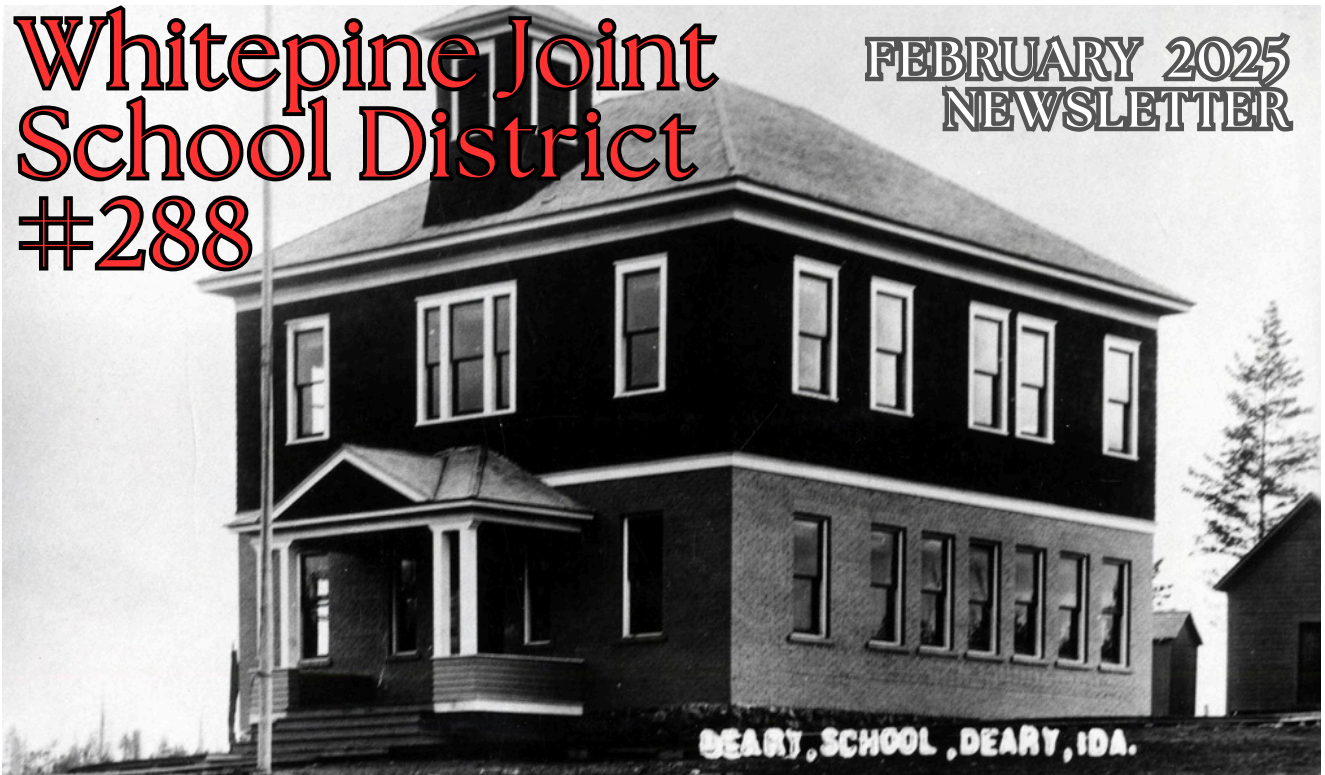


Whitepine Joint School District #288

FEBRUARY 2025
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.
- 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), 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

In this newsletter
you can expect:

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Elementary Highlights

Sweet News, Mustangs!

- Deary Elementary's Candy Sales are in full swing and will run until February 26th! Stock up on sweet treats just in time for Spring Break and Easter!

4th - 5th Grade Fentanyl Awareness Presentation

- Last month, students participated in an educational presentation led by the Idaho State Police. The session included a short video, followed by a Q&A opportunity for students to engage with the presenters. Additionally, students enjoyed a special visit with the ISP drug detection dog.

100+ Days of School 🎉

- Kindergarten kicked off a fun-filled 100th-day celebration Feb. 7th, and 1st grade kept the party going Monday for day 101! From counting to Dalmatian-themed fun, these little learners had a blast reaching triple digits!



January Student's of the Month

- Huge shoutout to these awesome students for exhibiting this month's character trait, Responsibility!
 - 🐦 Torryn Whitson - Kindergarten
 - 🐦 Addisyn Arnold - 1st Grade
 - 🐦 CJ Bogar - 2nd Grade
 - 🐦 Hunter Lesley - 3rd Grade
 - 🐦 Aspen Johnston - 4th Grade
 - 🐦 Delilah Menzie - 5th Grade

Read to Ride!

- Bovill & Deary Elementary students — grab your books and start reading! 📖 Read 10 hours at home by March 20th and earn a FREE ticket to Silverwood!

Valentines Activities

- The elementary students learned a lot about sharing and other fun activities for St. Valentines Day last week. The kids had a hearty good time!



Secondary Highlights



Government Campaign Speeches

- Our 12th Grade American Government class took on an exciting project last week! Students researched political parties, major national issues, and local school policies before creating their own fictional political parties. They then presented their platforms in speeches to the full student body. It was a great learning experience, and our seniors did an excellent job. A big thank you to our government teacher for organizing this engaging project!



IDFY Club

- The IDFY crew spiced things up last week with a Taco Lunch to celebrate their hard work! 🌮🌶️ Right now, they're busy crafting "compliment cards" to spread smiles across the school next week. Up next? Planning some fun spring activities for Deary and Bovill Elementary. Stay tuned! 😊

Puppy Time

- Our *Animal and Vet Science* class had the best day ever—puppy wellness checks! 🐶 Students got hands-on experience measuring vital signs and weights on six *adorable* puppies. And let's be real... there were plenty of snuggles involved too! Learning has never been this cute!



Mustang Athletics Updates

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

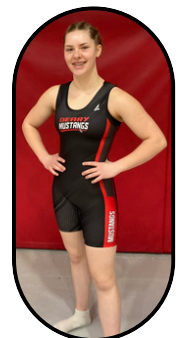


Exciting News from Deary Mustang Basketball! 🏀

- The Deary Mustangs' HS Girls Basketball team fought hard all season, leaving everything on the court with heart, dedication, and Mustang pride! While the season may not have ended as we hoped, there is so much to celebrate—an incredible 14-6 record, countless moments of resilience, and unwavering teamwork. We couldn't be prouder of our girls for their passion and commitment. Hold your heads high, Mustangs—you made us proud!
- The HS Boys Basketball team is closed out the regular season with an electrifying win over Clearwater Valley on Tuesday during *Senior Night!* With this win, the boy's earned 3rd Place in the league.
- The Boys Basketball District Tournament is just around the corner, with the first game set for Saturday, February 22nd at 2:00 PM right here in Deary. The Mustangs will take on a TBD opponent as they begin their postseason run. Come out and support the team as they fight for a spot in the next round! Let's show our Mustang pride!
- Middle School basketball just kicked off practices this week. The first game will be at home against the Troy on March 11th. First game starts at 4:30.

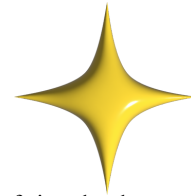
More Athletic News!

- Our sole wrestler co-opting with Lapwai, Ciel Sattler, is slamming it! She's placed in the top 3 in every tournament she's entered, earning 2 golds, 2 silvers, and 1 bronze while competing against girls from 138 to 185 pounds. Ciel placed 2nd in the District Tournament and has earned a spot in the State Tournament. With her eyes set on districts, Ciel's ready to take on the 145-pound weight division. Keep an eye on this rising star!
- Softball season is coming right up. You can find a link to the Kendrick softball schedule on our website, under High School Activities.



GO MUSTANGS!

Super Staff Spotlight



Tom Moore

If you've been around the Deary School for any length of time lately, you've probably seen Tom Moore hard at work — whether he's helping make sure our school is spotless, helping teachers with classroom needs, or braving the cold to plow snow with the tractor. As a building custodian and grounds worker, Tom has been with us for a full year, and in that time, he has been nothing short of spectacular!

Tom's dedication doesn't go unnoticed. He goes above and beyond to keep our schools running smoothly, always lending a hand with a positive attitude. His incredible work ethic and willingness to help make him a valued member of the Whitepine Joint School District team.

"If something needs fixing, cleaning, or plowing — all you need to do is just ask Tom and he will get on it!"

We are grateful to have Tom as part of our team. Thank you for all you do, Tom!

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"> • 2/17 - No School, Teacher In-service • 2/18 - BBB vs. CV, 5:00 *Senior Night* • 2/21 - Blood Drive, Deary Community Center • 2/22 - BBB District play-in, home at 2:00 vs TBD • 2/24-2/25 - BBB Districts, Lapwai, TBD • 2/26 - MS/HS Parent/Teacher Conferences • 2/27 - BBB Districts, Lapwai, TBD • 3/1 - BBB State play-in, TBD • 3/6-3/8 - BBB State • 3/10 - School Board meeting, 6:00, Deary • 3/11 - MSBB vs. Troy, G: 5:00, B: 6:00/7:30 • 3/13 - MSBB vs. Potlatch, B: 4:30/5:30, G: 6:30/7:30 • 3/14 - MSBB @ Genesee, B: 4:30/5:30, G: 6:30/7:30 • 3/14-3/15 - Softball @ Lewiston, TBD 3/18 - Softball vs. Grangeville, 4:30/6:00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3/18 - MSBB vs. Genesee, G: 4:30/5:30, B: 6:30/7:30 • 3/19-3/20 - Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences • 3/20 - MSBB @ Kendrick, B: 4:30/5:30, G: 6:30/7:30 • 3/20 - Softball vs. Potlatch, 4:30/6:00 • 3/21 - No School, teacher in-service, End Q3 • 3/21 - MSBB @ Troy, B: 5:00/6:00, G: 7:00 • 3/24-3/28 - No school, Spring Break • 4/1 - Softball vs. Prairie, 5:00 • 4/3 - MSBB @ Potlatch, G: 4:30/5:30, B: 6:30/7:30 • 4/4 - Softball vs. Orofino JV, 4:30/6:00 • 4/4 - MSBB vs. Kendrick, G: 4:30/5:30, B: 6:30/7:30 • 4/8 - MSBB 4 vs. 5 @ High Seed, 5:30 • 4/8 - Softball vs. Lewis County, 5:00/7:00 • 4/9 - MSBB Tournament, in Deary, G: 4:30/5:30 B: 6:30/7:30 • 4/11 - MSBB Tournament, in Deary, G: 5:30, B: 6:30 |
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