

Homedale School District #370

TO: Board of Trustees; Superintendent Rob Sauer
FROM: Amy Winters, HMS Principal
DATE: April 10, 2014
RE: Board of Trustees Report

SBAC Testing:

Every student at HMS has taken at least two sections (5 total) of the English Language Arts/Literacy test. Overall, students are taking the test seriously and working hard to do a good job. Feedback we have received from students include concerns about sound quality and volume, length of testing times, and physical consequences (eye strain and headaches) as they are not used to working on computers for such long periods of time. Many students have expressed delight with the test, stating a like for the different formats for answering questions and interesting reading materials.

Students will take the math portion of the test April 15 – 28. Fifth and 7th graders will take the science ISAT April 29th – May 2.

Gear Up:

Mrs. Brumfield took all 8th grade students to the COSSA Career Fair on April 3 to learn about available high school classes, college and PTE offerings, and potential careers.

Mrs. Brumfield hosted a family night for 8th grade parents to learn more about the EXPLORE test results and how to use the information for high school planning and provided information about advanced opportunities at HHS.

This is the last year the middle school will have Gear Up money (and Mrs. Brumfield) to support these middle-to-high-school transitional activities.

Field Trips:

All HMS 6th grade students and teachers visited Celebration Park on April 11.

All HMS 5th grade students and teachers will attend the Owyhee Dam on April 30.

Next Year's Projected Enrollment:

Based on the number of students currently enrolled, HMS projects 392 students for next year (10 more than we currently have.)

5th grade:	104	(4 teachers for 26 students per class)
6th grade:	95	(3 teachers for 31 students per class)
7th grade:	90	
8th grade:	103	