

Homedale School District #370

TO: Board of Trustees; Superintendent Rob Sauer

FROM: Amy Winters, HMS Principal

DATE: March 9, 2015

RE: Board of Trustees Report

February Enrollment

Gr 5 = 90 Gr 6 = 96 Gr 7 = 95 Gr 8 = 99 Total: 380

Parent-Teacher Conferences

172/380 students were represented = 45.2% parent attendance

(Last year: 51% parent attendance)

Winter Benchmark Testing:

Reading Comprehension (MAZE)				
	Percent Proficient	Percent Proficient	Percent Proficient	
	Winter 2013-14	Fall 2014-15	Winter 2014-15	Growth
5th	60.4%	80.4%	74.1%	(-6.3)
6th	66.0%	78.4%	71.5%	(-6.9)
7th	70.0%	69.6%	70.8%	1.2
8th	63.0%	83.3%	66.9%	(-16.4)

Math Calculation (MCAP)				
	Percent Proficient	Percent Proficient	Percent Proficient	
	Winter 2013-14	Fall 2014-15	Winter 2014-15	Growth
5th	75.0%	69.6%	79.7	10.1
6th	56.0%	67.0%	68.7	1.7
7th	72.0%	71.2%	61.2	(-10.0)
8th	65.0%	68.4%	70.8	2.4

Teachers have been considering why students are not showing growth as much as we are used to seeing and have come up with the following possible explanations:

- 1.) These benchmark tests are not aligned to the common core state standards so they do not accurately reflect the type and style of learning students are exposed to in the classroom now. Administration is looking in to new tests.
- 2.) Teachers are concerned about how much further behind in the curriculum they are this year (4 day week) compared to previous (5 day week) years.
- 3.) Teachers are concerned about class sizes that keep getting bigger every year with fewer options for small group work with students who need it.

We will continue to monitor student progress and teaching practices to determine what changes we might need to make.

IELA Fall Benchmark Test Results

5th grade	Advanced	Intermediate	Beginner
Speaking/Listening	100%		
Reading	33%	67%	
Writing	100%		
6th grade	Advanced	Intermediate	Beginner
Speaking/Listening	43%	57%	
Reading	57%	28%	14%
Writing	28%	57%	14%
7th grade	Advanced	Intermediate	Beginner
Speaking/Listening	100%		
Reading	60%	20%	20%
Writing	60%	40%	
8th grade	Advanced	Intermediate	Beginner
Speaking/Listening	100%		
Reading	100%		
Writing		100%	

IELA Winter Benchmark Test Results

5th grade	Advanced	Intermediate	Beginner
Speaking/Listening	100%		
Reading	25%	75%	
Writing	100%		
6th grade	Advanced	Intermediate	Beginner
Speaking/Listening	56%	44%	
Reading	44%	33%	22%
Writing	22%	67%	11%
7th grade	Advanced	Intermediate	Beginner
Speaking/Listening	100%		
Reading	67%	33%	
Writing	67%	33%	
8th grade	Advanced	Intermediate	Beginner
Speaking/Listening	100%		
Reading	100%		
Writing		100%	

Overall Analysis of results indicates students have stayed about the same in 5th, 6th, and 8th grade. One student has improved in reading in 7th grade. The reason for the differences in percentages is due to the number of students tested. In the winter, 5th grade gained one student, 6th grade lost one student, 7th grade lost two students, and 8th grade stayed the same.

Upcoming Events

March 6 Student Support (Intervention and Enrichment)

March 10 Birds of Prey (Presentation for all 7th graders)

March 12 Trojan Pride Day (Campus Clean-up)

March 18 HHS Visit (all 8th graders)