

Emmett Middle School Monthly Board Update January 2024

Safety Update:

Over the years many people have received keys to the building. Unfortunately, many of these keys were not returned and people used them to get into our building to use the gym. As you can imagine, this is a major safety issue. Thanks to the “Securing our Future” grant from the state we can now ensure the safety of our students and staff.

Over Christmas break, Steven Rogers and his team replaced every single lock inside and outside of our building. The classroom handles were also replaced with security handles, which enable teachers to lock their doors quickly in case of an emergency instead of having to use their key to lock the door.

In the future, all staff and coaches will only be given a scan card to access the building instead of metal keys. Scan cards can be deactivated at any time and can not be duplicated like traditional keys.

Professional Development

On January 5 the teachers at EMS spent the morning gathering and analyzing SICA data from the ISAT portal for each of their second semester classes. By analyzing the data, they determined the reading, writing, and math levels of their students and classes as a whole.

The teachers then spent the afternoon analyzing the power standards and continuing to collaborate on the curriculum maps they began last year. This working document contains standards, vocabulary, and resources for each content area and is used to guide instruction each semester.

Overall it was a productive day that enabled our teachers to be prepared for the remainder of the year.

EMS After School Clubs in January and February

Arm Wrestling Club

Spanish Club

Botball/Robotics Club

Dungeons & Dragons

Art Club (*we are painting a mural in the EMS entryway!*)

Game Spot

Winter/Spring Crafts Club

Advanced Cooking & Baking

My Dramatic Life (Drama)

STEM Club

Lego Club

Staff Spotlight

Mrs. Bonnie Johnson joins our staff as our new EMS drama teacher for the second semester of the school year. Mrs. Johnson has lived in Emmett for three years, most recently moving from Cascade where she worked in the school and with the Cultural Center to put together productions. Among her many talents and accomplishments, Mrs. Johnson has been part of our local Community Theater, the Emmett Community Playhouse, where she began Emmett Youth Theater Company, including directing, recruiting, costumes, and set design. We are grateful and happy that Mrs. Johnson will provide a safe, inviting, and exciting drama class this semester. She says, "I look forward to meeting our students and seeing their creativity!" Welcome to Emmett Middle School, Mrs. Johnson!

Upcoming Events

- January 8, 2024 Welcome Back, Students! Start of Semester 2 (use new schedules)
- January 9, 2024 Ski trip permission forms are due
- January 11, 2024 Community Calendar meeting @ EMS
- January 12, 2024, Winter Formal 5–7 pm
- January 15, 2024, No School
- January 22, 2024 Boys Basketball game vs. Kuna Middle
- January 24, 2024 Boys Basketball game vs. East Valley Middle
- January 26, 2024, Bogus Basin Ski Trip! The bus leaves at 3 pm. There will be a study hall from 1:30 pm until 3 pm.
- January 29, 2024 Boys Basketball game vs. Lone Star Middle
- January 31, 2024 Boys Basketball game vs. Mountain Home Jr. High