



Highlights

On Wednesday, December 17, 2014, the board highlighted:

Moreland Elementary

The past month has been full of excitement and learning at Moreland. First grade students were visited by Grandma Grizzly, better known in the community as Natalie Bergevin. She brought furs, leather stitched clothing, and bead work. She taught the kids about trappers and early American Indians and their need to hunt or trap food, how they used the furs for trading and for warmth in the winter, and how they beaded on their clothing and made necklaces from beads sewn on leather. The kids were excited to see and touch the furs as well as learn of the living and survival techniques of these early people.



Pre-school at Moreland is full of learning and fun. Students in our pre-school have individual learning goals as well as Kindergarten readiness skills goals such as: learning letter names, colors, shapes, counting, how to retell a story, how to identify their name, learning to stand in line and wait their turn. The pre-school staff is dedicated to their work and show love and kindness in their assisting of the students in their learning. They are a great asset in helping these students be successful in their future years of school.



Another event at Moreland was the Book Fair sponsored by our librarian, Susan Otterstrom. During the week of Parent Teacher Conferences, the books were displayed for the students to view. Then as the parents came for conferences, they could see the books at all reading levels and determine what was best for their children. Mrs. Otterstrom was still assisting parent purchases up to the last minute of Parent Teacher Conferences. It was a successful and worthwhile event!



I want to take a minute to share with the Board my deep appreciation for the opportunity to work in such a great community with an amazing, hardworking and supportive staff. Thank you.

Riverside Elementary

We appreciate our PTA for buying us a new Christmas tree this year! To help get in the holiday mood, the PTA also provided each student with an ornament to make and place on the tree. The students also enjoyed the Christmas program the Snake River Chamber Singers performed for us. Mrs. Townsend was a good sport as they decorated her like a Christmas tree and sang to her.

Our teachers decided that instead of taking away a lot of class time preparing for a Christmas program, they would rather use that time to help students meet their learning goals. They have also decided to create Christmas rotations, and we will have an all-school sing-along the afternoon of the December 22nd.

Each teacher received a laptop, thanks to our generous PTA. What a great gift! We wish to thank our School Board and patrons for all their support this past year and hope you have a Merry Christmas!



Rockford Elementary

The High School orchestra came and presented a wonderful half hour of music. The students enjoyed hearing and learning about the different instruments. We appreciate the High School students sharing their great talents with us.

On Veterans' Day, Mr. Reed Morrell came and spoke to the students. He talked about his many years of service in the army. He had a very interesting career. The students also sang a song that they had learned in choir with Mrs. Winder. She does a terrific job and we are so grateful to have her in our school.



Snake River Middle School

The 5th grade Colonial Day was held November 25. Students enjoy this social studies activity every year. We would like to thank the local Farm Bureau for their presentation on the wheat industry. The students always enjoy grinding wheat to make pancakes, writing with quill and ink, and an old-fashioned game of marbles.

Mrs. Louise Harrington shared the importance of hand washing and how it stops the spread of germs to all 5th and 6th graders. Bingham Memorial Hospital donated a sample bottle of hand sanitizer to each student. We want to thank them for this service.

The SRMS Chamber Singers presented their Christmas concert on December 9th. The students joined in a sing-a-long of the familiar classic, "Jingle Bells." The 6th grade students presented a combined band, strings, and choir concert, "Christmas Extravaganza," on December 11th. Students were able to share their musical talents with those in attendance. The 5th grade will present the Christmas play, "Santa Can't Face Christmas," on December 17th and 18th. Dress rehearsal will be at 9:30 and a main performance at 1:30 on both days. Wednesday: Cast A will include students from Mrs. Simmons', Mrs. VanOrden's, and Mrs. Munson's classes. Thursday: Cast B will include students from Mrs. Hale's, Mrs. Capson's, and Mrs. Davison's classes.

Donation boxes have been placed in the foyer. We are collecting hats, coats, gloves, shoes, and food to be given to local shelters this holiday season. The 5th and 6th grade Hoop Shoot will be held December 22nd. Both boys and girls participate in this annual event. It is sponsored by the Elks Lodge.

The end of the second nine weeks grading period will end on January 14th. Parent Teacher Conferences will be held January 21st and 22nd, from 4:30 – 7:30.



Snake River Jr. High School

On November 19, the Junior High participated in the lottery ticket scratch off. Scott Wood, Laura Gabrylczyk, and Vickie Brown earned \$181.00 for our school! On November 17, the Junior High orchestra concert was great! It was held at the High School with the new sound shell.

Mrs. Thompson's Young Living Classes have been participating in a Money Management Unit. The University of Idaho Extension office in Blackfoot taught a "Welcome to the Real World" class to over a hundred of her students. The culmination of Mrs. Thompson's unit resulted in a market day where the students organized a business with a slogan and logo. They had a market day where other students bought products, game time, nail painting or food from the student businesses. The last day of the trimester the students were able to use their money at an auction. Lots of fun!!

National and State AmeriCorps Leaders visited our school. They gave our program a High Performance Status. We are 1st out of 26 in the Nation!!

Last, but definitely not least, the 7th and 8th grade girls basketball teams just went to districts last week in Bear Lake. The 7th graders placed 2nd and the 8th grade won 1st place!! Congratulations!!



Snake River High School

Charity Week and Auction

Snake River is donating money to help families at Christmas this year. We hosted a very successful Penny Wars competition. The Charity Auction was held on the 11th and raised about \$7,000. Donations ranged from teacher's parking spots to Jazz Game tickets to being Principal for a day.

Girls Basketball

Girls Basketball has started off well. The Varsity team is comprised of Sara Goodwin, Ivy Goff, Jetta Goff, Maysa Gilbert, Alyssa Crumley, Jessica Adams, Maegan Peace, Josey Carter, Sari Steadman, Sierra Mortensen, and Ashtyn Martin. They hosted Sugar Salem tonight.

Wrestling

Wrestling season has begun. The first match was at home on the 11th against Highland and American Falls. On December 16th, there was an away match at Sugar Salem.

Boys Basketball

Boys Basketball has also started its season. The Varsity Team consists of Klay Keller, Sean Miller, Dakota Gilbert, Kayl Williams, Jaden Poulter, Clancy Thomas, Tyler Coombs, Luke Albertson, Kade Watt, and Cole Hrabik. They played tonight in Kimberly.

Dance Team Wins First Place

The Dance Team has placed exceptionally well at the 2014 Western States Dance Competition. Their first dance competition resulted in a first place title. Congratulations!

Snake River /Blackfoot Join Forces

Snake River and Blackfoot High School student government leaders and students met this week to discuss possible joint community service projects involving students from both schools. It was a very productive meeting between the two schools.

