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**To:** Board of Trustees  
**From:** Principal - Shay Swan  
**CC:** Rob Sauer  
**Date:** 12/5/25  
**Re:** Board Report - Homedale Middle School

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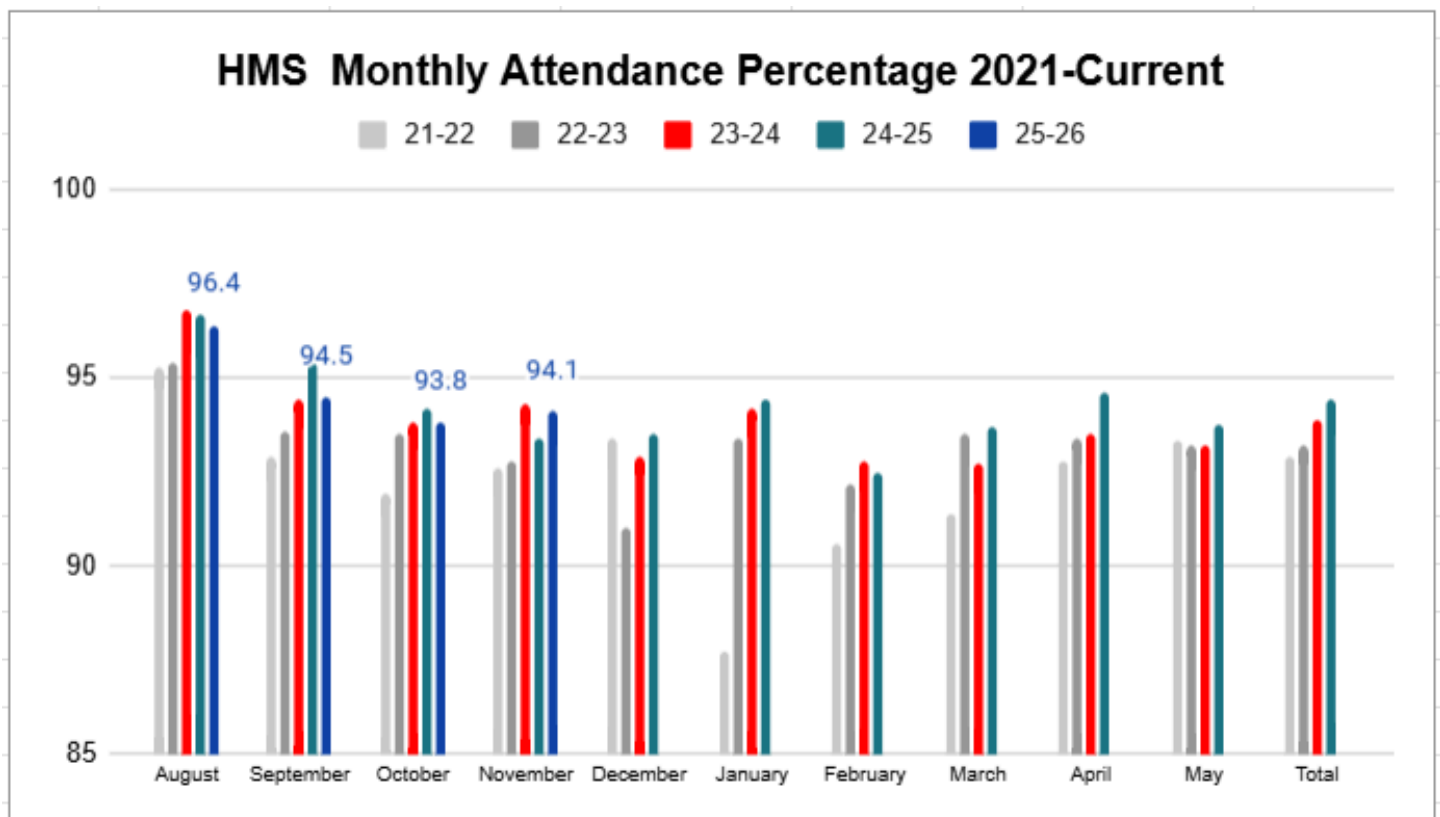
## Registration / Enrollment:

Listed below are our current enrollment numbers:

5th Grade: 97  
6th Grade: 103  
7th Grade: 101  
8th Grade: 91  
Total: 392

## School Attendance:

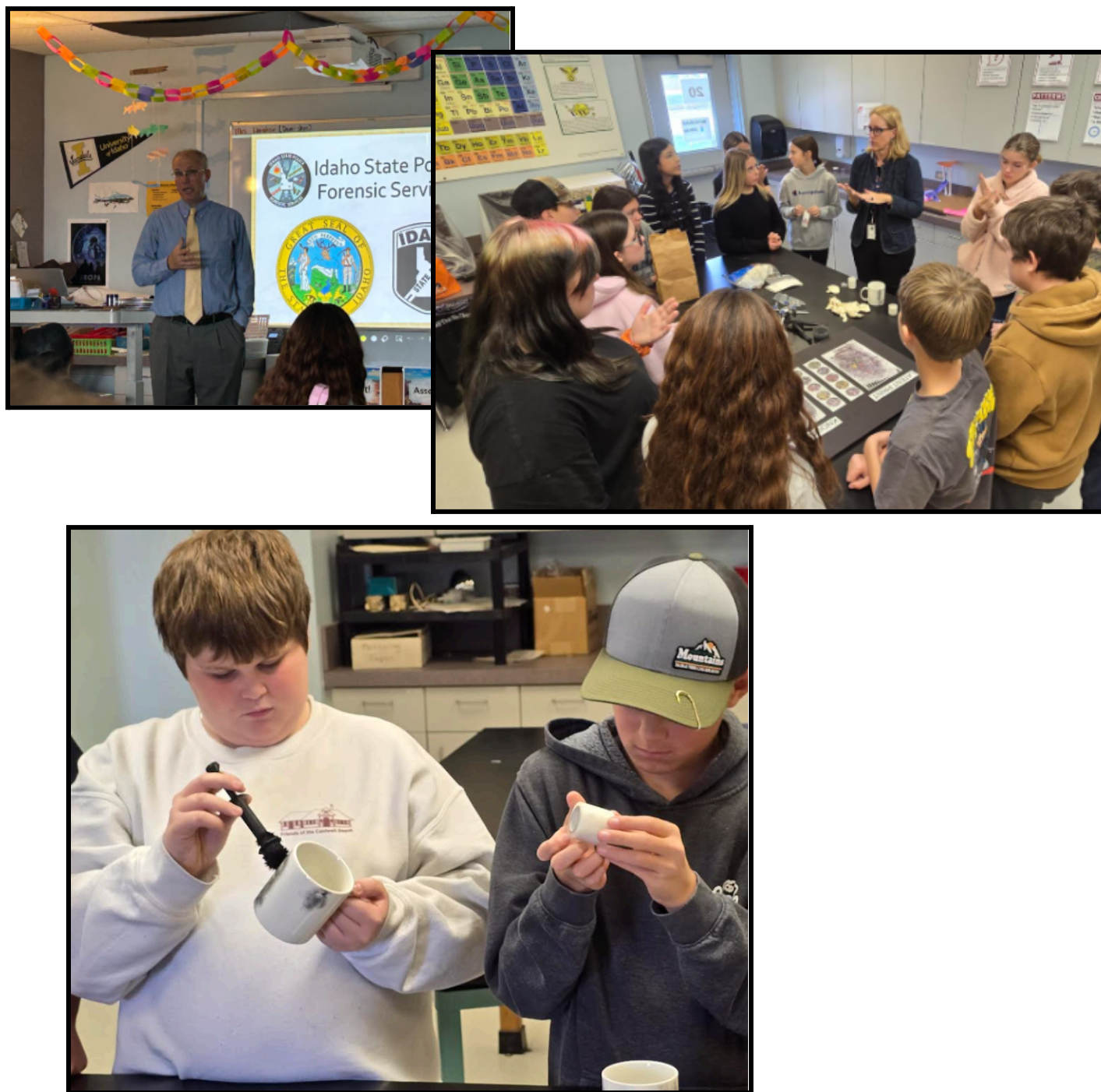
As a school, we have had 94.55% attendance in the current school year. Please take a look at a comparison of the month to month attendance below.



## Forensic Science...

Mrs. Demshar recently brought in two guest speakers from Idaho State Police - Forensic Services to talk to her students about the field of forensic science and the different things scientists are doing within this field. The speakers were very engaging and did a very good job speaking to our students. The speakers brought up some recent local cases that our students were familiar with and were able to talk about some of the details on the cases. They also took the kids into the lab to talk more about some of the methods of forensic science.

On the way out, both speakers raved about our students and how different (in a good way) it is than other places they speak.





## Community Service...

As a school, we have decided that each grade level will do a community service project leading into the Christmas Break. Our sixth grade team was the first grade level to complete their project. They had the opportunity of dividing their group up and doing some much needed cleaning on the perimeter of the school while the other group went to Sundance Park. We are super proud of our students and staff doing their part to give back to the community.



## Veterans Day Assembly...

The HMS NJHS students and advisors (Starla and Margo) put on a wonderful event for our school and community. The assembly served as a very good tribute to the veterans of our community.



### Veterans turn out at Homedale Middle School

Nearly 20 current and former armed services members showed up for the Homedale Middle School Veterans Day salute on Nov. 11, including (at far right, from left) Homedale City Councilman Hap Duryee and Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Topmiller, (former Marines) and Byron Holtry, high school principal Matt Holtry, who served in the Navy. More photos, [Page 15](#)