



Highlights

On Tuesday, February 18, 2014, the board highlighted:

Snake River Dental Sealant Project Does \$42,500 Worth of Preventative Dental Services!!!

Snake River School District participated in a collaborative effort with the Southeastern Idaho Public Health Department, the Idaho State University Dental Hygiene Department, and Dr. John Burtenshaw to provide student screening and needed preventative dental services. Students needed to have signed parental permission in order to receive dental sealants and adjunct preventative services. Over the course of almost three months (September through December, 2013), 838 kindergarten through sixth grade students were screened and provided needed preventative dental services. Of the 838 screened students, 330 were identified as needing dental sealants on their permanent molars/premolar teeth. This was a 40% identified sealant need. The actual number receiving sealants and other preventative services was 145 or 44% of the 330. Total number of sealants actually placed was 734. This equates to \$27,158.00 worth of services. When you include the 82 prophylaxis provided, this service was worth \$4,100.00; the fluoride varnish service provided (145) was \$3,915.00 and the brief assessment services were worth \$7,250.00. **All told, Snake River School District families received almost \$42,500.00 worth of preventative dental services!**

Moreland Elementary

February is flying by. Students and teachers are focused on learning. Students are loving the computer lab. They practice weekly on typing and writing skills. They are producing sentences that assess standards at their grade level. Kindergarten students are required to use a capital letter to start their sentence, form a complete sentence and end with correct punctuation. By the end of the year, the standard for kindergarten students is to form three correct sentences. First grade students are also completing sentences using correct sentence structure, descriptive words to strengthen their writing, and using digital tools to publish their writing. Thank you for the new lab that allows us to meet the needs of the common core standards for our students.



Students using the Computer Lab

Moreland Elementary recognizes that every student is a Super Star Student. Each student adds a piece of goodness to our school in the kind things they do, or the hard work they put forth in their education. This is why we have our Super Star Student recognition assemblies. We held a recognition assembly on February 3rd. Parents were invited to celebrate with us. Our cooks add to the celebration by providing cookies for the visitors and the students that were “celebrated” that day.



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Our librarian, Mrs. Otterstrom, hosted a valentine estimation activity which correlates with our math core standards. Students, parents, and staff had the opportunity to “estimate how many” valentine candies were in the jar. Mrs. O had 4 different jars with different numbers of candies inside. Everyone had a great time estimating. The winners of the estimation received the candy from the jar ☺

First grade students have been practicing for their patriotic program which will be held on February 25th and 26th. Songs were assigned to each first grade classroom at the beginning of the year. Each morning along with the Pledge of Allegiance, the students practice their song. Teachers have worked on utilizing every teaching minute in the most productive way. In choosing to teach the songs each morning, very little time has been taken from teaching time to prepare a program. I applaud their efforts in making that change!

Staff and students have been planning for and talking through procedures for a lock down at Moreland. Notes have been sent home to parents notifying them of our practice lock down drill which will be February 27th. We practiced once on February 12th with just the administrator clearing rooms. The students and staff were prepared and the practice was beneficial.

Highlights (2)

Superintendent Gabrylczyk named Idaho Education Technology Association's Administrator of the Year!

The Idaho Education Technology Association named Superintendent Mark Gabrylczyk their 2014 "Administrator of the Year" for his efforts to promote and sustain technology in education. This includes his support for acquiring new technology hardware and software in the classrooms; by transitioning to Google Apps for Education; his support for things like blended learning and the Idaho Digital Learning Academy classes; and his innovative use of distant learning for a dual credit drafting class. They were impressed that Mark believes that it's not just about technology but that it is about the learning. Technology is simply the tool to improve learning. The IETA noted that Mark understands that schools can't ignore the fact that students use technology at every level of their daily lives so teachers should embrace the opportunity to reach them, to teach them, through technology.

Riverside Elementary

The Riverside Elementary 3rd grade presented their annual Patriotic Program "The Pride of our Country." Every year in February, our school focuses on the character traits of patriotism and citizenship in celebration of Presidents' Day. This year's program was especially well done and we would like to acknowledge the effort that was put into the program by students and teachers alike.

Another February tradition is Presidential Trivia each morning. Classes are challenged to find answers to interesting questions about

President Washington and President Lincoln. They then have to be a certain number of caller to the office. Each day, the winning class receives a treat from the office.

Students are working hard, especially in Math. Riverside will be honoring students who have mastered their timed math facts with a pizza lunch with the principal.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are this week. We are excited to meet again with parents about the needs of their students.



Rockford Elementary

January went by very quickly because we were working hard. We had McTeacher night at McDonalds on January 23rd. There had a wonderful turnout from the student body and their parents. We so appreciate the parents' support and McDonald's for allowing us the opportunity to do that fund raiser. We are still trying to decide what the money will be used for in the next few months but will keep you posted.

Snake River Middle School

Students who achieved their second nine week reading goal participated in an indoor activity which consisted of three events: dodge ball, interactive games, and board games with nachos. A fun time was had by all.

We want to thank all who supported McTeacher Night at McDonalds on February 6th. Despite the bitter cold temperature, it was a huge success with our school earning \$452.00 split between the percentage of sales and donated tips.

The Morning News "Design an Ad" program awarded over twenty SRMS students with a \$10.00 gift cards in this annual event. We congratulate the winners on a job well done.

The 5th grade students are currently playing dodge ball for intramurals. The games are played as part of our physical education program. We are always incorporating sportsmanship and fair play as part of "Character Counts."

Sixth grader, Tracen Mangum, is the recipient of the Prudential Spirit of Community Award for his work at the Blackfoot Animal Shelter. We would like to congratulate him.

The 5th and 6th grade students are wrapping up their Invent Idaho Projects for the S.E. "Invent Idaho" Convention on March 7th. Schools from Pocatello, Blackfoot, Snake River, and the White Pine Charter School will be competing for Best of Show, as well as, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in five different categories: Jules Verne, Working Models, Non-working Models, Adaptations, and Games. A public viewing will be February 28th from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the SRHS cafeteria. The awards ceremony will be from 6:30 to 7:00 with projects being removed at 7:00. Everyone is invited to see our student's achievements.

Teachers will participate in a training session on Star Reading and Accelerated Math on March 3rd. These programs will be used as bench mark programs for reading and math in our school.



Highlights (3)

Snake River Jr. High School

Snake River Jr. High students were able to ski at Pebble Creek last Thursday. Students that qualified for this Renaissance activity by not having any unexcused absences or a failing grade were able to take advantage of the ski slopes. There was a small fee for students to use the facilities. The price for students to ski or snowboard was \$17 with rental and lift ticket. Also, Pebble Creek provided students with their first ski lesson for free. It was a great opportunity for them to understand and explore the environment around them.

John Mangum, an eighth-grader at Snake River Junior High School was named one of Idaho's top two youth volunteers of 2014 by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism. John was nominated by Snake River Junior High School in Blackfoot. The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, now in its 19th year, is conducted by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). John and his brother, Tracen, volunteer at a local animal shelter and created a Facebook page to promote pet adoptions, which resulted in a sharp decline in the number of dogs and cats euthanized at the facility. As one of the State Honorees, John will receive \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion and an all-expense-paid trip in early May to Washington, D.C., where they will join the top two honorees from each of the other states and the District of Columbia for four days of national recognition events. During the trip, 10 students will be named America's top youth volunteers of 2014.

Snake River School/Community Library

Family Night at the Library continues to bring in new people to learn more about library services. Library trivia is always a popular activity, with winners receiving a Kindle Fire. Adults and students are eligible to participate and last time, students were the winners. This month, Latonne McWherter, a frequent library patron, was thrilled to be the winner.

We are participating in year two of the Maker Space project sponsored by the Idaho Commission for Libraries. The Library staff is looking for more ways to help community members view the library as a community center and a learning resource.



Amber Anderton is one of the many patrons who uses the "Cricut" to create school and personal projects.



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Snake River Special Olympics

The Snake River Special Olympics team attended the Regional winter competition on Friday, February 14 in Sun Valley, Idaho. Victoria Otterstrom represented Snake River High School on that team. The team of 5 athletes came away from Sun Valley with a total of nine 1st place ribbons and a 2nd Place and one 3rd place. Victoria earned two of the first place ribbons in her individual events of the 50 meter and 100 meter snowshoe race. The relay team

of Victoria along with Ryson Hughes, Kasie Nebeker, and Laura Snooks from Blackfoot took 1st place in the 4 x 100m snowshoe relay. They will go on to compete again at the State competition on February 28 and March 1. This competition is also in Sun Valley.

Victoria has also been selected to go to New Jersey to represent Idaho on the Track and Field team for the National Games in June. She will be competing in three different track events. Accompanying her on the trip will be Gaydena Smith. Gaydena will be serving as the aquatics coach for Team Idaho.



Victoria Otterstrom in Snowshoe Race



Victoria on the podium with Relay Team

Bingham County Youth Coalition

Sixteen Snake River High School students who are members of the Bingham County Youth Coalition traveled with their counterparts from other area schools to a Utah Crime Prevention Conference near Salt Lake City, Utah. They will make a presentation at the February Board meeting. Their teacher, Nate Tracy, said the conference was a really good one. There were several breakout sessions covering topics such as: distracted driving, substance abuse, the power of one, and social media. The students learned a lot and he recommended the district continue to support the Bingham County Youth Coalition.