

Whitepine Joint School District #288

MARCH 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, April 6th.
 - This is the Monday we return from Spring Break. Alerts will be sent out the Friday and Sunday prior to this as reminders for the *Late Start*.

In this newsletter
you can expect:

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District News

Elementary Teacher - Bovill

The Whitepine Joint School District is hiring to fill the vacancy of Elementary Teacher in the Bovill Elementary Prek - 3. Please submit a certified application and supporting documents to the district office by April 8, 2026. Applications may be emailed to sfletcher@sd288.org. Any questions can be directed to Stephanie Fletcher at 208-877-1408 or sfletcher@sd288.org.

Middle School Assistant Football Coach

The Whitepine Joint School District is hiring to fill the vacancy of middle school assistant football coach. Please submit a classified application to the district office by March 24th. Applications may be emailed to sfletcher@sd288.org. Any questions can be directed to Stephanie Fletcher at 208-877-1408 or sfletcher@sd288.org.

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We Are Hiring!

- Teacher- Bovill Elementary
- Middle School Assistant Football Coach

Join Our Team!

Apply Now

208-877-1408
www.sd288.org

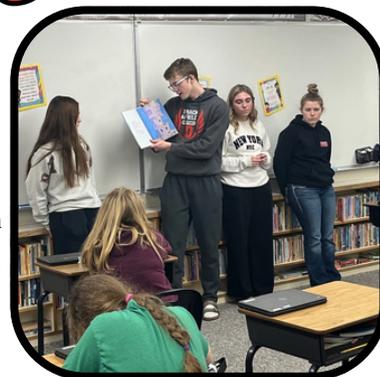
Elementary Highlights

Seniors Celebrate Read Across America Week with the 5th Grade

Deary Seniors visited Mrs. Moser's 5th Grade class as guest readers to celebrate Read Across America Week! The visiting seniors imparted valuable advice on achieving success in school, while highlighting the significance of teamwork to the younger students.

4th and 5th Grade Students Celebrate National Engineering Week

In honor of National Engineering Week, volunteers from Schweitzer Engineering Laboratory engaged in a hands-on activity with 4th and 5th grade students at Deary Elementary. The students were tasked with designing, building, testing, and refining a "Storm Drain Recovery" system using a limited set of materials. Their goal was to retrieve various real-life items that might commonly fall through storm drains, including cell phones, wallets, sunglasses, baby ducks, money, and metal building materials.



Elementary Students of the Month

For **February!** The category for Deary Elementary was integrity, and the category for Bovill was supportive.

Bovill

Kindergarten: Moses Jones
1st Grade: Torryn Whitson
2nd Grade: Stanley Sutton
3rd Grade: Hattie Larrison

Deary

4th Grade: Gunner Ross
5th Grade: Brooklyn Johnson



Secondary Highlights

Career and Life Planning Students Learn about EMS Careers

On March 19th, Debby Carscallen, the Chief of the Moscow Fire and Ambulance EMS Division, visited Mrs. Vincent's Career and Life Planning class. Students explored various career options in emergency medical services and learned about education pathways for paramedic and EMT roles. They had the opportunity to observe an intubation procedure performed on a mannequin and were then able to assist in ventilation with a bag valve mask. They also got to witness the Lucas automated CPR device in action. Join us in thanking Chief Carscallen for sharing her knowledge with our students!



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 and High School students!

All proceeds will benefit various programs and scholarships.



District Solo and Small Ensemble Festival

A select group of high school students traveled to Lewiston High School with Ms. A. Heath on March 4th to participate in the District Solo and Small Ensemble Festival. Each of the four students prepared a solo performance for a judge.

- **Shanya Tannahill** (clarinet), **Harley Holt** (alto saxophone), and **Zane Quarles** (tenor saxophone) each earned II ratings, which are considered "excellent." For their first solo stage performance, they received wonderful and encouraging feedback from the judge!
- **Scarlet Donigian** (mezzo-soprano) was our sole vocal soloist and was named as an alternate for the state festival! Having taken vocal solos for several years, we are thrilled to see her hard work rewarded with this recognition.

This experience was remarkable for our students, showcasing their dedication to music both in and out of the classroom. We are incredibly proud of their achievements!



Life Sports Students Visit the University of Idaho Climbing Center

Earlier this month, Mr. Olson's Life Sports class had the opportunity to go rock climbing at the University of Idaho climbing center. The class learned climbing techniques, how to tie a climber's retrace figure-eight knot, set up a belay device, and ultimately how to top-rope belay for a climbing partner. They spent three mornings climbing, conquering their fears of heights, and some of them even reached the top of the 55-foot wall. Students had a great time. We'd like to thank the University of Idaho for a great experience!



High School Girls Basketball Team Named Les Schwab Team of the Month

The High School Girls Basketball team was recently honored as the Les Schwab Team of the Month! An assembly was held for the student body on March 18th to present the team and Coach Keen with the award. Join us in congratulating them on this recognition.



Mustang Athletics Updates



- HS Track & Field is now in full swing! They had their first meet of the year @ Kamiah on 3/17, and will have two more before spring break (3/21 @ Lewiston HS, & 3/26 @ Lapwai HS).
- MS Basketball is slowly coming to an end. The regular season will come to a close, following games @ Troy (3/20), & HOME vs Kendrick (3/24). The MS Tournament will be held @ Potlatch HS, and we will know more on seeding/game time(s) following the end of the regular season.
- Following the end of the HS Basketball season, we had THREE seniors compete in the 'Senior Showcase' - Jaymon Keen, Kaylee Wood, & Karmen Griffin. They represented well, and it was a great ending to their basketball career(s)!

Super Staff Spotlight

Will Stokes



Let's take a moment to recognize one of the true *behind-the-scenes* heroes who keeps our district running smoothly each and every day – Mr. Will Stokes!

Now in his 9th year serving as our district IT Director, Mr. Stokes plays a critical role in ensuring that everything from classroom technology to district-wide systems operates seamlessly. While much of his work happens quietly in the background, its impact is felt everywhere – by students, staff, and the entire learning environment.

Recently, Will has earned significant praise for the strength and security of our district's technology systems. In a time where digital safety is more important than ever, his dedication and expertise have helped ensure that our staff and students can work and learn in a secure, reliable environment. That level of protection doesn't happen by accident – it's the result of *constant vigilance, knowledge, and commitment*.

But Mr. Stokes' service doesn't stop at the school doors. He also serves as the Mayor of Bovill, demonstrating an incredible commitment not only to our district, but to the broader community as well. Balancing both roles speaks volumes about his character, leadership, and dedication to service.

What truly sets Mr. Stokes apart, though, is how he goes about his work. He is consistently polite, approachable, and always willing to lend a hand – no matter how big or small the issue may be. Whether it's troubleshooting a classroom issue, strengthening system security, or supporting staff behind the scenes, Mr. Stokes does it all with **professionalism** and **humility**.

Simply put, Will Stokes is the definition of an unsung hero. His work may not always be visible, but it is absolutely essential – and deeply appreciated.

Thank you, Mr. Stokes, for everything you do for our students, our staff, and our community. We are incredibly fortunate to have you as part of our team!



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

Upcoming Events

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3/21: BB v. Nezperce @ Moscow • 3/21: Track @ Lewiston • 3/23: SB & BB @ CV • 3/24: SB @ Grangeville • 3/24: MSBB v. Kendrick B: 4:30/5:30 G: 6:30/7:30 • 3/25-3/26 : Elem. Parent/ Teacher Conferences/End Q3 • 3/26: Track @ Lapwai • 3/27: BB v. Troy • 3/27: Teacher In-Service/ No School • 3/30-4/3: Spring Break/ No School • 4/6: Late Start at 10:30 • 4/7: MSBB Tournament TBD • 4/7: Track @ Lakeland/Post Falls • 4/7: SB & BB v. Potlatch • 4/8: BB & SB @ Prairie • 4/9: MSBB Tournament TBD | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4/10: 6th Grade Living Greek Museum • 4/10: SB @ Lapwai • 4/10: BB vs Malad & Lighthouse Christian • 4/11: Track @ Lapwai, Leah Swanson Memorial Meet • 4/11: BB vs. North Fremont & Soda Springs • 4/13: School Board meeting, 6:30 in Bovill • 4/13: BB @ Lapwai • 4/14: Track @ Troy • 4/14: SB vs. LC • SB & BB @ Genesee • SB & BB v. Lapwai • 4/18: Track @ Whitepine League Meet • 4/20: No School, Teacher I/S, Pre-K/Kindergarten Round-up • 4/20: BB @ Troy • 4/21: Track @ Prairie • 4/25: Prom @ Latah County Fair Grounds |
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Contact Information



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