

# Homedale Elementary School Memo



To: Homedale Board of Trustees, Superintendent Rob Sauer  
From: Kayla Blackstock in place of Terri Vasquez, Principal  
Date: December 10, 2018  
Re: Report to Board of Trustees

## **ENROLLMENT (479):**

AM Kindergarten: 44 (+2 SPDC)

ELL Kindergarten (AM): 14

PM Kindergarten: 45

Special Day (COSSA): 13

Pre-First: 9

1<sup>st</sup> Grade: 93 (+4 SPDC)

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: 90

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: 85 (+2 SPDC)

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: 86 (+5 SPDC)

**VETERANS DAY PROGRAM:** On November 11<sup>th</sup>, our students performed patriotic songs and read letters thanking the Veterans in attendance. Boy Scout Troop #409 presented the flags and led the Pledge of Allegiance. After the program, each student personally thanked the Veterans.



**Reading Night:** On November 14<sup>th</sup> the ELA committee put on our annual literacy night. Students got the opportunity to read a recipe card to create their own bag of trail mix, create bookmarks, play vocabulary games, and listen to stories being read aloud. The Homedale public library also brought their robots for students and families to create codes to move the robots around the room. Every student that was in attendance received a free book to take home.



## **Gym Murals:**

Eduardo Melendrez from Ontario came and painted two murals in the gym. The mural of the Trojan is on the wall by the back door to outside of the school and our key Trojan "Traditions" are on the wall that is shared with the cafeteria. This is a great addition to our gym and also reminds students daily of our expectations on how to act the "Homedale Way".



**CHRISTMAS WISH TREE:** The school district food drive will end on December 12<sup>th</sup> and food boxes will be prepared after school to be distributed to families in the evening from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Student and adult volunteers will help sort and pack food between 4:00 and 5:00 that afternoon. The Homedale boys' basketball team and Middle School Jr. Honor Society are two organizations who have volunteered early. The Caldwell Basque Charities will arrive on the evening of December 11<sup>th</sup> with a variety of frozen meats for the food boxes. Wish Tree gifts will be delivered on December 21<sup>nd</sup> by the Homedale Fire Department, Homedale Police Department, and Homedale Ambulance. Mrs. Randee Garrett heads this project with help from the all HSD students' food drive and community donations. Silverhawk Realty Christmas Angels will be taking two children shopping, and the Homedale Police Department is participating in "Shop With a Sheriff" by taking three students. Other families and businesses have "adopted" families and will provide them with food and gifts. Included are: Pleasant Ridge Grange, Megan Harper and friends, Boise Cascade and the Owyhee Garden Club. This year we have approximately 47 families that will receive food boxes and wish tree gifts. In the past we have typically had around 55 families in need.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

December 3-12 – MAP Testing, IRI, and Benchmark Assessments  
December 5- Family Christmas Movie Night  
December 12 – Christmas Programs (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4th Grades)  
December 19 – Classroom Christmas Parties  
January 6- School Resumes  
January 20- No School