

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 I: 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](#)
- This is a reminder that district email addresses changed this year. To contact your students' teacher, please use their first initial and last name followed by @sd288.org. For an example, please see the emails below for Mr. Hardy and Mr. Monk. You may also get in contact with teachers via the staff directory on our website, www.sd288.org

Elementary News:

- End of Term - Students are wrapping up assessments and Report Cards will be sent home with students: Deary Elementary, Wednesday, January 24th; Bovill Elementary, Monday, January 29th.
- Deary and Bovill students participated and contributed to the Deary H.S. Student Council Food Drive.
- The Deary High School IDFY group visited Bovill and assisted with the making of gifts in December.
- The Elementary students all performed well at the Christmas Concert, and we had a very good crowd. Thanks for supporting the students.

Secondary News:

- Semester 1 ended last week and grades have been finalized. Students were given a copy of their report cards on Friday, January 26th.
- On January 21 and 22, a group of students enrolled in the Ag/Shop classes made a trip to Bend, OR. to receive training on a new Arclight PlasmaCam table. The purchase of this equipment was made possible through the *Idaho Career Ready Students Grant* which was awarded at the amount of \$47,871. The students and staff that received the training will be able to use that to instruct other students on the use of the table here in Deary. There are many exciting opportunities available for our Ag/Shop students with the new plasmacam table. For images of this trip, please see the post on the district's Facebook page.

Activities & Athletics:

- Boys and Girls HS Basketball teams played at the University of Idaho's Memorial Gym on January 16th, and BOTH came away with big wins! It was a night our student athletes won't forget. Thank you to the U of I for giving our kids the opportunity to play in a historic facility that has housed Division 1 athletics for almost a century.
- Boys and Girls HS Basketball teams are both having great seasons thus far, and are looking to finish the regular season strong before heading into districts.
- Here are the senior night dates/opponents for our Boys and Girls basketball teams:
 - Girls - 1/30 vs Nezperce
 - Boys - 2/1 vs Troy
- Uploaded onto the school website, as well as the 'Deary Mustang Athletics' Facebook page, are the Boy's and Girl's district basketball tournament brackets. They are blank as of now due to not knowing the seeding yet, but you are able to see all the dates/times/locations!
- MS Basketball practice begins February 12th for both Boys and Girls. The Boys coaches are Tim Olson and Emiley Proctor, and the Girls coach is Graci Heath. Everybody involved is excited for the season to start! This year, there will be an end of season tournament that will be seeded by regular season play. Our kids are super excited, and looking forward to it!

Upcoming Dates:

- 1/30 - FFA Bake Sale at the Basketball Game
- 2/5 - 2/9 - Girls BB District Tournament
- 2/10 - FFA volunteering to serve at the Lion's Club Valentine Dinner
- 2/12 - MS Basketball First Practice
- 2/16 - No School for Students
- 2/15 - 2/17 - Girls BB State Tournament
- 2/19 - 2/23 - Boys BB District Tournament
- 2/29 - 3/2 - Boys BB State Tournament
- 3/1 - No School for Students

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

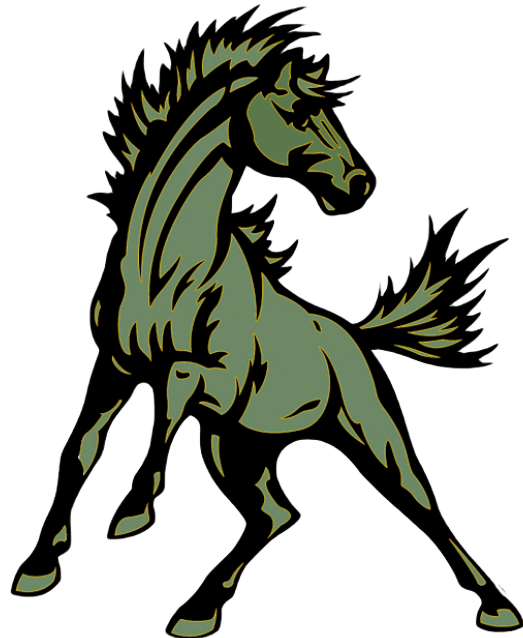
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Our Kids Are Worth Whatever It Takes!