

Whitepine Joint School District #288

DECEMBER 2024
NEWSLETTER



General News:

- **IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Are you ready to make a difference, have fun, and inspire the next generation of learners? Whitepine Joint SD is seeking enthusiastic and dedicated substitute teachers to join our team! Whether you're an experienced educator or just looking for a rewarding way to give back to the community, we welcome you to be part of our small, vibrant school district. Step into the classroom and help students discover their potential.
- As we approach the coldest months, please be prepared for any School Alerts related to weather delays and closures. In addition to an alert sent via phone, text, and email, you can find delay/closure information can be found on the District website (sd288.org), the District's *Facebook* page, and all major, local media outlets.
- Federal law requires that each Title I-A school notify families/parents of each student attending any school receiving these funds that information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher(s) may be requested. If you would like information regarding teacher and/or paraprofessional qualifications, please contact the Deary School office. You will be notified if your child is being taught by a teacher over four or more consecutive weeks who does not meet state licensure requirements for the teaching assignment

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Student Highlights



Elementary News



- The 4th and 5th Graders had an amazing opportunity to perform a sneak peak of their Christmas Concert routine in front of the Spud Hill Seniors Luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 17th. Shoutout to Nancy Swanson for arranging for our students to be there, and a HUGE thank you to Miss Heath for leading the way with her amazing work in the music program!



- Bovill Elementary got a visit from the Deary High School IDFY Club last Friday, Dec. 13th. The day was full of mentoring, laughter, and fun! The high schoolers joined the Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders for lunch, sharing smiles and stories as well as some awesome hands-on activities in the classrooms.



- A huge congratulations to our talented Bovill and Deary Elementary students for an absolutely amazing Christmas Concert last Wednesday night—they were fantastic! A big shout out to our incredible elementary staff for all their support and assistance in making the night so special. And an EXTRA BIG THANK YOU to Miss Autumn Heath for her incredible leadership and passion for music.



Secondary News



- Last week, Deary Middle/High School had the privilege of hosting an impactful presentation by Choices Matter and the Idaho Office of Highway Safety. Ethan Fisher shared his candid and moving life story, delivering a powerful message about the importance of making responsible choices. We are grateful for the opportunity to bring this meaningful event to our students. Following the presentation, they participated in interactive activities that highlighted the serious dangers of driving under the influence. The event left a lasting impression and reinforced the value of making safe and thoughtful decisions.

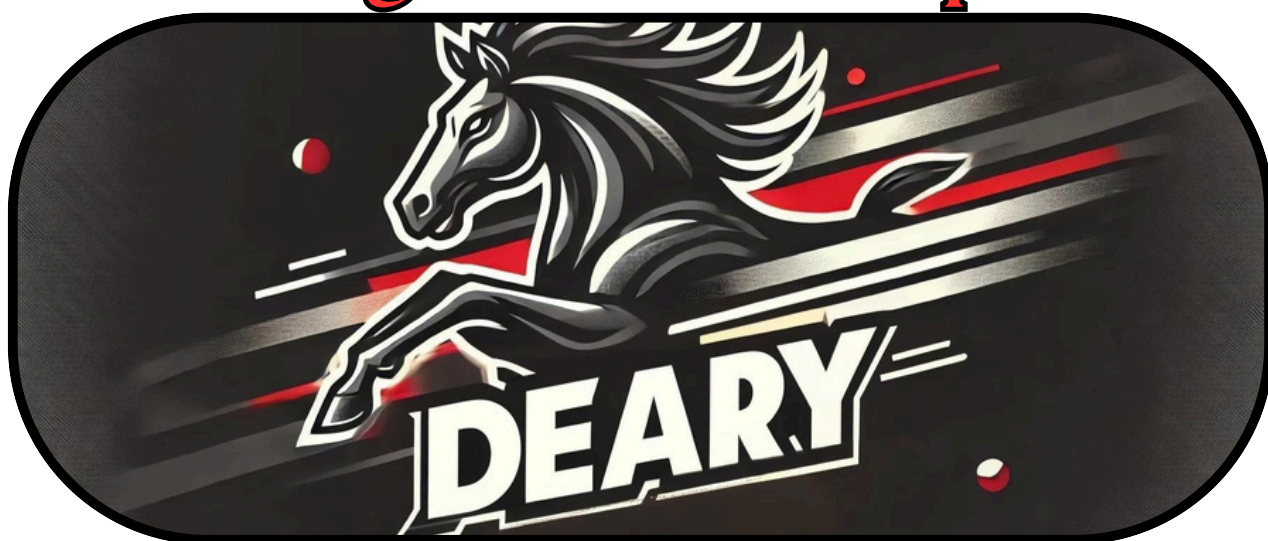


- 🎉 **Lip Sync Showdown at Deary Middle School!** 🎉

- Middle schoolers were buzzing with excitement as students took the stage for their annual lip sync contest! The performances were nothing short of amazing, entertaining, and totally unforgettable. The crowd cheered & laughed as students showcased their creativity and star power. Even the staff got in on the action! Their hilarious parody of Home Alone set to "Run, Rudolph, Run" had everyone in stitches and was the perfect way to wrap up the show.



Mustang Athletics Updates



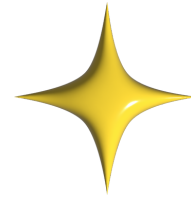
Here's what has happened in the last month and what's to come!

High School Basketball season has been going steady for the last month, here is the overall record(s) for the Boys and Girls teams:

- Girls Basketball is heading into Christmas break with an overall record of 6-1, 3-1 in the 1A Whitepine League! Their next game is January 7th here in Deary vs Kendrick, @ 6:00/7:30 PM.
- Boys Basketball is heading into Christmas break with an overall record of 3-4, 3-2 in the 1A Whitepine League. Their next game is January 7th @ Prairie, @ 6:00/7:30 PM.

GO MUSTANGS!

Super Staff Spotlight



Teresa Dollar



For December, the Board would like to shine a light on Teresa Dollar... “the glue” that holds so much of our district together! While her official job title is impossible to pin down, her contributions are everywhere. From driving the bus for daily routes and extracurricular activities to ensuring our schools shine with her meticulous janitorial care, Teresa does it all — and she does it with unmatched dedication.

You’ll also spot Teresa courtside, running the shot clock during basketball games, and pitching in wherever an extra hand is needed. While many of her tasks might seem small to some, Teresa’s willingness to step up makes her an invaluable part of the Whitepine Joint School District family. As her nominator put it, “Teresa is always not just the first, but sometimes the ONLY person to be willing to do whatever is needed.” She even went above and beyond to decorate a school bus for the Elk River *Trunk-r-Treat*.

Teresa’s commitment isn’t just a job; it’s her passion. Her love for our students, staff, and community radiates through every act of service she performs. She’s a shining example of what it means to serve with heart, and we are beyond grateful to have her as part of our team. Thank you, Teresa, for everything you do!

If you have a super staff member to nominate, please visit our Homepage at www.sd288.org.

Upcoming Events

- 12/23 - 1/3 - No School, Christmas Break 😊
- 1/4 - Saturday Basketball, grades 4-8
- 1/7 - BBB @ Prairie 6:00/7:30
- 1/7 - GBB vs. Kendrick 6:00/7:00
- 1/10 - BBB/GBB vs. Highland 4:30/6:00/7:30
- 1/11 - Saturday Basketball, grades 4-8
- 1/13 - No School, Teacher in-service
- 1/13 - School Board Meeting, Deary 6:00
- 1/14 - GBB/BBB @ SJB 4:00/5:00/6:00/7:30
- 1/14 - Blood Drive, Bovill Community Center
- 1/16 - Semester Finals 1-4
- 1/16 - BBB/GBB vs. Timberline 4:00/5:00/6:00/7:30
- 1/17 - Semester Finals 5-7, Early Release at 1:30
- 1/18 - Saturday Basketball, grades 4-8

- 1/18 - GBB/BBB vs. Nezperce 1:00/2:00/3:30/5:00
- 1/21 GBB/BBB @ Genesee 5:00/6:00/7:30
- 1/24 GBB/BBB vs. Kootenai 6:00/7:30
- 1/25 Saturday Basketball, grades 4-8
- 1/27 GBB vs. Potlatch 6:00
- 1/28 GBB/BBB vs. Colton 4:30/6:00/7:30
- 1/31 GBB/BBB @ Nezperce 3:30/5:00/6:30/7:30
- 2/3 GBB/BBB @ Troy 4:30/6:00/7:30
- 2/4 BBB vs. Potlatch 5:00/6:00/7:30
- 2/8 GBB Districts
- 2/10-2/11 GBB Districts
- 2/12 BBB @ Kootenai 6:00
- 2/13 GBB Districts
- 2/14 No School, Professional Development



Contact Information



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