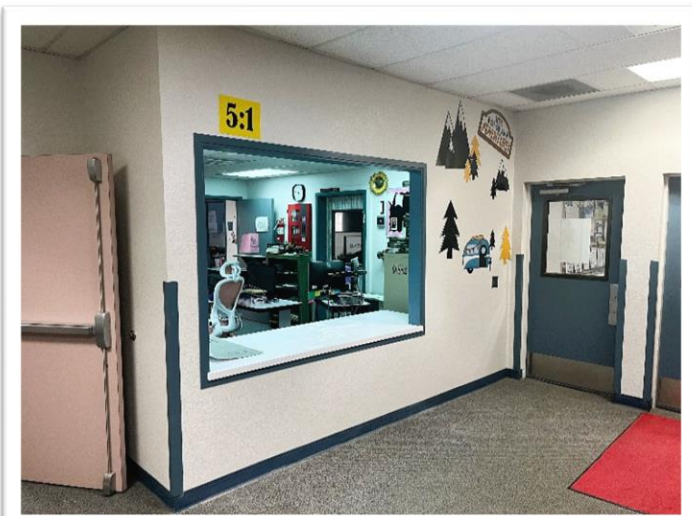


# Homedale Elementary School Memo



To: Homedale Board of Trustees, Superintendent Rob Sauer  
From: Dr. Tate B. Castleton, Principal  
Date: July 30, 2024  
Re: Report to Board of Trustees

**HES FRONT OFFICE UNDERGOES IMPROVEMENTS:** Over the summer, the front office at Homedale Elementary has undergone some significant improvements that will enhance the look and feel of the office as well as improve visibility and safety in and around the office. Both windows in the front office (the front window where parents check students in and out, as well as the window that looks down the hallway toward the gymnasium) have been enlarged (almost double their original size) and new countertops were installed. This project will help eliminate significant blind spots and will create a more welcoming window and counter space for parents and patrons. In addition, new furniture and décor, as well as mounted flat screen TVs, will be put in place this week to create a refreshed front office and foyer space at Homedale Elementary School! More pictures and updates will be provided in the August Board Report.



**HES HIRES NURSE AND MUSIC PARA:** We are very pleased and excited to welcome the following individuals to Homedale Elementary School and we can't wait for them to join our team:

**FULL-TIME NURSE: Amber Titus**



Amber Titus brings a wealth of experience to this nursing position. She has worked as a Registered Nurse for the past 19 years. Amber has extensive experience working in medical-surgical and critical-care nursing settings. She will provide an ability to assess patient needs, develop care plans, and administer treatments. She will also be able to oversee the development of prevention programs and she will advocate for student wellness and parent involvement and education.

Amber, her husband Tim, and their children are moving to this area after spending the past 20 years in the Heber Valley, Utah area. Their children will attend Homedale schools. Amber will bring a high level of enthusiasm and a love for children to this job!

**PART-TIME MUSIC PARAPROFESSIONAL: Brenna Bell**



Brenna Bell joins our staff this year as a part-time paraprofessional. Her assignment will be unique, as she will serve primarily as a music specialist. What I mean by that is that recently Paula Allen made the decision to step back (a little) from her current position as our music teacher to spend more time at home with her children. Thankfully, Paula will still be with us one day a week while Brenna will teach music classes on our second day of music classes during the week to ensure our students don't miss out on this very important special. Paula and Brenna will alternate days on Mondays and Wednesdays to ensure each of them has an opportunity to teach all of our students each week! We are excited for Paula and so glad she'll still be on our team in a very important role!

Brenna will do an amazing job with our students and I am confident she'll fit right in at HES! In addition to the day she will teach music classes, she will also work a second day during each week as a paraprofessional as assigned throughout the building.

Brenna and her husband are Homedale residents and have five children who attend Homedale schools, including her youngest who will start kindergarten next month!

**HES REGISTRATION TO BE HELD AUGUST 5TH:** Registration for grades Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> will be held at Homedale Elementary School on Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.



**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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| August 5th                 | Registration                  |
| August 12 <sup>th</sup>    | Opening Meeting for All Staff |
| August 13 <sup>th</sup>    | New Staff Orientation         |
| August 13-15 <sup>th</sup> | Staff In-Service/Work Days    |
| August 15 <sup>th</sup>    | District-Wide Open House      |
| August 19 <sup>th</sup>    | First Day of School           |
| September 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY         |
| September 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Staff In-Service              |