

# Homedale Elementary School Memo



To: Homedale Board of Trustees, Superintendent Rob Sauer  
From: Terri Vasquez, Principal  
Date: March 12, 2018  
Re: Report to Board of Trustees

## **ENROLLMENT (471):**

AM Kindergarten: 55	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade: 85 (+2 Spec. Day)
ELL Kindergarten (AM): 15	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade: 75 (+6 Spec Day)
PM Kindergarten: 36	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade: 99 (+4 Spec Day)
Pre-First: 14	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 93 (+2 Spec Day)
	Special Day (COSSA): 14

**FAMILY MATH NIGHT:** Families were invited for a “make and take” math night on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. Students went to their own classrooms for a variety of activities to take home including tens frame bracelets, flash cards, math fact hidden pictures, measurement (making play dough), time telling, and money.

**LITERACY WEEK:** Our students celebrated Literacy Week and Dr. Seuss’s birthday with a week of fun activities. Students dressed up with crazy hats, crazy hair, pajamas, and crazy socks. The PTO served birthday treats on Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss. Mrs. Bahem’s/Mrs. Rosa’s class presented their interpretations of a Dr. Seuss Classic “If I Ran the Circus”.



**DISCOVERY CENTER ASSEMBLY:** We received a grant from the Discovery Center of Idaho for an assembly-style science show along with hands-on activities. The students learned about space and then selected 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes made stomp rockets. The Discovery Center has also chosen our school to work with them on FAMILY STEM kits that can also be utilized in the classroom. They will be providing professional development for our teachers on March 9<sup>th</sup>.



**OTHER PRESENTATIONS:** Deer Flat Refuge presented "Lessons from the Lorax" (how the refuge works and conservation) to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade on February 20<sup>th</sup>, and Idaho Power presented "Ouch the Outlet" to our Kindergarten students on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

**ELA CURRICULUM:** We have been researching the Engage NY and Great Minds curriculums for English/Language Arts. Great Minds is the same company that created our Eureka Math curriculum. We may also look into Journeys, a Houghton Mifflin Harcourt product series.

**PTO MYSTERY DAY:** Our wonderful PTO set out books in the library on Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. All students were able to choose a book of their very own!



**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- March 5-8 – Jump Rope for Heart
- March 5 – 19 – Make A Splash for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
- March 20-22 – Book Fair
- March 21 & 22 – Conferences
- April 2 – Spring Walking Club begins
- April 10 – Kindergarten Registration

