



# Highlights

On Wednesday, April 18, 2012, the board highlighted:

## ROCKFORD ELEMENTARY

March truly “marched” by quickly! It was a very busy and fun month at Rockford. The Distinguished Young Women came on the 13th and talked to the students about being their best selves. We enjoy the talents that they shared and their words of wisdom. Thank you girls!



Natalie Bergevin came on the 14th and talked to the students about Indians. She showed them the clothing that the Indians wore and many other items. She did a wonderful job and we appreciate her coming and sharing with our students.

Then on March 26th, Claudia from Idaho Power came and talked to the students about fish in Idaho. She does a wonderful job every year and we are glad for this wonderful resource from our community.

On March 21st we had "Reading with Relatives". The students and their relatives read for about 45 minutes from books that were provided by a grant that Sherrilynn Bair from the community library wrote. The community library also paid for the shipping of those books. We appreciate Sherrilynn's help and support with this worthwhile activity.

## RIVERSIDE ELEMENTARY



Our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students helped kick-off Spring with their program which was called Spring Celebration. The whole 3<sup>rd</sup> grade played the recorders together for one song and then each class presented another song, woven together by a script describing the fun things they could do in the Spring. For the closing number, the entire audience stood and joined the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students as they sang two verses of the Star Spangled Banner. We appreciate the enthusiasm and hard work displayed by the students and their teachers.

Riverside Elementary recently had the opportunity of having the Farm Bureau come and present “Ag in the

Classroom.” The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students got to learn about wheat. Then they got to grind some wheat and make pancakes which were enjoyed by all. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students learned about cows and dairy products. They got to pretend “milk” the real-looking Holstein cow. Then each student received a little cup of cream which they shook until it turned to butter, which they were able to spread on a cracker and eat it! The Ag in the Classroom was not only educational, but very enjoyable!



Our student body was recently issued a challenge by Mr. Salmon to go without watching TV or playing video games for 10 days. The challenge is called “Regain Your Brain.” The students were warned that not watching TV or playing video or computer games has been linked to clearer minds, creativity, and quality family time. We are preparing to start the ISAT testing and we want our students to be as sharp as possible!

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### Moreland Elementary

Spring means Easter time! Students at Moreland enjoyed Spring activities and the traditional Kindergarten Easter Egg Hunt. Kids were told they could find 12 eggs, and then they had to let others gather eggs so that everyone had the same amount. They practiced counting with the teacher to ensure all students received the “dozen” eggs.



“Race to the top of READING!” “Race to the top WALK-A-THON for Healthy Minds and Bodies.” These are the two themes running through our school for the next few weeks in preparation for the IRI and our school Walk-a-thon fund raiser. We are excited to challenge each child to **race against themselves** to improve their scores in reading and improve their physical health. Throughout the coming weeks, we will add incentive posters around the school to encourage students to **keep trying** to improve their scores and make healthy choices for their minds and bodies. Students are working to meet the state requirement of 70% proficiency. If this goal is met, they will be rewarded with movie time to watch Cars II (while teachers meet to make transitions for students from Kindergarten to 1<sup>st</sup> grade) Students were racing roller racers today at our “kick-off” assembly to encourage students to race against themselves for improvement to reach the goal. They were encouraged to cheer each other on for success. BOY can they cheer!!! We are excited to see the outcome of their efforts.



### Snake River Middle School

The month of April brings ISAT testing. We will be testing from April 10<sup>th</sup> through May 10<sup>th</sup>. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade just finished the Science test. All students will be tested on skills in reading, language arts, and math.

The annual Lion’s Club Essay Contest was held in March. The theme was centered on how students would best be able to help their country in time of need or disaster. Students received a monetary award of \$25, \$15, and \$10 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place respectively. The 1<sup>st</sup> place essays will advance to the state level competition.

The annual Snake River Middle School 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade “Spelling Bee” was held on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to our winners and a special thank you to all participants for a job well done.



Lion’s Essay Winners: 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
1<sup>st</sup> place – Sarah Wright  
2<sup>nd</sup> place – Onika Hansen  
3<sup>rd</sup> place – Fienna Mecham.



Lion’s Essay Winners: 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
2<sup>nd</sup> place - Carly Rowe  
3<sup>rd</sup>... Brianna Rose  
1<sup>st</sup>...Zach Byington



Spelling Bee Winners: 5th Grade  
(R) Jordyn Jensen 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
(L) Bailey Sensenbach 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
(Missing) Caleb McBride, 1<sup>st</sup> place



Spelling Bee Winners: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Alysson Porter 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
Paige Williams 1<sup>st</sup> place  
Alex VanOrden 2<sup>nd</sup> place

The local District PTA Reflection winners in the Visual Arts category are:  
Rayce Shelley,  
Danielle Phillips,  
Isaac Lund, and  
Katherine Lund.



Central Bingham Conservation District provided an in house field trip for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade science students on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>. They demonstrated water and soil resources that included a model of the Palisades Dam, making soil from candy, and several mini lessons on “Food: From Field to Table.” They are also sponsoring a poster contest under the theme of “Soil to Spoon” that will end on April 19<sup>th</sup>. We would like to thank Farm Bureau and Justin Patten for an informative and enjoyable activity.