



# Highlights

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

## Moreland Elementary

What a great month at Moreland! We concluded our Idaho Direct fundraiser and recognized our 3 top selling students. 1<sup>st</sup> place – Carson Raymond with 34 books sold, receiving an iPad mini. 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Payzlee King with 15 books sold, receiving a Kindle Fire. 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Kaine Stecklein with 11 books sold who received a \$50 gift card. Our school sold a total of 347 books!

Our staff participated in the Community Fall Carnival on Saturday. Jose and Jill Loera coordinated and planned the event with a committee of community members. We had a great turn out. The kids and the adults seemed to have a good time. It was a lot of work, and we appreciate all who helped make it a success. I especially appreciate my staff who all donated time and efforts to assist in the success of this community event.



## Riverside Elementary



Our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders were recent recipients of dictionaries donated by the local Elks Lodge. Each student now has their own dictionary to use as a reference in their writing projects. We appreciate the support and generosity of the Elks.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders recently took a “Walk Around Riverside” so they could learn about different businesses in our community. They visited B & L Floral, Countryside Tire, Cowboy Cabinets, and Chad’s Place. We sure appreciate these businesses for taking the time to teach our students about their establishments.



On October 15<sup>th</sup>, we had our 6<sup>th</sup> annual “Run for Riverside” which is a fundraiser sponsored by the PTA. It was held on our playground and students and teachers ran and walked for one hour to help raise money for field trips and technology. We had some special guests who came and ran with us including high school cheerleaders, dance team members, and the football team. Each student received a “Run for Riverside” t-shirt which makes us all part of a winning team! We appreciate the support of the community and families and especially from the 21 businesses who generously donated to cover the cost of the shirts.

## Rockford Elementary

September went quickly here at Rockford Elementary. On the 17th of September, we had Claudia Tremmel from Idaho Power. She talked to the students about the Birds of Prey in Idaho. It is so interesting and is part of Idaho History. Mrs. Kofford's class had a party for the Constitution, on that day, as well.

We had spirit week the 21st - 24th. Monday was inside out and/or backwards day. Tuesday was crazy sock day. Wednesday was crazy hat day and Thursday was purple day. We had a lot of fun the whole week.

On Thursday, Oct. 24th, Mr. Brandon Brown came and talked to the students about his attendance program. The students have to be here from bell to bell, everyday, and they will get a scooter. Everyone was super excited and we are hoping Mr. Brown gives away a lot of scooters.



## Snake River Middle School

In a show of support for Homecoming Week, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students wore interesting socks, funny hats, and crazy hair. On Homecoming day, they dressed in purple. Go Panthers!

6<sup>th</sup> grade students have been studying rockets in their science classes. The culmination activity had all students launching water bottle rockets. They reviewed science concepts. A fun time had by all.

All 6<sup>th</sup> grade students have been given the opportunity to receive a bicycle for perfect attendance at the end of this academic year. Mr. Brandon Brown, owner of Brown's Insurance Agency Inc., will present each student who meets this one hundred percent attendance requirement with a bicycle at his company sponsored carnival next summer. Mr. Shuman, the school counselor, talked about types of bullying with each 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. He stressed the proper procedures for reporting bullying.

5<sup>th</sup> grade students will spend October 29<sup>th</sup> at Craters of the Moon. This is a culmination science activity. They will tour the visitor's center, as well as, the spatter cones and caves. Please send your student with a warm coat, sack lunch and a flashlight. Parents are invited. (Please no small children.)

We would like to remind you that the first nine weeks grading period will end on November 4<sup>th</sup>, followed by a teacher work day on November 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be no school for students on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Students will need to have earned their A.R (Independent Reading) goal by November 4<sup>th</sup> which will be the last day to test on their book. They will need to have earned 100% of their assigned reading goal by that date. We will hold an activity for those students who meet that goal.

Parent -Teacher Conference will be held November 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7:30. We will be recognizing Veterans Day on November 11<sup>th</sup>. All 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are preparing a program to present on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 and 1:30. Everyone is invited.



## **Snake River Jr. High School**

Harvest break is over and we have not wasted any time getting back to work. We have jumped right into fall with our SMASH program offering Hunters Ed for the third year in a row. We always have such a great turn out! The class is after school from Oct 12th to Nov 16th. And anyone 10 yrs or older can take it.

New this year at the Junior High is our PAWS/Flex program which is providing students with more intervention and enrichment time. Each Monday PAWS teachers review kids grades and fill out a pass for each student. The pass tells them where to go the rest of the week the hour before lunch. They are assigned either an extra help room or a free room.

Our 8th grade volleyball girls have been working hard and won districts!

Honorable mention: Our new resource teacher Mrs. Mangum wanted to make note how great our teachers have been to work with. She said that Ms. Laimana, Mrs. Vogler, and Mr. Mow have all been wonderful in accommodating/modifying their curriculum to meet the needs of her 'special' students. We love to hear about team work and success!!!

For fun this month we have challenged the students to help out Moreland Elementary by collecting candy for their carnival. We made it a challenge to see what class can gather the most pounds of candy. The winning class will get a pizza party! We are always up for a good cause in our community!

Our SMASH program also offered a 'Harvest Happening' during break. Americorp workers ran a harvest themed program Monday thru Friday 8-5 both weeks. It was over 80 work hours offered to students of our SMASH program and their siblings down to 1st grade. In total they serviced over 25 families! They went on two field tips (to a corn maze and orchard), did cooking activities, games, crafts, story time, cultural classes, guest speaker from the Army, and put on a play. All harvest themed. What an asset to our school and community!

## **Snake River High School**

### **Homecoming Week**

Homecoming week was a blast for the high school students. They started off the week with Hipster day, with Powder Puff after school. The Senior girls dominated the field. Tuesday was Twin day, and men's volleyball, which the Junior boys championed in. Tacky Tourist day was on Wednesday with the homecoming bonfire held that night. Thursday was Jersey day, and we all supported the sports on their game days. Homecoming was against Jerome with a staggering score of 54-14. The dance, which was held that Saturday, was Casino themed and FFA's fundraiser.

### **Octoberfest**

The high school is having a festival after the JV football game on the 22nd. There will be apple bobbing, pumpkin carving, a pumpkin smash, a movie, music, and roasting s'mores and hot dogs. The halls have been decorated with both the Halloween and yearly movie theme, "Panthers in Action." Each grade was assigned a Halloween movie and decorated their hall accordingly.

### **Volleyball**

Volleyball has the highest seed in the district, meaning that our school is hosting districts this year. American Falls and Marsh Valley will be joining us on our court to play for state.

### **Marching Band and Color Guard**

On October 10th, the marching band competed in the ISU Mountain West Marching Band Festival at Holt Arena in Pocatello, Idaho. Even though we had two weeks off for harvest break we still took 2nd place out of 6 bands in the 1A division. On October 17th, the marching band competed in the Southern Idaho Band Showcase at Minico High School in Rupert, Idaho. The group succeeded in taking their first 1st place trophy out of 4 bands in the 1A division. The group also took 1st place in best Color Guard out of the 9 bands that competed, that includes 3A groups like Highland and Century high schools.



### **Music**

'Silent Rush' - a group of 9 guys (put together by Cooper Brady for his Senior Project) opened for the Voice Male concert at the BPAC. They were also featured in a news report on Channel 8 two weeks. They are representing our school well! Way to go guys!

The Choir, Strings, and Band are gearing up for concerts beginning next week. There will also be 140 music students attending the annual Fifth District Music Education Fall Clinic on November 3rd. Here they will receive music instruction given by Utah State University and other clinicians. It will be a great day of learning.

### **Health Occupations Class:**

As part of the curriculum for the Introduction to Health Occupations class, students are responsible for selecting 8 health care careers they'd like to learn more about by inviting guest speakers to class. The students have been able to hear from nurses, a surgical technologist, a chiropractor, a nurse practitioner, and an ENT thus far. Future speakers include a pharmacist, athletic trainer, anesthetist, speech pathologist, physical therapists, and even a visit from Portneuf's life flight, helicopter and all! The students are engaged and really enjoying getting to try on personal protective equipment, play with instruments, see fascinating pictures and procedures and ask all kinds of questions. We're definitely getting our eyes opened to the vast array of opportunities available in the health care industry. We're very fortunate to live in a community where so many talented professionals are willing to take time out of their busy schedules to educate our youth.



### **Snake River Community Library**

The Library has been busy since the First of September. Our Story time started for children ages 0 to 5. We have been averaging between 70-85 children attending each week learning their colors, the alphabet and songs. We also use our new white board and projector to help teach concepts.

Our book groups have started back up and we have had a really good turn out on all of them. Guys Read, which is for boys 8-12 and their dad or whatever adult would like to come with them, we have had 8-10 young men and 6 fathers or grandpas. For our mother-daughter group, for girls and their moms ages 8-12, we have had 12 girls and 8 moms attend and enjoy the evening. The Teen and Bopper group is for girls and their moms ages 13-16 and we have had 8 girls and 6 moms attend this group. In all of the groups, we read a book picked by the library staff and do a craft that goes along with the book or sometimes a holiday and have a snack that goes with something in the book.

During harvest, we had an activity each Wednesday. On September 30, 2015, we had three crafts for each child. We made spider webs with popsicle sticks and string, bats on clothes pins, and pumpkin lanterns from paper. We had 76 children attend. The next Wednesday, on October 7, 2015, we made paint out of spice and they painted a picture, made spiders out paper cups, and monsters on paper plates. We had 88 children attend. It was a good way to get the children in to see the library and most all checked out books. We also had AR testing during harvest. We had at least 15 or more children come in and test during. Many mothers were very happy we offered AR Testing because it helped their child get caught up in a lot of cases.

We are now preparing for Library Night where we will be show casing the High School Play Guys and Dolls. We hope to have the cast members here to share a glimpse of the songs and fun. We have activities planned that go along with the play. We hope to see you all there October 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

For his senior project, Conner Davison did fingerprints for those who wanted them and pictures of the children. They then put them together on a sheet that the parents put their other vital information on for their records.

### **Snake River Education Foundation**

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