

Dear Parents & Patrons,

Here is the latest installment of the monthly newsletter for the 2023 – 2024 school year. In this letter, we will update you on current activities within the Whitepine Joint School District including athletics, clubs, academics, and other fun and interesting facts.

General News:

- Title 1: 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. Link to the Whitepine School District's Schoolwide Title Program Information Brochure: [Whitepine School District Title 1 Brochure 23.pdf](#)
- Attendance: Parents, due to attendance issues, when you contact the school regarding a student's absence, please provide a reason for requesting they be excused from school. If you have questions, please refer to [District Policy 3050](#) for more information on attendance.
- Community Clean-up Day: Deary Middle and High School students and staff will be having our annual community clean-up on Monday, May 13th in the morning hours. Following the clean-up, we will host the 9th - 12th grade Student Awards ceremony which will begin at approximately 2:35

Elementary News:

- ISAT testing began April 23rd for 4th and 5th grades, and April 24th for 3rd grade.
- Spring Concert will be Wednesday May 8th, 6:30 at the Deary Gym.

Secondary News:

- The extremely popular and widely touted *Mr. DHS Competition* is scheduled for Saturday, April 27 at 7:00 pm in the Deary school gymnasium.
- The 2024 Prom will be Saturday May 4, 2024 at the Latah County FairGrounds. We will be combining this year with Genesee, Troy, and Kendrick High Schools. More information will be made available soon.
- The Mustang Market will be Thursday, May 9 at Deary High School from 2:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. MS & HS students will have for sale a wide variety of items they made in their classes. Items will include: greenhouse plants, metal art, woodworking, canvas art, and pottery. The Family Consumer Science classes will be offering dinner and a bake sale. And, to top it off, we will have live music played by our very own Carl Stanton! Come enjoy a fun time supporting Mustang students!

- Graduation is just around the corner for the Class of 2024. We will host the event on Saturday, May 25th at 11:00 am in the Deary gymnasium.

Activities & Athletics:

- Track and Field DISTRICTS are May 10th/11th.
- MS WPL Track Meet is Tuesday, May 14th. Will be an all day event for the MS students.
- State Track and Field is May 17th/18th.

- Deary FFA:
 - Three students attended the State Leadership Convention in Twin Falls, Idaho the first week of April. The week was filled with state officer sifting for one student, and career exploration, ag industry tours, FFA delegate service, college tours, and community service for the other two students.

 - Immediately upon return from SLC, six students began preparing for the Forestry competition in Bonners Ferry, Idaho on April 26th. These dedicated students begin practice at 7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. every day, and have included compass reading and pacing, map reading, tree identification, tool identification, timber cruising, and log scaling. Last weekend, they enjoyed a trip to Brush Creek and the Arboretum in Moscow for tree identification. On our way to the Arboretum, the students stopped at the Fireman's Pancake breakfast to enjoy pancakes and support our community fundraiser! This week we were very graciously hosted by Bennett Lumber to learn log scaling. A special thank you to Tony for setting up the different species of logs to learn and sharing your expertise with our students! Jason Egan is volunteering his time and talents to our students to prepare them for the competition.

 - Beef Weigh-in was Saturday April 13th at the U of I Munson barn and we have two students taking beef and one student showing a breeding heifer at the Latah County Fair in September. We have five other students taking pigs and one taking market goat. Swine, Sheep, and Goat weigh-ins will be in the next few months.

District News:

- The district still has an open position for the upcoming school year.
 - **Secondary Ag Teacher - Full Time:** We are seeking a passionate and dedicated teacher to join our team. As an Ag Teacher, you will have the opportunity to inspire and educate students under the Career Technical Education program with courses covering woodworking, metalworking, horticulture/greenhouse, intro to agriculture, forestry, and small engines while allowing them to develop technical skills and making them employable in the workforce after graduation!

The Deary shop classroom includes new and upgraded equipment including a SawStop safety table saw, 3-1 Welders, an Arclight PlasmaCam with 4x8 table, laser engraver, a new 220 sq ft greenhouse, router, jig saw, planer, many new hand tools and safety equipment.

The Deary CTE program is an AFNR (Ag, Food, and Natural Resources) Cluster and can host a wide variety of classes. There are also many different routes to becoming a certified CTE teacher including traditional college, Industry Professional, Current Teacher, or Alternative Authorization. Click [here](#) for more information.

If you or anyone you know may be interested, please encourage them to apply by submitting a certificated application to sfletcher@sd288.org. Applications can be found on our website: www.sd288.org/employment

Upcoming Dates:

- 4/27 - Mr. DHS @ 7:00 pm
- 5/4 - Prom
- 5/9 - Mustang Market @ 2:30
- 5/21 - Supplemental Levy Election
- 5/25 - 2024 Commencement Ceremony @ 10:00

We will continue to send updated newsletters once a month, between board meetings. We will also continue to update our website with information throughout the year. The website address is: www.sd288.org If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school. Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Joshua Hardy & Stacy Monk

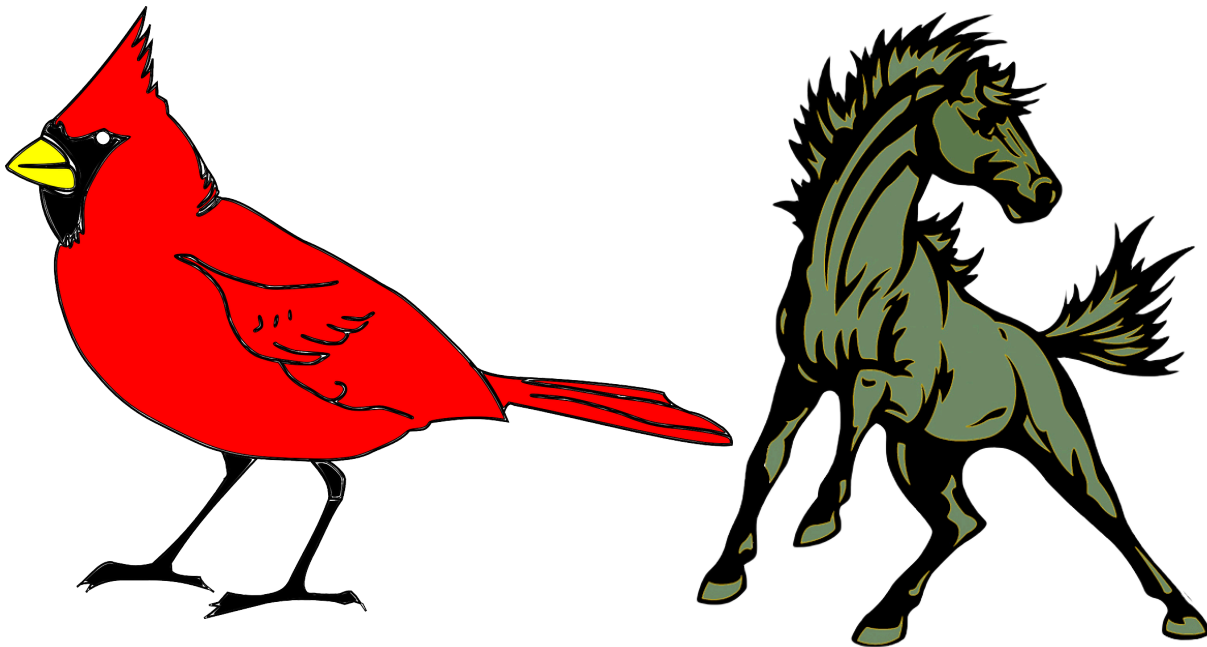
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Our Kids Are Worth Whatever It Takes!