



Highlights

On Wednesday, September 18, 2013, the board highlighted:



Moreland Elementary

Harry Wong, in his book, *The First Days of School* states, “What you do on the first days of school will determine your success or failure for the rest of the year.” At Moreland, our staff knows that statement to be true. We spend the first week or so getting procedures in place so that the rest of the year we can focus on learning.

Kindergarten students have learned the procedure for sitting on their pockets during teacher instructions, the acceptable way of asking questions, library check-out, getting back packs loaded and lined up to be picked up, or catch the bus. First graders are practicing walking in the halls, playground safety rules, appropriate classroom behaviors, lunch procedures and lunch manners.



Student screeners have been given, data disaggregated and interventions have started in the classrooms for student success. Academic achievement, implementing core standards, and assessment are topics of every professional learning community. The grade level teams have been working on standards based report cards, and will have a draft ready for the first parent teacher conference in November. We have started the year with ENGAGEMENT IN LEARNING... engagement for students and engagement for staff.

Rockford Elementary

We had a wonderful “Back to School” afternoon on August 15th. Many of the students came with their parents and it was very enjoyable to meet them all. We have had our noses to the grindstone relearning old concepts and starting on new ones.

We have some new faces at our school this year. They are Tamara Powell (library), Suanne Matthews (Title I Aide), Mona Knoll (LEP Aide) and someone we are very glad to have back, Mrs. Janae VanOrden (4th grade teacher). We are all looking forward to a great school year!

Riverside Elementary

We, at Riverside Elementary, are working hard and getting into the routine of school. We are happy to welcome Karla Twiggs from the Junior High as a 3rd grade teacher, Jenni Stratton as a new 2nd grade teacher, and Cheryl King as a sign language interpreter.

Riverside Elementary is a 4-Star school. We recently completed our IRI testing and will be using this data to help meet individual student needs.

We are very grateful for our cart of Chrome Books. They will be a great resource for teachers and students at our school.

Our PTA is busy getting organized and planning things for our students and teachers. The 4th annual “Run for Riverside” is the PTA’s fundraiser and it will be held in October. This has proven to be a fun and successful fundraiser for our school. With those funds these past 3 years, we’ve purchased classroom desks and chairs, books for the library and we have been able to send our students on educational field trips. We sure appreciate our PTA!

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Snake River Middle School

Mrs. Bingham, from Washington Federal, presented a savings program to the 5th and 6th grade. She used a glass case containing \$500 as a reminder of the importance of saving now for those things we will want or need in the future. She will be in our building every Wednesday morning to help students set up or deposit money in their individual accounts.

We celebrated Homecoming Week with the high school.

Tuesday: CRAZY HAT DAY

Wednesday: RED, WHITE, AND BLUE DAY

Thursday: PURPLE DAY

We have received Google Chrome Books for use in both 5th and 6th grades. The Google Chrome Books are to be used to supplement the keyboarding classes, as well as, provide us with a mobile computer lab.

Harvest vacation is September 23rd – October 6th. When students return on Monday, October 7th, they should be at 60% of their goal for this nine weeks grading period. We would like to encourage our students to read over harvest break. This is a great time to move ahead on both reading and math goals. We are just getting our AR program up and running and want our students to continue to progress on their reading skills. We also want to remind them to work on their IXL math.

The D.A.R.E. Program will begin in October for all 5th graders.

We would like to remind parents to quickly sign and return all school forms. Each student/parent received a letter containing their access number for the Power School Grade Program. This program is designed to allow parents and students to check grades and catch any late or missing assignments. Students also received a user name and password for the IXL Math Program and Renaissance Home Connect Independent Reading Program.

Snake River School/Community Library

Family Night at the Library is held three or four times a year. Last week Chelsea Sorenson and Lizzie Wada were the big winners of the Teachers vs. Students Trivia contest. Students enjoyed fun crafts and treats courtesy of the library board, organized by Rachel Grimmett, Emily Perkes and the rest of the library staff. Special thanks to Merlin Morgan for providing and driving his horse drawn wagon and giving families a ride around the campus on Family Night. The next Family Night will be November 11th. We are planning some fun Veterans Day Activities.

The library also has digital books available for checkout on your personal electronic devices. Download the 3M Cloud Library or One Click Digital Apps. If you have any questions, call or email the library.



Snake River Fine Arts

The Snake River Fine Arts Association is bringing in another top-notch musical artist again this fall as part of their fund-raising efforts for the music programs in our district. Alex Boye (renowned pop-vocalist) will be gracing the stage at SRHS on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. We are in the process of putting together his back-up choir - what a wonderful opportunity for students to be able to be on stage with him. Get your tickets soon - 684-5269 - for wonderful entertainment for a GREAT cause.

Snake River Fine Arts

Auditions for our bi-annual Christmas musical, "Scrooge - A Musical Christmas Carol" will be held after Harvest Break – Wednesday, Oct. 9th after school and Saturday, Oct. 12th at 9 a.m.

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Snake River High School



Welcome Back To Learning

Our English department is off to a kicking start trying a few new things. They've also been working hard on aligning their curriculum. Our art department is enjoying developing their artistic abilities and Mr. Coles loves to boast about the good scores our students received on the AP Exams taken last year. Science has been very exciting and educational with all of the labs and experiments in Physical Science A and Anatomy and Physiology.



Choir Warms Their Vocal Chords

The choir students have been preparing for Broadway Nights and that will take place on September 17th. The chamber singers are very excited to broadcast their talents and are having fun preparing new and challenging songs. They are also getting ready for their concert on October 23rd. This concert is free and the kids really want the support of their peers.

Marching Towards Success

Not only are the choir students enjoying the beginning of the new school year, but so are our band students! The marching band performed at the first football game of the season and did a fantastic job! Mr. Brady appointed Dezarae Sommercorn as the conductor of the marching band. They are always keeping themselves busy with learning new routines and new music.

Kicking Off

Recently our fall sports have kicked off with Cross Country, Football, as well as boys and girls Soccer. Each team is working hard in efforts to work their way up the food chain and get to state.

Homecoming Festivities

Homecoming week was also a part of Snake River's recent festivities. Monday was Pajama Day, for activities the school had intramurals between faculty and students. Tuesday was Biker or Hip Hop day with the Poker Run. Wednesday was twin day, which you will see in the picture to the right with Junior Maycee Polatis and Senior Ciara VanOrden. The activity was Girl's Powder Puff. Thursday was decade day; Seniors had the 90's, Juniors with the 80's, Sophomores had the 70's and of course Freshmen with the 60's. The big event for Thursday was the Bonfire filled with tons of school spirit. The big Football game was Friday with the girls in beautiful dresses and the boys in their tuxes and Football uniforms. Homecoming nominees for Junior boys were the handsome, Noah Parks, Branden Hansen, and Robin Jensen. Beautiful Junior girl nominees were Phylcia Lee, Kaeley Shawver, and Josey Carter. Senior boys were, Chris Stone, Cody Lilya, and Sam Murdock. The stunning senior girls were Kara Polatis, Annie Albertson, and Makenna Shelley.



Snake River Jr. High School

Braden Mangum, 8th grader at Snake River Jr. High and his younger brother Tracen, a 6th grader at Snake River Middle School, started a project called, "Braden and Tracen Project Save a Pet." Both of the brothers are animal lovers. It started out when they were seeking to find a pet that they could adopt that would best fit their family. It turned into going to the Shelter two to three times a week. It became clear to the boys that there were so many dogs and cats that need a home. They started a project to help by grooming the pets, socializing with them, training them and helping to maintain the pet play area. This play area provides the animals with a place to exercise and to interact with their potential new families. The boys were given a camera to use each time they came in to photograph the dogs while they were playing. These photographs were then placed on the animal shelter's FaceBook page so the public could see that the dogs were kid-friendly and so people could view the different types of dogs available. Since the FaceBook page was created, the number of dogs and cats that were euthanized went from 800 down to 35. That number is still too high. The boys' mission is to go one step further and try to minimize that number. They plan to go further in their efforts to reach the public and get more volunteers to help out at the local animal shelter. Braden and Tracen were sponsored by Mayor Mike Virture and the Police Department and Animal Shelter in a contest competing with 200 kids across America and they were given the 2013 Summer of Service Award along with \$1,000 towards their project. Channel 8 News is interested in doing a story about their project and they will be recognized for their hours of service and efforts toward increasing the number of animals that have been adopted out of the shelter. The \$1000 they won will go towards improving the animal shelter. The boys are hoping for further community donations.

Snake River Jr. High School's/Blackfoot Community Center's After School Program (w/AmeriCorp Grant)

With the Americorp Grant, a free afterschool program was started on September 3rd at the Jr. High School under the direction of the Blackfoot Community Center. The program is called "S.M.A.S.H." which stands for "Students Mastering & Achieving Superior Heights." The after-school program runs from 4:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and is more focused on grades 5-8. The "S.M.A.S.H." Harvest Break program will be provided at the Jr. High from September 23rd through October 4th from Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to noon. This program will be open to K-12 grade students.