

Homedale Elementary School Memo



To: Homedale Board of Trustees, Superintendent Rob Sauer
From: Terri Vasquez, Principal
Date: November 10, 2014
Re: Report to Board of Trustees

ENROLLMENT:

AM Kindergarten: 61	2 nd Grade: 81
ELL Kindergarten (AM): 13	3 rd Grade: 103
PM Kindergarten: 40	4 th Grade: 88
1 st Grade: 94	Special Day (COSSA): 14

SCRATCH FOR SCHOOLS: Robyn Chandler, Melanie Harper, and Nancy Smith attended the Idaho Lottery Scratch for Schools on October 29th. They scratched enough lottery tickets to earn our school \$187.00! They have a game plan for next year to help them scratch more tickets.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES: We had 93% of our parents attend P/T Conferences on Wednesday and Thursday, October 23rd and 24th.

RED RIBBON WEEK: Red Ribbon Week started on Monday, October 27th and ended with Halloween parties on Thursday, October 30th. The following were our theme days for the week.

- Mustache Monday - "I "Mustache" You Not to Do Drugs!"
- PJ Tuesday - "Follow Your Dreams...Don't Do Drugs" (pajamas due to Pam's request...every year)
- Wave-Riding Wednesday - "Catch the Wave of a Drug Free Life" (tropical, luau clothing)
- Thrilling Thursday - "Say "Boo" to Drugs" (Halloween costumes)



DICTIONARIES: The Caldwell Rotary distributed free dictionaries to our 3rd grade students on October 28th. They returned on October 29th so the 2nd grade teachers could choose free books for their students. These are annual events. Our teachers and students appreciate these programs and the support given by Caldwell Rotary to increase literacy.

HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA: “Alice in Wonderland” was performed for our students on November 5th. The students really enjoyed the play and we appreciate the high school students sharing their talents with us.

STUDENT SUPPORT DAY (FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7) The elementary staff invited approximately 100 students who arrived at 8:00 am for two hours of student support. The paraprofessionals helped during the morning student session, and then attended a training to learn more about supporting teachers as they use Bright Links in the classroom and the IEN system in the library. After the students went home, certified staff collaborated with their grade-level teams, had building team meetings during a working lunch, and then attended an “iPad in the Classroom” training to learn about using apps for production and presentation to support Common Core. After the training, the certified staff continued their collaboration to finish the day.

HALLOWEEN FUN: Mrs. Maybon and Mrs. Doyle agreed to be the Grand Marshals of our annual Halloween Costume Parade at the elementary school. The “Wonder Women” appeared as well, and Elvis was in the building. ☺



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- November 10-14 – National Young Reader’s Week
- November 10 – Southwest District Health – Flouride Rinse for students
- November 11 - Veteran’s Day Assembly
- November 13 – Family Reading Night
- November 21 – Mobile Food Pantry 10:00-12:00

- December 13 – PTO Santa Brunch

