

Homedale Elementary School Memo



To: Homedale Board of Trustees, Superintendent Rob Sauer
From: Tate B. Castleton, Principal
Date: June 8th, 2021
Re: Report to Board of Trustees

ALL-DAY KINDERGARTEN UPDATE: We currently have 77 students registered for all-day kindergarten next fall. We will provide families with more opportunities to register over the next few weeks, and again in early August. Recently we hired Patricia Jeffery as the third member of our kindergarten team. Patti brings more than 20 years of experience teaching at the elementary level. She speaks Spanish, is a strong leader and an experienced collaborator, and we are very excited that she has joined our team! We plan to hire a fourth kindergarten teacher soon, which will allow us to complete the expansion of our kindergarten program here at HES.

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION: We were excited to invite families of our kindergarten students to our school to celebrate their graduation on the last day of school! Graduates were awarded a diploma, given opportunities to take pictures with their family, and treated to cookies and punch. We had a great turnout and enjoyed interacting with each family in attendance. Congratulations to all of our special kindergarten graduates!



BIKES FOR BOOKS: Thanks to a generous donation from Homedale's Silver City Masonic Lodge #13, one boy and one girl from grades 1-4 won a bike as a result of our Bikes for Books reading competition. The following students won bikes:

1st Grade:
Mialeen Moreno
Zaiden Sosa



2nd Grade
Carlie Pate
Rena Sanchez

3rd Grade

Hadley Parker
Randy Chavez



We are proud of all of our students who participated in Bikes for Books. We hope this year-long activity has fostered a love of reading that will be important to each student for many years to come! Thank you to Homedale's Silver City Masonic Lodge #13 for making this fun program possible!

NEW CLASSROOM AND GRADE LEVEL TEAM ASSIGNMENTS: Recently the leadership team at HES decided the time had come to improve the organization of our building. To accomplish this, nearly EVERY teacher moved classrooms. On Thursday, June 3rd, with the help of high school students, our team worked together to help move each other. Now, each grade level team are located in the same location, next door to one another. Our Special Education and kindergarten classrooms are now located near the front of our building. We are confident that this reorganization of classrooms will be beneficial for every member of our team going forward.



Also, we recently reorganized some of our grade level teams in an effort to promote professional growth, facilitate new opportunities for collaboration, and better support new teachers and staff. Below is a list of our teams after the changes:

Kindergarten

Melanie Harper
Michelle Endicott (new)
Patricia Jeffery (new)
Empty (hiring soon!)

1st Grade

Camille Heck
Rebekah Jenkins
Elizabeth Albor

Erin Erickson

*no changes were made to this team

2nd Grade

Laura Eubanks

Kristi Uria

Robyn Chandler (previously 3rd grade)

Jamie Hood (new hire)

3rd Grade

Toby Johnson

Tina Uria (previously 2nd grade)

Jamie Anderson (previously 2nd grade)

Rebekah Johnson (new hire)

4th Grade

Marcie Coffman

Jan Silva

Lesa Folwell

Kayla Blackstock (previously 3rd grade)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 7-24 Migrant Summer School (held at HES)

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