



Highlights

On Wednesday, May 21, 2014, the board highlighted:

Rockford Elementary

We had a busy month of April with all of our visitors. We started out with the Distinguished Young Women of 2013. They did a wonderful job. They shared their talents with our students and explained how the students could be their best selves.

We also had Obert Skye come and present to the children. He does a wonderful job of encouraging the students to read and write books.

We had a visit from Claudia Tremmeling. She is a representative from Idaho Power. She showed the students how the dams work and how the salmon go out to the ocean and come back.



On the 24th of April, in honor of Arbor day, Kerry Christiansen, came and talked to the students about trees in Idaho. She had some interesting statistics and she gave each student a tree to take home and plant.

We would love to invite everyone to come to our Idaho History Program on May 21st and 22nd. It goes through all the things that the students learn about Idaho throughout the 4th grade year.

Snake River High School and Jr. High School Orchestras

High School:

SRHS orchestra participated with "Music in the Parks" Saturday, May 10, 2014 and brought home a 1st place trophy. Monday, May 19th attended a clinic at BYU-I. When we arrived at the campus we had a guided tour of the performing arts, visual arts and BYUI Centers. We then observed Dr. Tueller and the Symphony Orchestra rehearse for an hour to get a feel for a college level orchestra. After that we met with Dr. Dallin Hansen for an hour of hands on clinic. The students performed for Dr. Hansen and he worked with them to improve their tone and musicianship. It was very valuable both in improved skills as an orchestra and vision for the future. (Fun sidenote that Makenzie Hudson an SR alumni was part of the orchestra at BYU).



Jr. High School:

Tuesday, May 13, 2014 Twenty four Jr. High Orchestra students attended an awesome clinic offered by the faculty at ISU. We spent 3 hours with Dr. Harville, the director of the Civic Symphony and the cello, bass and violin teachers. The students were *very* attentive and loved learning from master teachers. We had sectionals and group time that has made a wonderful difference in their energy, dedication and tone since then. After lunch we were able to tour the Steven's performing arts center which was an amazing science lesson in acoustics as they were taught about "reverb." It was by far the most valuable clinic I have ever attended.



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Moreland Elementary

Wow! This month is zooming by with all the excitement of year end events. We started off the month with our Fitness Fun Day. Students were given pamphlets, encouraging them to make healthy food choices and stay active. They could earn points for nutritious foods and exercise activity times. We held an outside fitness activity and invited any parents or family who wanted to attend. Students ended the event by “Sweetening” up the principal. They build an ice cream Sunday on Mrs. Reynolds.

In our desire to reach out to our community, the Kindergarten team planned an information meeting and 38 invitations were sent to daycare providers and local preschools. The Kindergarten team, along with our preschool teacher, Mrs. Bingham, and our Special Education Teacher, Mrs. VanOrden, was available for questions about student readiness skills or possible cognitive development concerns. We shared several ideas of skills that would benefit incoming kindergarten students. Packets were created and handed out to those attending.

Our developmentally delayed preschool attended an adventure at the zoo. Many of our students had never seen any live animals besides dogs and cats. It was an exciting learning experience for them. We are pleased to be able to give them experiences they may otherwise never get.



Other year end events are planned. First grade is planning a field trip to the zoo combined with an outdoor field day. Kindergarten has planned its annual Adventure Day with help from our outstanding community supporters. We are excited to present an extended Kindergarten day to the board, knowing that in this competitive educational world, along with the rigorous common core standards, our students need more exposure to the curriculum to solidify the foundational concepts. We are also excited to start our first grade teacher led intervention block next year. So many good things to work on during our summer months in order to start prepared for a new and engaging year.



Riverside Elementary

The school year is quickly coming to a close! Riverside Students have done a lot of testing in April and May. All of our 3rd grade students completed the SBAC tests and all of the 2nd and 3rd grade students completed the IRI's and math computation screeners.

The second grade students went on a field trip to the Tautphaus Park Zoo and also to the lava flow nature walk at the rest area on I-15. Many parents joined their students as they enjoyed these educational activities. We appreciate the PTA for funding the buses so our students can enjoy these field trips.

The third grade has a field trip planned for May 21st. They'll travel to BYU-I where they will visit the Planetarium, museums, and greenhouses.

On May 22nd Riverside students and their parents are invited to come to a maple bar breakfast. They will meet in the teachers' rooms to receive tips and ideas on how to stop the “summer slide.”



Our library is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair this week. The Snake River Library Board has made it possible for each student to come to the Book Fair and pick out a book free of charge to keep. They are encouraging literacy during the summer months.

Riverside 2nd grade was treated to a display of Native American dancing. Students from Sho Ban High School sang, danced, and played a native flute, dressed in their colorful costumes. It was a great opportunity for our students to be exposed to Native American culture here in Idaho.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank the school board and our patrons for all their support as we do our best to save the world.

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Snake River Middle School

We completed SBAC Testing in April. This was a pilot test and a valuable learning experience. We appreciate the hard work and dedication of both students and staff.

Mr. Tracy and the Peer Helpers presented an assembly for the 5th and 6th grade on the effects of vandalism. Students in attendance signed a pledge banner to be vandal free.

D.A.R.E. Graduation was held on May 9, 2014 at the SRMS gym. The 5th grade students received a certificate of completion. We would like to congratulate all students on this accomplishment. The following essay winners read their speeches: Tate Curzon, Madison Albaugh, Abby Perschon, Maddie Parks, and Mary Anderson. The students are to be commended on their behavior and attentiveness.

May 14, 2014 was D.A.R.E. Day. The 5th grade students from Bingham County met at the E.I.S.F for a culmination activity as a reward for completing the D.A.R.E. instructional program.

The 6th grade students participated in an on-line registration/orientation at the Jr. High in April for the 2014-2015 school year.

Mr. Brady will hold an end of the year band concert for 6 - 12 grades on May 21st at 7:00 at the SRHS. It is sure to be a treat for all in attendance.

Mrs. Winder will hold a strings concert on May 22, 2014. It will be at 6:00 in the SRHS auditorium. Plan to attend and support this great program.

Sixth graders are completing projects in Math, Language Arts, and Social Studies. Math students are building toothpick bridges in cooperative learning groups. They will be breaking the bridges through stress testing to ascertain how much weight they can withstand on May 22nd during the school day. Language Arts students are writing/journaling a scrapbook entitled "Life is a Blast – All About Me" that includes personal narrative writing about their lives, interests, and goals. Social Studies students are creating Altered Books about several Latin American Countries. Each country's information is designed by using each student's creative skills.

The end of the year SRMS Talent Show for 5th and 6th grade will be held on May 28, 2013. The 5th grade will present at 9:00 in the morning and the 6th grade at 2:30 in the afternoon. Families are invited to attend.

We will finish the year with Outdoor Field Day on May 27th and the AR Goal Activity on May 29th. We hope you have a great summer!



5th grade students
attending D.A.R.E. day May 14th



Snake River School/Community Library

Our family night on April 28, 2014 was a great success! We kicked off our summer reading theme of "Fizz Boom Read" for the younger folks and "Spark a Reaction" for the tweens and teen. We had experiments and hands-on for the children to do. We learned why popcorn pops and how to make elephant tooth paste. The Beau and Jamie Thomas Family won the family trivia and got a kindle.

We are really excited about our Summer Reading Program. June 3 is the first day of Summer Reading. The library will have four sessions a week for everyone to choose from. Students can choose to come on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. and, if that doesn't work, they can come on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. Those who are 12 and older may come on Wednesday nights at 5:00 p.m. to and 7:00 p.m.

We also had our Mother/Daughter Book Group, we read Ulysses and Flora. We started a Needle Tatting class for adults and will have it on demand.

Our Miss Kim Jones has been in Boise learning more about Maker Space and training how to program the circuits for small robots. We have also had Cody Marshall coming in during noon hour and teaching about Arduino circuits.

The Library Board also gave each student a ten dollar credit to be used to buy their own book at the book fair in Riverside! We hope to see everyone at the Library this summer, don't forget the summer hours start June 2, 2014, Monday - Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

