

## **December Edition 2019**

As we enter the holiday season, it is a good time to reflect on our year so far. A lot has happened at Bennion Junior High. We celebrated our students with no tardies and our first quarter honor roll students. We enjoyed one act plays performed by our drama department. Boys' and girls' soccer teams enjoyed a fun season with new coaches, our cross-country team had a successful season and our boys' and girls' basketball teams are finishing up their season. We're getting ready to start girls' volleyball and wrestling in January. Our band, orchestra, and chorus classes are performing in December. We will end the year with our Holiday Extravaganza- an afternoon of activities for our students before we send them off for their winter recess.

One of the most positive initiatives we took on as a school this year has been our home visits. Pairs of teachers and counselors have visited over 300 homes to get to know our students and their families, find out about their hopes and dreams, interests, and plans for their future. We have had a very positive response from our students and their families. Building relationships with our students is a top priority for us this year. Good teacher-student relationships lead to a school culture of support and safety where students can learn and grow.

As 2019 ends, we want to thank our parents for their support for Bennion Junior High. As the new year begins, we look forward to even more growth and achievement for our students. In January we will continue a Bennion tradition- Bennion on Parade. Please plan on visiting us on Wednesday, January 22, 6-7:30 p.m. for an open house. You will be able to check out our programs and opportunities prior to our course selection process in which students choose classes for next year. Both core content and elective classes will be represented. Refreshments will be served.

We want to wish every one of you a very happy holiday season and the best in the new year. We feel so fortunate every day to do the work we love and get to know your students individually. Bennion Junior is a great place to be!