

# Homedale Elementary School Memo



To: Homedale Board of Trustees, Superintendent Rob Sauer  
From: Tate B. Castleton, Principal  
Date: March 1, 2021  
Re: Report to Board of Trustees

**COVID-19 UPDATE AT HES:** Currently there are no COVID-19 related challenges at Homedale Elementary School. While we continue to take every precaution possible to prevent the spread of the virus and to keep all students and staff safe, we are able to operate normally. We do not have any students or staff who have tested positive or who have a need to quarantine at this time, to our knowledge. Our hope is that this will continue until the end of the school year. We firmly believe that in-person learning is the best way for our students to learn, grow, and progress. We will continue doing all we can to ensure we can keep our doors open and continue learning together each day.

**ONLINE LEARNING UPDATE:** While we are still offering our families a choice to learn online, our numbers continue to drop as more students are returning to learn here in-person. Here are our current online numbers by grade level:

Kindergarten: 5  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade: 4  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: 6  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: 2  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade: 1

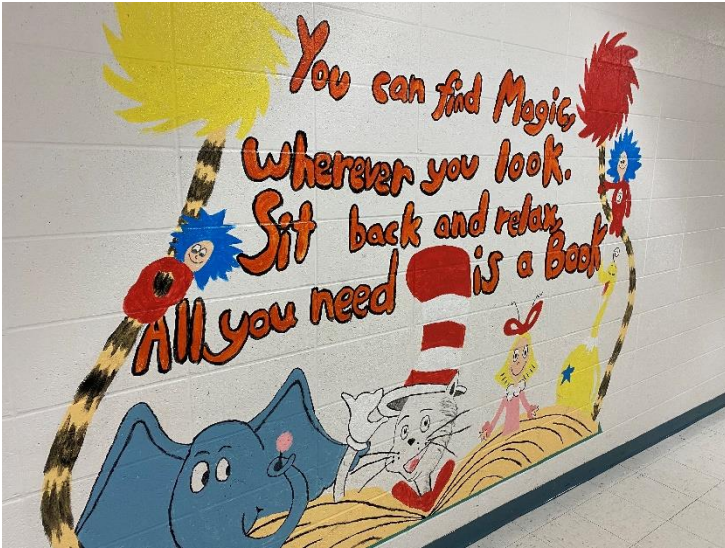
**Total: 18**

**BIKES FOR BOOKS:** We are pleased to announce HES is going to be participating in Bike for Books, thanks to the generous donation from Homedale's Silver City Masonic Lodge #13. They have donated one girl and one boy bike per grade level!

Here is how it will work: From March 1<sup>st</sup> through May 20<sup>th</sup>, students will be earning tickets to enter the drawing for a bike. A monthly calendar will be going home, and for every night students read at least 15 minutes mark it on their calendar. At the end of the month return the calendar and students will earn one ticket per every seven days they met the 15-minute reading goal. That is all it takes for students to be a part of this awesome opportunity. Names will be drawn during the last week in May!



**DR. SEUSS WEEK AT HES:** We LOVE to read here at Homedale Elementary School, and our students had a lot of fun celebrating Dr. Seuss Week with dress-up days, reading activities, and the launch of our Bikes for Books contest!



**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

March 17-18<sup>th</sup> Parent-Teacher Conferences

March 22-26<sup>th</sup> Spring Break

April 16<sup>th</sup> Staff In-Service