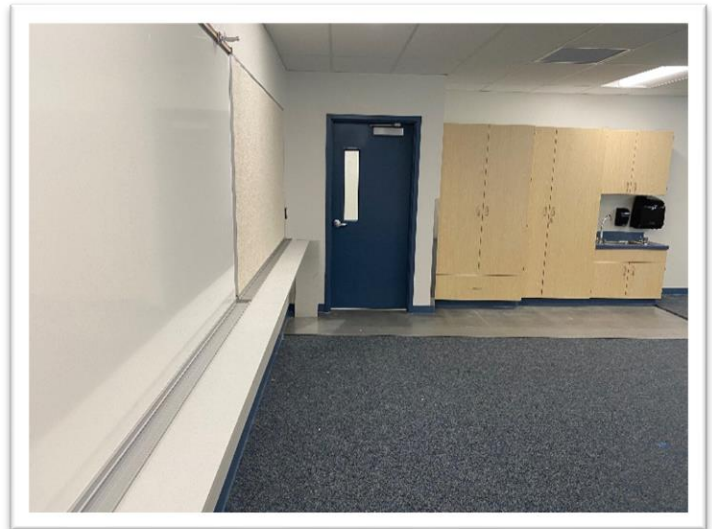


Homedale Elementary School Memo



To: Homedale Board of Trustees, Superintendent Rob Sauer
From: Tate B. Castleton, Principal
Date: August 3rd, 2021
Re: Report to Board of Trustees

NEW CLASSROOM ADDITION UPDATE: The new addition is nearly complete! Teachers will be given access to these new rooms on Friday, August 6th. The rooms are beautiful, state-of-the-art classrooms. This new space will be a game changer at Homedale Elementary. The additional testing and conference rooms provide us with more space to do a variety of different things.



NEW TEACHERS AT HES: Over the past few months, we have worked hard to assemble an outstanding team of new teachers that will join us this fall. We hired one second grade teacher, one third grade teacher, and three kindergarten teachers. We are thrilled to have them join our family and we look forward to working with them! Learn more about each one below:

Third Grade: Rebekah Johnson



Hi everyone! I am so excited to be welcomed into the Homedale community! I graduated in December from Lewis-Clark State College with a major in Elementary Education, an endorsement in English as a New Language and a Spanish minor.

I started my student teaching in Clarkston, Washington and completed it here in Boise, Idaho. Following my graduation, I spent the following months teaching in a variety of different classrooms as well as grade levels in the Boise School District.

My family and I have lived throughout the Treasure Valley over the past twenty years and I love it here! My mom, step-dad and dad are all teachers and my younger sister is currently living and working in Southern Oregon.

Some of my hobbies include cooking, baking, hiking, yoga, painting, biking, playing frisbee golf and traveling.

I am ready for the new school year! Go Trojans!!

Second Grade: Jamie Hood



I'm so excited to be teaching at Homedale Elementary! I am originally from Southern California, where my parents were both teachers as well.

2020 was a fun and crazy year for me, as I student taught in Washington D.C., graduated from college in Utah, married my husband, and then we moved to Idaho! We love it here! This past year I taught a group of first graders in their home because of the pandemic.

It was a fun and unforgettable experience to be a full-time teacher but in somebody's house. I am looking forward to teaching second grade at Homedale and forming great relationships with your children. We're going to have a great year!

Kindergarten:

Mary Jo Larzelier and Tammy Glaser (Co-Teachers)



I am back and excited to be team teaching with my good buddy, and long-time teaching friend, Tammy Glaser. We're excited to kick off a year of learning and growing with a new crop of kindergarteners. The passion for teaching and seeing smiles on children's faces when they learn something new is something we both share. Homedale Elementary is a place I love, and I am excited to see "old young" friends and meet new friends.

I am a native Idahoan and let me just say, I've lived in Homedale for many years. Our kids graduated from Homedale and three of the five put roots down here. I graduated from Boise State University with a major in Elementary Education and received my Master of Education with an emphasis in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) from Grand Canyon University, Phoenix Arizona. I've spent my career teaching in Homedale, kindergarten through fifth grade, except for one year at an international school in Tirana, Albania.

Hobbies include grandkids...ballgames, ballgames, and more ballgames, as well as any other activities they're involved in. A bonus is seeing former students along the way. Spending time with family and friends, working in my yard, tending my few sheep, and reading are also enjoyable to me. Let's have a great year of learning and growing together!

It is very exciting for me to be back at Homedale Elementary. I am thrilled to be team teaching with my good friend Mary Jo Larzelier, and am looking forward to a Kindergarten year filled with incredible learning adventures!



I was born and raised in North Dakota, where I received my Bachelor of Science in Education from Valley City State University. My teaching experience includes all grades from 1st to 4th, and even a few years in preschool. I am so looking forward to having this wonderful opportunity of teaching Kindergarten for the first time, and serving the Homedale Community in this way.

My free time is spent enjoying family and friends, horseback riding, tending to the critters on my hobby farm, and gardening. Be forewarned your Kinders will probably come home with funny little stories about the critters!

Kindergarten: Patricia Jeffery



Hello, my name is Patti Jeffery. I am thrilled to be a new Kindergarten teacher at Homedale Elementary. I have been a teacher in Jerome Idaho for many years, and I've previously taught Kindergarten, first grade and second grade. My Master's Degree is in elementary education from the University of Portland.

This summer my family and I have enjoyed trips to the Oregon Coast, hiking in the Sawtooth mountains and watching soccer games. We moved this summer from Twin Falls, Idaho and are enjoying the discovery of new places around us.

I look forward to meeting my colleagues, students and families. It is exciting to begin a new school year in a new city.

HES OPEN HOUSE: We are very excited to offer an in-person open house again this year!

A colorful poster for a 'Back to School Open House Event'. The background is black with white polka dots. At the top, there are two green chalkboards: the left one has 'A-B-C' written on it, and the right one has '1-2-3'. Between them is a red apple. Below the chalkboards, the text 'JOIN US FOR A' is in white, followed by 'BACK TO SCHOOL' in large, blue, textured letters. To the left of 'BACK TO SCHOOL' is a white glue bottle, and to the right is a pair of red scissors. Below this, 'Open House' is written in large, yellow, outlined letters. Underneath that, 'EVENT' is written in white, flanked by two yellow pencils. The text 'Come See Your Classroom & Meet Your Teacher!' is written in green, cursive-style font. At the bottom, there are two white boxes with black borders. The left box contains 'THURSDAY August 19th 2021' in red and black text. The right box contains 'Homedale Elementary 420 W. WASHINGTON AVE. HOMEDALE, ID 4-8PM' in blue and black text. At the bottom right, there is an illustration of a red apple on top of three stacked books (blue, red, and green). The entire poster is framed by yellow and blue vertical stripes on the sides and red and white polka-dot borders at the top and bottom.

UPGRADES AT HES: Recent upgrades to our drop-off/pick-up lane out front and our staff parking lot out back look amazing! We appreciate the time and resources used to get this done!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- August 4 Registration – Grades 1-4
- August 5 Kindergarten and new student registration
- August 16 Opening meeting/Staff work day
- August 17 New Staff Orientation
- August 17-19 Staff In-service/work days
- August 23 First Day of School