



# Highlights

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

## Moreland Elementary



At Moreland when the question is asked, “What is the work?” The answer is, “Learning is the work!” Students and staff work together for learning to take place. Each student is participating in the learning. We have 3-4 year old students in Pre-school who are actively engaged in learning colors and fine motor skills by painting with popsicle sticks.



Our new Kindergarten Enrichment class is going well. Students are able to get homework completed before going home, extensions to learning key skills are in place, and students are creating artwork to show and express their individuality.

Students are “learning” how to be risk takers, how to do hard things, and that some of us haven’t learned how to do some of these hard things... YET.



## Riverside Elementary

Parent/Teacher Conferences were held October 18 & 19 here at Riverside Elementary. Many parents came to visit with the teachers and discuss their students’ growth and achievement.

Our school is collecting Boxtops which are redeemed for cash twice a year. The PTA has a volunteer mom who trims and sorts them all, then bundles and sends them in at the proper time. We have a contest between the classes to see who can collect the most. Mrs. Furniss’ 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class won the contest this month, and by so doing, received a treat and the opportunity to keep Pepper the Panther in their classroom.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students 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 generosity and continued support of the Elks.

We recently had a Veteran’s Day assembly to honor those who have protected and preserved our freedoms. We invited Ben Snodgrass, husband of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, Mrs. Snodgrass, to come and participate. He is a member of the US Navy Reserves. He directed the posting of the colors and then we all recited the Pledge of Allegiance and sang the National Anthem. Mrs. Petersen showed a short slide show honoring veterans and explaining what Veteran’s Day was. Seaman Snodgrass also spoke to the students about his experiences serving our country. Also at the assembly, we honored students who exemplified the trait of responsibility.



## Rockford Elementary

October went by quickly with all the different things that were going on in the school. Spirit week was Oct. 16th - 19th. We had inside out day, crazy sock day, crazy hat day and sports team/purple day. What a fun week and a wonderful way to get ready for Homecoming at the High School.

The Secrist family and the Albertson family cut out wood and donated it to Mrs. Nelson's class to make bird houses. They were awesome and we appreciate all the hard work of those parents.

We had the end of our reading section called journeys. Exchange students from the High School came and shared about their countries with the students. The exchange students were from Thailand, Norway, Austria, Italy, and the Netherlands. The students did a wonderful job. We appreciate Mrs. Baird for getting the exchange students together and bringing them over to the school.



## Snake River Middle School



Parent Teacher Conferences were held on October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. This mid-term conference gave teachers and parents the opportunity to assess where students could make adjustments as needed to successfully complete their first trimester. We will continue to collect data to show individual student growth with standardized testing throughout the year.

The annual Craters of the Moon activity held on October 31<sup>st</sup>, continues to be a fun and educational opportunity to introduce the study of earth's layers in 5<sup>th</sup> grade science classes. Despite the chilly weather, all participants enjoyed the day. 6<sup>th</sup> grade science students completed an argumentative paper using MLA format and citing sources in a bibliography. 5<sup>th</sup> grade students continue to work on their class math objectives. 5<sup>th</sup> grade students started the DARE Program this month.

We wish to thank the bus drivers who have so generously given of their time to come in at the end of each school day and work with individual students in order to help them improve reading skills.

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students honored veterans on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Students watched a power point presentation and participated in activities designed around the history and importance of this national holiday. Each student has been given the opportunity to participate in the fluoride sealant program. Notes explaining the programs qualification and benefits were sent home with students. 5<sup>th</sup> grade Colonial Day will be held on November 21<sup>st</sup>. This annual activity allows students to rotate through a variety of classes and activities that are centered on life in Colonial America.

Thanksgiving Break: November 22-26. Students return to school on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup>. The end of the first trimester will be November 29<sup>th</sup>. All students who successfully complete academic requirements for this trimester will participate in an Indoor Field Day Activity. Teacher work day will be November 30<sup>th</sup>. No school for students that day to allow teachers the time to get report cards ready.

Christmas programs are being scheduled. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will present a musical program featuring the band, strings and choir on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade program is planned for December 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. More information will be sent home with students.



## Snake River Jr. High School

October was a productive month here at the Junior High School.

Once again we have been able to create a nice mix of hard work and learning with fun and learning. Things worth mentioning:

- We tried a new student-led conference. It seems people were pleased across the board. It was a good experience for the students who needed to be brave and present both their grades and current projects to their families. Teachers liked not having to be the middle man between the child's grades and the parents. Parents liked the opportunity to really sit and discuss the things their kids spend 8+ hours a day working on. It helped everyone feel accountable for their roles in our student's education.

-We had our annual Halloween dance. It was a hit as usual. There was also a movie in the auditorium or quiet library time for kids who just wanted to lay low. The bulk of the kids seemed to really enjoy themselves in the gym, so a little fun for all!

-This month was the end of our first test run at Project Based Learning projects and the start of our student chosen PBL projects. Each group is to find something they want to learn about and create a project to do so. Some chose a current problem they could see (like lack of holiday decor in the school) or something they just wanted to learn more about (like running a business) and now are tackling that. The decoration students started right away making seasonal decor for the halls. And the other group has figured out what it takes to run the concession stand and started running it for games. We are seeing the students gain great skills from this type of learning.... ownership, organization, desire to learn, kids using their open mindset thinking and making plan b or c to get the job done, etc. It is fun to see the things they are all coming up with.

-Sports: Our 7th and 8th grade girls are currently in basketball season and having a great time with great coaches. Their season comes to an end Friday Dec 8th. We will keep you updated on how they do. And our boys basketball tryouts will be Dec 11<sup>th</sup>.



## Snake River High School



Snake River High School has had a very exciting and rewarding season with our fall sports!!

Our Cross Country teams placed 4th at the State Meet and came away as the State Academic Champions. Our Boys Soccer team was the District Champions and came home with the 3<sup>rd</sup> place hardware from the State Tournament. The Girls Volleyball team won Districts and was able to travel north to compete in the State Tournament. Our Football team will be playing this Saturday in Holt Arena in Pocatello at Noon. They will be playing Fruitland for the Championship. We will be having a community send off with all the bells and whistles as they travel Highway 39 to the freeway entrance. We would love the community to join in along the route to help send our boys off and especially to come watch the game in Pocatello. SRHS will be having a Pep assembly on Thursday afternoon to help rally the students for the big game but also to introduce our winter sports teams. CONGRATULATIONS!



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