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**To:** Board of Trustees  
**From:** Principal - Shay Swan  
**CC:** Rob Sauer  
**Date:** 11/7/23  
**Re:** Board Report - Homedale Middle School

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## Enrollment

Listed below are our current enrollment numbers:

5th Grade: 101  
6th Grade: 98  
7th Grade: 84  
8th Grade: 102  
Total: 385

## Veterans Day Assembly

Homedale Middle School honored Veterans Day Thursday, November 9th with a schoolwide assembly. Mrs. Bender and our student council have done a tremendous job in preparation for this event.



**HOMEDALE MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
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## VETERANS DAY *Assembly*

Honoring our Veterans: A Tribute  
to Those Who Served  
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This Veterans Day, let us remember the  
sacrifices made by our brave heroes. Join us  
in paying tribute to our veterans and their  
families for their service and dedication to  
our country.  
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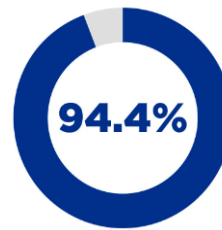
**NOV 9, 2023**  
10:30 AM

**Prelude:** HMS/HHS Band play  
**National Anthem:** sung by Starla Bender  
**Welcome:** by Axton Murray  
**Introduction of Veterans and Active Military:** by Lynlee Ryska  
and Aubree Atkins  
**Military Medley with Branch Introductions:** by HMS/HHS Band  
and Drew Heck  
**Musical Selection:** 5th grade music "God Bless the USA"  
**Speakers:** Claire Allen, Isabelle Roseborough, Miah Hibbs  
**Poem:** "The Unknown Soldier" by Melvin B. Tolson read by Allie Smith  
**Musical Selection:** HMS Band  
**Moment of Silence:** led by Porter Swan  
**Why we Celebrate Veterans Day:** Alejandro Martinez  
**Video:** Land of the Free, Because of the Brave  
**Closing:** Madi Breach  
HMS/HHS Band

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## Attendance

As a school, we have 94.4% attendance for the current year. Every week our attendance team identifies students with less than 85% attendance. We work to intervene (attendance letters, parent calls, mentors, schedule changes, etc...) with these students in an effort to get their attendance above 90%.



## Sources of Strength

Sources of Strength is our Suicide Prevention program. This year, we asked the advisory classes to nominate their peers and created our group. In SOS this year, we have 9-5th graders, 13-6th graders, 10-7th graders, and 8-8th graders.

We meet every other month on our student support day for four hours. During this time, we plan activities to help reach every student in the school and help them feel they belong, which is our theme this year, "We Belong".

Throughout the year, our group will take on several activities. So far, we hosted Red Ribbon Week by sharing the importance of not smoking, vaping, or doing drugs. We have also hosted lunch dates where 5th/6th and 7th/8th meet in smaller groups to discuss how to build a better community in our school. In the future, we look forward to running the school's food drive, Christmas Wishing Tree, and Gratitude Hot Cocoa Day.

We strive to complete one school-wide activity every other month while meeting every month to build community... WE BELONG!



## Parent Teacher Conferences

We had a very good showing and there were a ton of conversations being had with students, teachers, and parents. Good work!

### Attendance:

5th - 88.3%

6th - 74.2%

7th - 48.7%

8th - 38.6%

Total - 63.3% of our parents attended fall conferences.

