



Highlights

On Wednesday, February 22, 2012, the board highlighted:

ROCKFORD ELEMENTARY

We started the new month with the Elks Hoop Shoot. We appreciate so much the PTA and the parent volunteers that help at our school. We definitely couldn't do all these programs for the students without them. The students that won in our school are:



9 year old boys - Kolby Cox 1st place; 10-11 year old boys - Jett Shelley 1st place; (9 Yr. Olds) Jaxon Payne 2nd place; (10 Yr. Olds) Joseph Anderson 2nd place



9 year old girls Haley Madsen 2nd place; - Mya VanOrden 1st place; 10 year old girls - Olivia Kracl 2nd place; Jordyn Gilbert 1st place

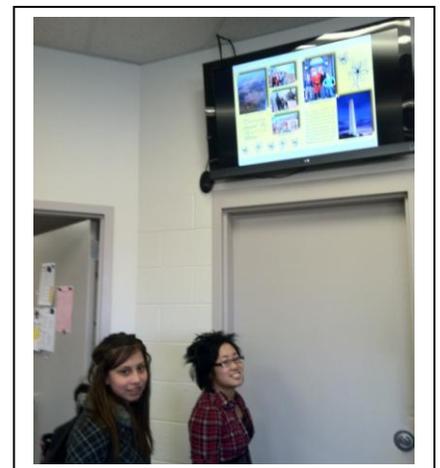
SNAKE RIVER HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Highlights from the band this last month are: January 23--Pepsi announces Snake River Bands as an official recipient of a \$25,000 grant. They placed 7th overall out of 224 total grant proposals nationwide. January 26--Century Link announces Mr. Brady as an official recipient of an \$8,466 grant for technology. The Snake River Band was one of twelve recipients statewide out of 108 applicants. Randy Brady, said "I would also like to add that I am very grateful for the tremendous amount of support that the administration and board have given the band these past few years and that I am excited about the future endeavors of the Snake River band program!"

SNAKE RIVER SCHOOL/COMMUNITY LIBRARY

New monitors have been installed around the school, including the library. The monitors are used to highlight student work, display announcements, and run educational video clips such as book trailers. Lisa VanOrden and Martha Cruz, library student aides, will learn how to manage the computer that runs the monitor.

The library is also working on finding ways to support teachers and students as the new Common Core Standards are implemented. The focus is on more complex texts and expanded use of non-fiction. High school library staff will provide in-service to elementary libraries also.



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RIVERSIDE ELEMENTARY

Several students were honored in a Good Character assembly. Every four weeks, Riverside School focuses on three important areas of good character. The latest focus was on the traits of responsibility, respectfulness, and kindness.



Riverside students are currently competing in the Blackfoot Firefighter Reading Challenge. The students have eagerly accepted the challenge to lay a whoopin' on Blackfoot! The firefighters will come and serve lunch to the winning school. The student who reads the most at each school will be taken to and from school in a fire engine.

As far as professional development in February, teachers were trained in effective strategies for reviewing lessons by our 2nd grade Team Leader, Jill Furniss. Teaching staff will also begin peer observations in each other's classrooms. These observations will be based on elements from Charlotte Danielson's *A Framework for Teaching*.

Nineteen students recently enjoyed a pizza lunch with Mr. Salmon for completing all their math facts and becoming 5-Star Math tutors. Riverside students are also enjoying daily Presidents' Day Trivia challenges during morning announcements.

SNAKE RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Parent Teacher Conferences were held on January 26, 2012.

Character Counts is an ongoing program encouraging students to exhibit these six traits: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.

Students who achieved their second nine week reading goal participated in an indoor field day. Certificates for first, second, and third place were awarded to students who excelled in the standing broad jump, high jump, hoop shoot, as well as several relays. It was a fun day of celebration for a reading goal achievement.

The PTA and teachers are finalizing the annual Math-A-Thon Fund Raiser. We have enjoyed great success in the past. It has allowed us to make major purchases to enhance our school programs. We are encouraging the students to collect their pledges to be turned in by February 21st. We are also working with the Blackfoot McDonalds on a fund raiser. Teachers from both Rockford and the Middle School will be manning stations on February 15th. McDonalds will donate a portion of the profits made back to the schools. We would like to thank all those who helped with these endeavors.

The 5th and 6th grade classes have been playing dodge ball for intramurals. The games are played as part of the physical education program. We also encourage our students to display conduct of sportsmanship and the character traits. Students have also accumulated over 8,000 miles in the Mighty Milers Program

Our enrichment curriculum are grounded with the band and strings program and supplemented with classes on computers, geography, foreign language, art, study skills, and choir.

The Distinguished Young Women will present a program to the 6th grade girls on February 23rd. They always bring a message of "Be Your Best Self."

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MORELAND ELEMENTARY

February is best known at Moreland as the month of sharing... Sharing valentines with friends, classmates and teachers seems to be the highlight. Students were able to make Valentine containers and share treats along with positive sayings which brighten every young child's heart. I heard a high school student state "Valentine's Day was fun in elementary school, everyone felt important and everyone shared valentines."



February has been a month of evaluating data from our winter IRI probe. This is not reported to the state, but is an indicator of progress which the teachers use to better serve the students. Kindergarten has held a group RTI meeting to disaggregate the information and made adjustments to the 4 day kindergarten days offered to at risk students. We have seen some fluid movement of the 4 day kindergarten, where some students are now at grade level and have been exited. We have celebrated that success. Consistency in learning is a great tool to move students forward.



SNAKE RIVER JR. HIGH SCHOOL

The Renaissance Program recognizes and rewards students of Snake River Junior High School for their excellent performance. The students who have excellent attendance, citizenship, grades and those who observe all school rules benefit from the Renaissance Program.

Students at the Snake River Jr. High School had a lot of fun participating in activities during Renaissance Day. They had a beach party for their Renaissance activity. Renaissance is a privilege some of the students get to enjoy. Those who attended dressed up in their beach attire and enjoyed activities like: beach volleyball, monster twister, limbo, castle building, hula hoops, or they just danced and listened to the Beach Boys. Students rotated in groups of twenty and enjoyed popsicles, suckers, and sported sun glasses that they received at different stations. There were 201 students who were eligible to attend. It was a great day to drive away the gray winter blues.

