



Highlights

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

Moreland Elementary

Ending a great year and starting an even better year... that is our motto. The year ended with exciting activities for students. We had Christmas around the world where the Foreign Exchange students from the high school came and shared their countries' holiday traditions. Then on the last day before the break, Santa came to visit each boy and girl at Moreland. Santa was an amazing hit as always because we have the real live no fake hair and beard...Santa!

Starting the new year has been cold, but good. We are ready to do our mid-year assessments of IRI and STAR Early literacy in order to calculate growth needed to make end of year expectations and re-group our interventions. Teachers worked collaboratively on Friday the 13th discussing our math program alignment and essential standards which prepare them for the next grade level. The real concerns with the program are in Kindergarten, where this program expects the Kindergarten to have had the pre-school curriculum before starting the kindergarten curriculum. We are NOT sure how to fix that.... We will continue to work on that in order to do what is best for kids!



Riverside Elementary

Our Second Graders got us all in the spirit of Christmas as they performed a musical program for parents, teachers, and students. It was held on December 21, which was the last day of school before our Christmas break. They did a very nice job!

We recently held an assembly where two students from each class were recognized for their good examples of being respectful. A new character focus "Caring" was introduced and all of our students will work this month on being thoughtful, kind, and considerate of others.

Our Second and Third graders are in the process of taking the Winter IRI, as well as the Winter Star reading and math tests. We look forward to seeing the students' growth in these areas.



Rockford Elementary

December flew by so quickly.

Our annual bread in the bag was done on Dec. 12th and 13th. It is sponsored by the Idaho Wheat Commission. The students learn about wheat grown in Idaho and learn how to make a loaf of bread. They also receive a booklet with recipes so they can make more bread at home. We so appreciate the parent volunteers that come and help. Without them, the students wouldn't be able to make their bread here at the school.

We held a food drive. The student's collected 1313 food items. The food was donated to the Blackfoot Food Pantry. With the food that was collected they were able to feed 400 families one meal. We are so proud of our students and what they accomplished.

Mrs. Anderson was in charge of our Christmas choir concert. The students performed on Dec. 20th at the High School auditorium. They did a fantastic job. Thank you, Mrs. Anderson, for all your hard work.



Snake River Middle School

The 5th and 6th grade Christmas Programs were a wonderful success. It gives each of our students an opportunity to share their accomplishments in music and public speaking.

Middle School students and staff donated over 1,000 cans of food the Blackfoot Pantry Kitchen. We thank all who participated.

The second nine week Privilege Activity will be held on January 17th for those students who have successfully completed all assigned work this grading period. They will participate in an Indoor Field Day. We encourage all students to work toward being successful.

The end of the 2nd nine weeks grading period is January 18th. Teacher Prep Day will be January 19th. There will be no school for students K-6 on January 19th.

SRMS Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on January 25th from 4:30 – 8:30 in the evening. Teachers will meet with parents in their classrooms.

Since winter is upon us, we appreciate the prompt snow removal to help keep our sidewalks and parking lots accessible.

5th and 6th grade students are preparing for benchmark testing this month. We will celebrate the growth of our students in Math, Language Arts, and Reading as they move toward academic excellence.

The continuing focus of 5th grade intramurals is good sportsmanship, learning dodge ball skills, and playing as a team.

Snake River Jr. High School

Nothing like a nice LONG break to make everyone excited to be back at school!! And even with so few days in December the Junior High has been accomplishing great things!!

Our 8th grade girls were the District Champs in basketball. The 7th grade girls took 3rd place.

Our teachers have been working very hard on central standards for each class. Also, in our intervention groups, 26 students, have made significant gains across the board. This is attributed to before, during, and after reading strategies. All tracked in data based results. Keep up the great work!!

Even though we try hard to always be on task at the Junior High we like to keep things balanced.... so for a little fun the Junior High staged its own mannequin challenge, during our WIN time, with super cute results.



Snake River High School

This month the Snake River High School dance team has been busy. They had the opportunity to go to a competition, and they knocked it out of the park. Their dance routine placed 3rd, their kick routine placed 1st, their military routine placed 1st, and they were overall grand champions. Tirriona Marlow also placed 1st in her solo routine. Way to go Pantherettes!



Debate has also been super busy! They were able to compete in a tournament on January 6th and 7th called Black Snake in ISU and did well. January 13th and 14th they then went to Bonneville Classical and also did very well. Cara and Teagan Pugmire won MVP at this tournament. Way to go girls! They are headed to a tournament in Madison on January 26th and 27th. Good luck debate!



Boys and girls basketball are doing good as well. The boys were able to play many games this month and come out with more wins. Their record so far is 9 wins and 2 losses. Way to go boys! The girls have had a good season so far as well. They too have come out of many games this month with more wins. Their record is 11 wins and 5 loses and still fighting! Way to play girls!



Snake River High School (Continued)

The Snake River High School chapter of Business Professionals of America recently attended the Region 9 competition at the Eastern Idaho Technical College campus in Idaho Falls. Nine members attended the event, and many came home with a guaranteed spot at State. The Economic Research team consisting of Sharnette Hess, Halli Young, and Tais Nevarez received first place. Shad Hess competed in Website Design and placed first, and second in Computer Security. Tais Nevarez placed 4th in Presentation Management. Hailey Atkinson placed 5th in Fundamental Accounting, and Kaylee Hammond placed 5th in Payroll Accounting. The members are excited to attend State in Boise Idaho in March in the hopes of earning their spot at Nationals, which will be in Orlando Florida in May.



Choir

Mrs. Casperson received a \$50 donation for the Snake River Music Department in memory of Darla Solinsky from Shirley Goodyear and the family of Danny Siler. She called to talk to Shirley about why they made the donation. She said that Darla loved music and that she was a wonderful singer. They thought it would make her happy to know that some money had been donated to our music department in her name. It was fun hearing a few more things about Darla. We truly appreciate what they have done.

Drama

Six students went to the State Drama Competition in Coeur d'Alene on Dec. 2&3. They didn't win any awards, but did a great job. One student made this Cinderella Transformation Dress that was amazing. She posted it on Facebook and got over 70,000 views. That was fun.