

Homedale Elementary School Memo



To: Homedale Board of Trustees, Superintendent Rob Sauer
From: Terri Vasquez, Principal
Date: May 8, 2017
Re: Report to Board of Trustees

ENROLLMENT:

AM Kindergarten: 44 (+2 Spec. Day)	1 st Grade: 72 (+4 Spec Day)
ELL Kindergarten (AM): 13	2 nd Grade: 96 (+4 Spec Day)
PM Kindergarten: 40	3 rd Grade: 96 (+2 Spec Day)
Pre-First: 13	4 th Grade: 90 (+2 Spec Day)
	Special Day (COSSA): 14

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: We have had 74 incoming Kindergarten students screened and pre-registered since April 11th. We held a second registration on April 20th, and we have had a few more call to come in and register. We will hold a special day for Kindergarten and New Student registration in August.

YMCA "Make a Splash" Program: The second leading cause of death in the United States for children between the ages of 2 and 14 is drowning (Source: CDC) and Idaho ranks 3rd in the country for drowning rates, although it is a land-locked state (CDC). The YMCA is doing everything they can to change these statistics. Treasure Valley Family YMCA, in conjunction with USA Swimming/Y-USA and Jackson's Food Store provided free-of-charge the Make a Splash (MAS) program to all our 3rd grade students from April 6-20. Make a Splash is a national child-focused water safety initiative created by the USA Swimming Foundation with the goal of teaching every child in America how to swim. While half the students learn to swim, the other half are on "dry land" enjoying activities such as cardio-fitness games, rock climbing, and other activities.

1st GRADE ZOO FIELD TRIP: The students visited the zoo on April 24th. Even though it was very windy and rainy, they all had a good time.



2nd GRADE BOISE WATERSHED/FOOTHILLS LEARNING CENTER FIELD TRIP: On April 26th, the 2nd grade went to the Boise Watershed and Foothills Learning Center. The teachers reported that this was a wonderful experience for the students!



TATU ASSEMBLY: The American Lung Association's Teens Against Tobacco Use (TATU) Program is a nationally recognized youth tobacco prevention education program. Using a peer teaching model, ALA staff train teens in tobacco facts, history, marketing, health effects, and other issues, as well as in the skills and techniques they need to craft engaging, creative presentations for younger youth. The TATU teen teachers then take their presentations into elementary and middle school classrooms, school health fairs, or community settings. The groups met with 4th grade students on April 5th.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK: The wonderful elementary staff was treated to all kinds of treats on Monday, a visit from the ice cream truck on Tuesday, a PTO appreciation luncheon on Wednesday, and Fiesta snacks on Thursday. What an honor to work with these amazing teachers and staff members!



ASSESSMENTS: We are just finishing SBAC assessments and are finishing IRI and Benchmark assessments this week. We will be taking the MAP assessments during the week of May 15-18.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 11 – 4th Grade visits HMS, Senior "Walk the Halls"
- May 15-18 – MAP Assessments
- May 22 -- 3rd & 4th Grade Field Day
- May 23 – 1st & 2nd Grade Field Day, 3rd & 4th Grade Music Programs
- May 24 – Kindergarten Field Day
- May 25 – Bikes for Books Assembly, Kindergarten Graduation, Last day for students
- May 26 – Teacher Work Day