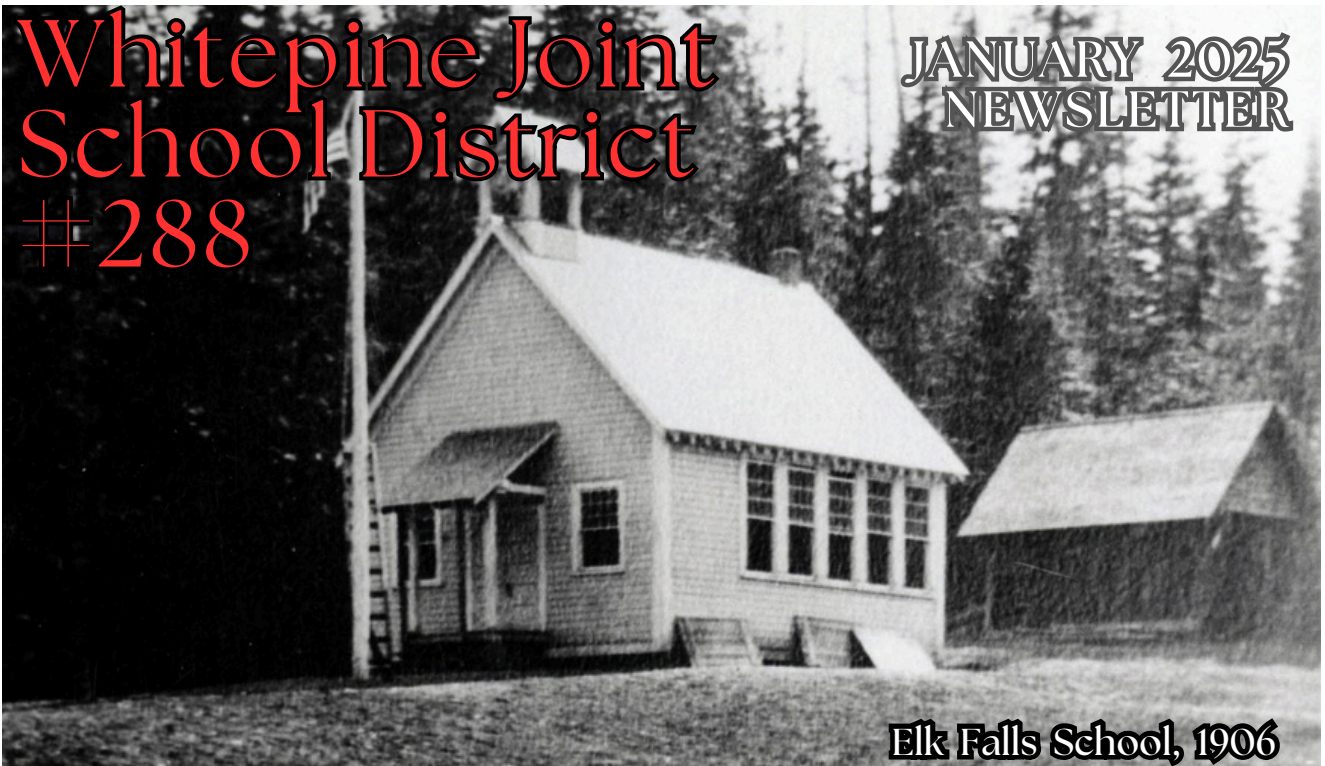


# Whitepine Joint School District #288

JANUARY 2025  
NEWSLETTER



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## 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](http://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



### Exciting News! Free Financial Fun at Deary School Next Friday!

- The University of Idaho is bringing engaging, hands-on financial literacy classes to the Deary Mustangs! Mark your calendars for Friday, January 24th, because the 4th and 5th graders are in for a treat.
  - **4th Grade:** Get ready to become savvy salespeople as you learn "How to Sell a Rock"!
  - **5th Grade:** Dive into sweet decision-making with the "Skittle Budget"! Can you manage your candy cash flow and make the right financial moves?
- Parents, your young entrepreneurs and budgeteers will have plenty to share after this!

### A Fantastic Day of Giving Back!

- Last week's blood drive was an incredible success, thanks to the generosity and support of our community! Here's a quick look at the numbers:
  - **23** Registered Donors (22 scheduled + 4 walk-ins)
  - **20** Procedures Completed
  - **23** Successful Units Collected (with 2 more units pending from Power Red donations!)
  - **11** First-Time Donors – Welcome to the lifesaving team!
- We're on track to end with 25 total units – an outstanding accomplishment! Thank you to everyone who donated and supported, even with the unexpected quirks and delays. Our next drive will be in **Deary on February 21, 2025**. The feedback from the community has been so positive that we're exploring additional future drives. Your contributions make a difference, and we appreciate you more than words can say. Thank you for helping us save lives!

## Secondary News



### Semester 1 has ended and we are on to the 2nd.

- As we go into the new semester, please remember that students may earn exemption from taking final exams in each class based on a combination of their overall grade and a percentage of completed assignments. This is a change from previous years when attendance factored into it. Below is a reminder of how this works...
  - Students who have maintained the following grades and work completion rates in a semester may be exempt from final exams as follows:
    - A student who has maintained a 90% or above average and has an 85% completion rate for classwork.
    - A student who has maintained an 80%- 89% average and has a 90% completion rate for classwork.
    - A student who has maintained a 75%- 79% average and has a 100% completion rate for classwork.
    - Students may not fail a class in either quarter and be exempt from the semester final for that class.

### Latah County Community Foundation, Literacy Grant

- The Deary School Library was just awarded a **\$3,000 grant** through the *Latah County Community Foundation*. The main focus of this grant is to expand the school library collection and to enhance our school library program through the addition of school library-based reading incentives to help foster literacy among students. Possible incentives tied to this funding include library visit punch cards, library scavenger hunts, and reading awards for most books read. Thank you to Mrs. Ashleigh Brown for your dedication to improving the school and to the LCCF for their generous donation to expanding our students' learning opportunities.

# Mustang Athletics Updates

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

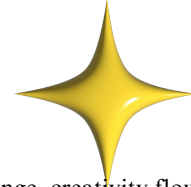


### Exciting News from Deary Mustang Basketball! 🏀

- Our High School Girls Basketball team is absolutely on fire this season! With an impressive 10-2 overall record and 6-2 in the 1A *Whitepine League*, these girls are hustling their way toward an incredible finish! 💪
- Our Boys Basketball team is battling hard with a 6-6 overall record and a strong 6-3 in league play. These Mustangs are charging full speed ahead, determined to finish the season and league play strong as they set their sights on the district tournament! ⚡
- **Mark your calendars!** February 4th is a night you won't want to miss. Before the Varsity Boys game against Potlatch, we'll celebrate the **50th Anniversary** of the legendary 1975 Boys Basketball State Championship team! 🎉 Players, cheerleaders, and managers from that historic team will join us for this unforgettable milestone. Let's pack the gym, bring the energy, and make it a night to remember!
- Middle School Basketball season is gearing up too! First practice kicks off on February 12th, and the schedule is ready to roll. Check it out now on the Deary Mustang Athletics Facebook page and our website.

GO MUSTANGS!

# Super Staff Spotlight



## Kristy Johnson

If you're looking for a classroom where fun meets challenge, creativity flows, and math is always in style, then welcome to Mrs. Johnson's world! A proud Deary High graduate, Kristy Johnson brings her Mustang pride to the classroom every single day.

Her students don't just learn—they thrive. Whether it's tackling tricky math problems, diving into creative projects, or exploring new ideas, Mrs. Johnson keeps her class engaged, energized, and always curious. She's a natural researcher, constantly on the hunt for fresh ways to inspire her students and support her colleagues.

Mrs. Johnson is all about putting kids first, ensuring they're not just prepared for tests but for life as thoughtful, capable citizens. According to the person that nominated her, "She is a dedicated and compassionate educator, consistently improving her teaching methods and seeking resources to better support her students. She develops meaningful classroom experiences and teaches life skills with a kind and thoughtful approach. I am truly grateful for her."

We are lucky to have someone as dedicated and dynamic as Mrs. Johnson in the district. The Whitepine Joint School District wouldn't be the same without her creativity, heart, and unstoppable love for learning!

If you have a super staff member to nominate, please visit our Homepage at [www.sd288.org](http://www.sd288.org).

## Upcoming Events

- 1/21 - GBB/BBB @ Genesee, 5:00/6:00/7:30
- 1/24 - 4th/5th Grade UIdaho Financial Literacy Day
- 1/24 - GBB vs. Kootenai, 5:30 (Home)
- 1/24 - BBB vs. Troy, 7:30, (Home)
- 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 District play-in
- 2/10 - School Board meeting, 6:00 Deary
- 2/10-2/11 - GBB Districts
- 2/12 - BBB @ Kootenai, 6:00

- 2/12 - MS Basketball practice begins
- 2/13 - GBB Districts
- 2/14 - No School, Professional Development
- 2/14 - BBB vs. CV, 5:00 \*Senior Night\*
- 2/15 - GBB State play-in
- 2/17 - No School, Teacher In-service
- 2/20-2/22 - GBB State
- 2/21 - Blood Drive, Deary Community Center
- 2/22 - BBB District play-in
- 2/24-2/25 - BBB Districts
- 2/27 - BBB Districts
- 3/1 - BBB State play-in
- 3/6-3/8 - BBB State
- 3/10 - School Board meeting, 6:00, Deary



## Contact Information



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