

Homedale Elementary School Memo



To: Homedale Board of Trustees, Superintendent Rob Sauer
From: Terri Vasquez, Principal
Date: January 11, 2016
Re: Report to Board of Trustees

ENROLLMENT - 458:

AM Kindergarten: 40 (4 Sp Day)	22 F, 22 M	2 nd Grade: 89 (2 Sp Day)	38 F, 53 M
ELL Kindergarten (AM): 15	9 F, 6 M	3 rd Grade: 79 (2 Sp Day)	31 F, 50 M
PM Kindergarten: 36	19 F, 17 M	4 th Grade: 94 (3 Sp Day)	44 F, 53 M
1 st Grade: 105 (4 Sp Day)	53 F, 56 M	Special Day (COSSA): 15	3 F, 12 M

207 Females, 251 Males

STUDENT SUPPORT/ENRICHMENT: We had 81 students attend our student support/enrichment day on December 11th. The morning was dedicated to improving skills in reading, math, and writing. After lunch, the students were treated to Santa's Workshop and worked their way through different activities. Students decorated cookies, sang Christmas Carols, played Christmas Bingo, made a stocking and created snow globes. The art lesson was taught by Danielle Forsberg and her high school art students helped. The Middle School Junior Honor Society also helped during the day. We sure appreciate their help!

FOOD DRIVE/CHRISTMAS WISH TREE: Randee Garrett organized the packing of boxes of food, plus the gift of a warm clothing item and a toy through the Homedale Wish Tree for approximately 60 families which included 160 children. The Caldwell Basque Club supplied all the meat, which included a turkey or ham per family plus one or two chickens, a small pork roast and a small beef roast. Boise Cascade (the old Filler-King) donated turkeys and hams left over from Thanksgiving employee gifts. Allendale Produce provided onions and oranges (maybe some potatoes). Many of our PTO moms helped us pack food boxes and several stayed late into the evening to distribute food and carry it to cars. The Homedale FFA provided gifts for two families through their "Gift of Green" and two of our elementary kids went shopping with the Homedale Police and their "Shop with a Cop" project. Three more went shopping with Silverhawk Realty and their "Christmas Angels" project. Owyhee Gardeners adopted a family, as did Lower Pleasant Ridge Grange. The Eastern Star also provided gifts and food to two families. Idaho Pizza always runs a food drive among employees and customers and then brings the food here for our food drive. There were most likely large donations made by other businesses of which we are unaware. If those donations are made to the Middle School or High School, we don't always find out. We do know that our community is remarkably generous!!! Job well done, Randee!

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: The 1st and 2nd grade students presented a Christmas Program to their families and community members on December 10th. Mrs. Walker selected some fun Christmas music and the students did a great job singing and entertaining the crowd.



COATS AND CLOTHES: A huge THANK YOU to Idaho Power and Mike Frank for bringing winter coats for our elementary students and their families! They were greatly appreciated.

UNIVERSAL BENCHMARK TESTING / IDAHO READING INDICATOR: Students will be given benchmark tests and Winter IRI assessments the weeks of January 11-21.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 15 – District Inservice @ HMS

January 26 – Family STEM Night