

# Homedale Elementary School Memo



To: Homedale Board of Trustees, Superintendent Rob Sauer  
From: Terri Vasquez, Principal  
Date: March 9, 2015  
Re: Report to Board of Trustees

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## **ENROLLMENT:**

AM Kindergarten: 65	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade: 81 (-1)
ELL Kindergarten (AM): 13	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade: 100
PM Kindergarten: 38 (+1)	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 92 (-1)
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade: 99 (+1)	Special Day (COSSA): 13

**STUDENT SUPPORT:** We invited 128 students to our February 13<sup>th</sup> Student Support Day (no transportation provided). There were 47 students who attended, which is only 36% of those that were invited. We invited 100 students to our March 6<sup>th</sup> Student Support and Enrichment day with transportation provided, morning academic support, lunch, and a field trip to the Discovery Center.

**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART:** On February 12<sup>th</sup>, 120 elementary students participated in the American Heart Association's Jump Rope for Heart event. These students raised \$2990.42.

**HHS DRAMA CLUB:** The HHS Drama Club held two performances of their play "Holka Polka" on Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> for the elementary students. The students really enjoyed it and the Drama Club did an excellent job. We appreciate them performing for the students.

**DR. SEUSS WEEK:** Our students celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday with a week of fun activities. Students dressed up with pajamas, athletic wear/favorite sports team, glamorous attire, and wacky clothes. The PTO served birthday cupcakes on Monday. Students read as much as possible through the week to win a class pizza party.



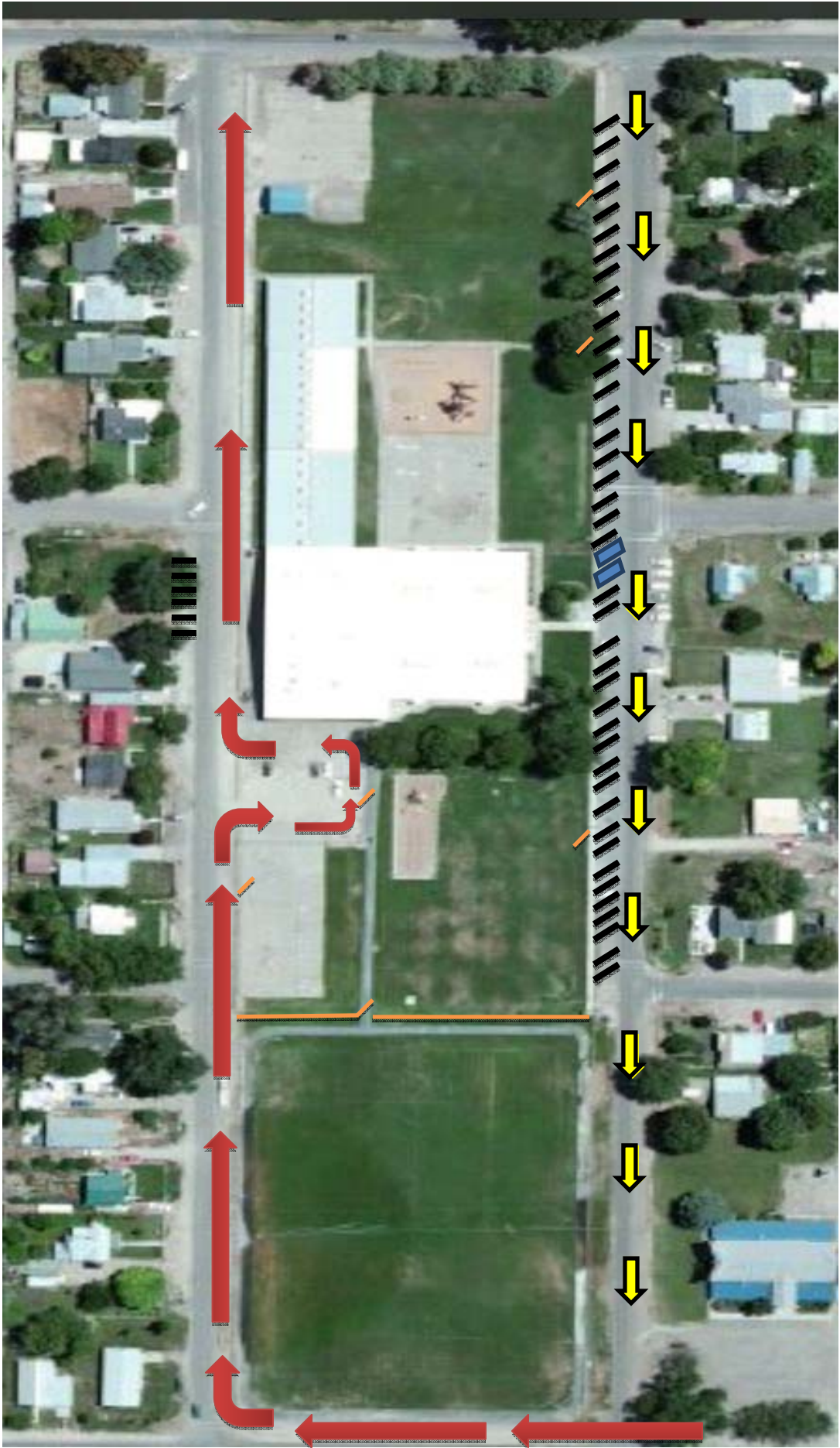
**IDAHO EDUCATION NETWORK VIDEO TELECONFERENCING:** The teachers and students have been on several virtual field trips this year. **Fourth grade** students viewed a program called "Surviving the Oregon Trail: What Should We Take"; **First grade** students viewed an egg experiment based on a Dr. Seuss book, Animal Habitats at the Lee Richardson Zoo, and studied estimation using the theme of corn and Thanksgiving; **Third grade** students listened to Halloween Spooky Poems in October and took part in a Thanksgiving Program from the George Bush Museum and Library; and **Second grade** students learned about animal adaptations. Upcoming is a virtual field trip called "A is for Animal" for **Kindergarten**.

## **NEW PICK UP AND DROP OFF**


Attached is a draft of the new pick up and drop off routes at the elementary school. The change will make it safer for students and parents as well as make pick up and drop off of students flow better. I will be prepared to talk with you about it during the meeting.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**


March 18 & 19 – Conferences  
April 6 – SBAC Testing begins




 Parking

 Handicapped Parking

 New Drop Off/Pick Up Route

 New Gates/Fence (PTO Fundraiser 2015-16?)

 One Way (Washington Ave.)

- Approximately 50-60 parking spaces can be marked along Washington Avenue.
- Around 30 employees would park in the front.
- Twenty spaces left for parents/visitors/volunteers.
- Two new Handicapped Parking spots would be designated.
- Parents who need to visit teachers can park and enter building easily.
  
- “Pick up” and “drop off” would take place behind the school off of Oregon Avenue.
- Parking lot in the back would be turned into a U-shaped driveway.
- Students would exit vehicles directly onto the playground.
- Morning buses have most often dropped off bus-riders when the bulk of the cars arrive to drop students.
- Afternoon “pick up” students are most often gone before the buses reach our school.
- All duty teachers would be saturated in the back with the exception of crossing guard in front.