

Whitepine Joint School District #288

APRIL 2026
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.
- Please be sure to check the District website - www.sd288.org - periodically for scheduled events and changes. We also post updates on our official Facebook page, [Whitepine Joint School District](#).
- Next *Late Start Day* - Monday, May 4th.
 - Alerts will be sent out the Friday and Sunday prior to this as reminders for the *Late Start*.

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K-12 Music Teacher

The Whitepine Joint School District is hiring to fill the vacancy of K-12 Music Teacher. Please submit a certified application by April 27, 2026. Applications may be emailed to sfletcher@sd288.org. Visit <https://www.sd288.org/employment> for additional details. Any questions can be directed to Stephanie Fletcher at 208-877-1408 or sfletcher@sd288.org.

Whitepine Joint School District #288
We Are Hiring!
K-12 Music Teacher
Join Our Team!
Apply Now
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www.sd288.org

Elementary Highlights

Mrs. Shaw Earns Lifetime Educator Certificate

Join us in congratulating 4th grade teacher, Mrs. Annette Shaw, on attaining her Lifetime Educator Certificate. With an impressive 41 years of dedicated service in our district, Mrs. Shaw has made a remarkable impact on countless students throughout her career.

The journey to earning the Lifetime Educator Certificate is challenging and involves numerous requirements, including (but not limited to) at least 25 years of experience, evaluation reviews, and specific professional development credits. This is significant achievement and are thrilled to celebrate this milestone with Mrs. Shaw. Congratulations!



2026 Spring Concerts- Mark your Calendars!

Be sure to save the date for upcoming Spring Concerts! The Elementary Spring Concert is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5th and the Middle School and High School Concert is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6th.

Preschool Students Hatch Baby Chicks

Mrs. Jensen, Mrs. Powell, and the preschoolers have been actively engaged in hatching chicks. The eggs were placed in an incubator, allowing the students to witness the hatching process. This hands-on biology project has provided our preschoolers with a delightful opportunity to explore life cycles in a memorable way.



SAVE THE DATE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SPRING CONCERT
TUESDAY, MAY 5TH
MIDDLE SCHOOL &
HIGH SCHOOL
SPRING CONCERT
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH

Elementary Students of the Month

For March! The category for Deary Elementary was cooperation, and the category for Bovill was productive.

Bovill

- Kindergarten: Kendyl Ramsey
- 1st Grade: Raegan Butler
- 2nd Grade: Harley Dammerman
- 3rd Grade: Molly Jensen

Deary

- 4th Grade: Rylie Staton
- 5th Grade: Ryder Sutton

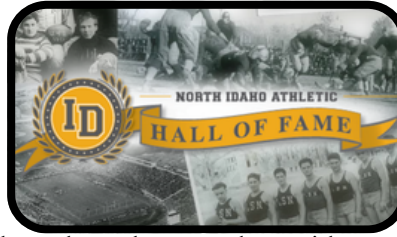


Secondary Highlights

Deary High School Nominees for the 64th Annual North Idaho Athletic Hall of Fame

Representatives from Deary High School athletics received multiple nominations for this year's North Idaho Athletics Hall of Fame. The ceremony will take place on Saturday, April 25th at the Coeur d'Alene Resort. Being nominated for this event is a significant honor. Join us in celebrating the following representatives from Deary for this remarkable achievement:

- **Girls Wrestling:** Ciel Sattler
- **Girls Team of the Year 4A-1A:** Deary Basketball
- **Football 4A-1A:** TJ Byer
- **Female Athlete of the Year 4A-1A:** Kaylee Wood
- **Girls Coach of the Year 4A-1A:** Kendra Keen



Mark your Calendars for the 2026 Mustang Market

Deary students are excited to showcase the skills they've acquired throughout the year, along with a diverse range of projects available for purchase at this year's Mustang Market!

Event Details

- **Date:** May 7, 2026
- **Time:** 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Enjoy a delightful evening featuring:

- Dinner
- Live music
- A sale of unique items, including metal art, plants, pottery, leather work, and more, all created by Deary Middle & High School students!

All proceeds will benefit various programs and scholarships.

Celebrating Student Reading

Our Deary school librarian, Mrs. Brown, recently joined forces with Brittany Griffin from the Deary Public Library to organize two more "Culture of Reading" events for students. The middle school event took place on March 17th, while the high school event was hosted on March 24th.

At these events, students had the opportunity to explore new library materials and learn about the resources available to them through both the school and public library. Attendees enjoyed treats, played games, and had the chance to win door prizes.

Both events were a tremendous success and a lot of fun! We hope to host another event of this nature for students prior to summer break. Join us in thanking Brittany Griffin and the Deary Public Library for their efforts in helping us promote student literacy.

Deary FFA Chapter Excels at State

Congratulations to our FFA chapter on placing 14th out of 136 teams in Livestock Judging at the Idaho State Leadership Convention in Twin Falls. Another congratulations to Vada and Addi Jensen for placing in the top 50 individuals out of roughly 450 students! We are proud of you!



Prom 2026

Prom is just around the corner! This year, schools participating in the event include Deary, Troy, Genesee, and Kendrick.

Event Details

- **Location:** Latah County Fairgrounds
- **Date:** Saturday, April 25th
- **Theme:** "Roaring Hollywood"

Students can purchase tickets for \$15 at the school office. *Reminder- Guest passes are required for students from non-participating schools.*



Mustang Athletics Updates



Middle School: The MS basketball season has officially come to an end:

- Girls ended the season 5-5 overall, and took 2nd place in the tournament!
- Boys ended the season 2-7 overall, and played a TOUGH game in the tournament as the #3 seed.

MS will be starting up their 'track & field' unit soon - the WPL JH/MS track meet is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 13th. (7th & 8th grades ONLY will attend the track meet)

High School: The HS Track & Field season has been going FANTASTIC! They have completed 5 total meets thus far, with 4 meets left before Regionals/Districts. We have a handful of competitors that will VERY much be in contention to qualify for the 2A State Track Meet, which is very exciting.

Softball - 1-4 OVERALL, and have a loaded week. Games on - 4/14, 4/16, & 4/17.

Baseball - 8-2 OVERALL, and have a loaded week as well. Games on - 4/13, 4/16, & 4/17.

Upcoming Important Dates:

- May 8th/9th - Track Regionals/Districts @ Lapwai HS
- May 20th - Fall sports parent meeting

Super Staff Spotlight

The Administrative Assistants

This month, we are shining the spotlight on three incredible individuals who truly keep our district running day in and day out. These ladies are the heartbeat of our schools. Without them, things could quickly spiral into chaos. Their work often goes unseen, but it is absolutely essential... and not just anybody can do what they do!



Brenda Lohman – Bovill Secretary (18 Years)

Brenda has been a staple of the Bovill Cardinal family for nearly two decades. Known for her humor and fun-loving spirit, she brings joy into the office every single day. Brenda is welcoming, helpful, and has a genuine love for both the students and the Bovill community. This year marks a bittersweet moment, as Brenda has made the well-earned decision to retire. While we are excited for her next chapter, she will be deeply missed. Thank you, Brenda, for 18 years of laughter, dedication, and heart!

Kelsey Sutton – Deary Secretary & District Administrative Assistant (7 Years)

If you know Kelsey, you know Mustang Pride runs deep! A lifelong Deary Mustang, Kelsey embodies everything it means to care for her school and community. She is fun, compassionate, and always willing to go the extra mile for students, staff, and families. It's safe to say that Kelsey is here for the long haul. Her dedication is unmatched, and her love for Deary shines through in everything she does.

Stephanie Fletcher – District Business Manager (14 Years)

Stephanie has worn multiple hats over her 14 years in the district and today serves as our District Business Manager – a role that is no small task. Dedicated, focused, and incredibly hardworking, Stephanie ensures that everything behind the scenes stays on track... including keeping the lights on! Her job is complex and often demanding, but she handles it with professionalism and precision. And when she's not managing the district's finances, you'll likely find her enjoying time with her horse.

These three women are more than just staff – they are the foundation that supports everything we do. Their dedication, care, and commitment to our students and community do not go unnoticed.

Thank you, Brenda, Kelsey, and Stephanie, for being such a vital part of what makes our district truly special. We are incredibly grateful to each of you!

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

Upcoming Events

- 4/22 BB v. Genesee
- 4/23: SB & BB @ LC
- 4/24: SB & BB v. CV
- 4/25: Prom @ Latah County Fair Grounds, 8:00-10:30
- 4/27: SB & BB @ Potlatch
- 4/28: BB v. LC
- 4/29: SB v. Genesee
- 4/30: SB @ Lapwai
- 4/30: Track @ District II Meet of Champions
- 5/2: Mr. DHS 7:00pm
- 5/4-5/5: SB Districts
- 5/4: Late Start at 10:30
- 5/5: Elementary Spring Concert
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- 5/7: Mustang Market 4:30-6:30
- 5/8-5/9: Track Districts
- 5/11: School Board Meeting, Deary
- 5/13: Middle School track meet in Troy
- 5/13: 6th Grade Spring Valley field trip
- 5/14-5/16: Track, SB, BB State
- 5/18: High School Award Ceremony
- 5/19: Levy election
- 5/20: Fall sports parent meeting
- 5/21: Middle School Olympics
- 5/22: No School/ Teacher In-Service
- 5/23: Graduation, 11:00 am
- 5/25: No School/ Memorial Day
- 5/26: Middle School award ceremony
- 5/27-5/28: Middle School/ High School Semester Finals
- 5/28: Early Release @ 1:30pm/ Last Day of School



Contact Information



<p>School Board Trustees</p>	<p>Zone 1 - Sarah Stanton - sstanton@sd288.org Zone 2 - Mandy Kirk - mkirk@sd288.org Zone 3 - Brittany Griffin - bgriffin@sd288.org Zone 4 - Marc Manni - mmanni@sd288.org Zone 5 - Bev Clark - bclark@sd288.org</p>
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