

# Homedale Elementary School Memo



To: Homedale Board of Trustees, Superintendent Rob Sauer  
 From: Terri Vasquez, Principal  
 Date: October 13, 2015  
 Re: Report to Board of Trustees

**ENROLLMENT: 456**

AM Kindergarten: 39 (3 SPDC) PM Kindergarten: 35 ELL Immersion AM: 13 SPDC (Special Day): 14  
 1<sup>st</sup>: 102 (4 SPDC) 2<sup>nd</sup>: 89 (2 SPDC) 3<sup>rd</sup>: 84 (2 SPDC) 4<sup>th</sup>: 94 (3 SPDC)

**MATH BENCHMARK DATA: FALL 2015**

<b><u>KINDERGARTEN PROFICIENCY</u></b>	<b><u>SECOND GRADE PROFICIENCY</u></b>
Oral counting 33% (count to 30+ in one minute)	Math Concepts/Application 45% (5 correct/8 min)
Number Identification 50% (22 in one minute)	Math Computation 52% (15 correct/8 minutes)
<b><u>FIRST GRADE PROFICIENCY</u></b>	<b><u>THIRD GRADE PROFICIENCY</u></b>
Math Computation 39% (7 correct in 8 minutes)	Math Concepts/Applications 46% (5 correct/8 min)
Quantity Discrimination 16% (18 in one minute)	Math Computation 39% (20 correct/8 minutes)
Missing Number 9% (9 correct in one minute)	
	<b><u>FOURTH GRADE</u></b>
	Math Concepts/Application 25% (13 correct/8 min)
	Math Computation 25% (23 correct/8 minutes)

**FUNDRAISER**

The annual fundraiser began on September 14<sup>th</sup> and ended on September 28<sup>th</sup>. This year we did not have a catalog/wrapping paper sale. Instead we sold cookie dough, sweet treats, and flower bulbs. This fundraiser is our main source of funding for elementary needs that are not in the budget: technology, playground equipment, etc. We appreciate the support of the community.

**WAGONS HO!**

Wagons Ho was held for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students on September 30<sup>th</sup> on the East Playground. This hands-on “field trip at school” gives students a chance to experience what life was like on the frontier. The students experience things like exploring a covered wagon, roping, washing clothes on a washboard, leather work, games, making buttons from wood, and creating a campfire. Stations were set up around the playground to show the different aspects of pioneer living. It is a museum that has come to life. Parent chaperones helped at each station.



### **EYE SCREENING**

The Parma Lion's Club performed eye screening for our Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students on October 1st. Several students were given referrals.

### **FIRE SAFETY WEEK – October 5-8**

The Homedale Volunteer Fire Department provided us with material and fire hats to support this program.

### **BUS EVACUATION DRILL**

Mr. Muir held bus evacuation drills on October 6<sup>th</sup>. All went well.



### **DICTIONARIES FOR 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE**

The Caldwell Rotary delivered dictionaries for every third grade student on October 6<sup>th</sup>. We certainly appreciate their support.



### **MATH NIGHT**

The elementary math night was held on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Parents were invited to attend informative sessions about our new curriculum, Eureka Math, while students created “make and take” manipulatives to help with their homework. A small meal was served. Each grade level provided handouts and those who attended were very appreciative for the helpful information.

### **STUDENT SUPPORT / ENRICHMENT DAY (FRIDAY, October 9)**

The elementary staff invited approximately 100 students to arrive at 8:00 am for three hours of student support and afternoon enrichment. The teachers prepared activities in reading and math. Some teachers used centers to work with the students, some grade levels rotated students through all the classroom activities, and others kept their students for more intense activities such as reader's theater complete with costumes. The paraprofessionals helped during the morning student session. After lunch, the students went to the Berry Patch Ranch to experience a straw maze, petting zoo, and a tractor ride to pick pumpkins. Each student got a pumpkin to take home.



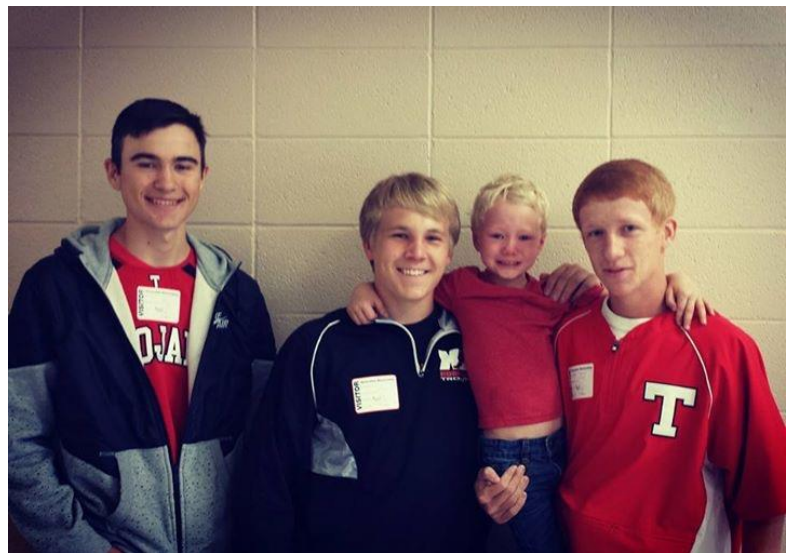
### **NEW SLIDE**

A new slide was installed to replace the old one which had been vandalized. Thanks to the parents and students for sending in Box Tops, and to the PTO for counting and mailing them in for us. Their combined efforts resulted in this great slide. There is always a line of students waiting for their turn!



### **VISIT FROM HHS STUDENTS**

Some amazing HHS students made arrangements to come to the elementary to surprise a first grade student at lunch time. Michael Lejardi, Nash Johnson, and Matthew Thatcher wanted to eat lunch with their bat boy, Cole Fossette. What a wonderful surprise! Cole immediately burst into tears and was so excited to see them. Thanks to a great group of young men for taking time to check in with their little buddy. It made his day, week, month, and year!



### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Oct. 26-28 – Red Ribbon Week
- Oct. 28-29 – Conferences
- Oct. 28 – Halloween Parties
- Nov. 5 – Idaho Lottery Scratch for Schools