



Highlights

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

As Superintendent, I would like to thank all those who have supported Snake River School District in all we have accomplished recently in providing a quality education for our students. I am also very grateful for the community support we have experienced in supporting our Plant Facility Levy for the past thirty years. We are now asking for a renewal of the levy in March for the next ten years. Please remember to vote Tuesday, March 13th, 2018. Here is a list of many of the items the levy is needed for each year:



Plant Facility Needs for 2018 Election

- Septic system upgrades combining the Junior High and High School systems
- Rental/purchase of needed water rights at Rockford Elementary
- Roof repairs at all schools – priority at the Middle School and Riverside Elementary
- Excavation/paving of parking lots - both maintenance and improvements
- Irrigation
- HVAC – Heat pump rotation and refrigeration units at all kitchens
- Rotation of ovens, dishwashers, and other miscellaneous kitchen equipment
- Cooling tower maintenance at the High School
- Carpet rotation
- Snow removal
- Plumbing/Boiler maintenance and repair + chemicals for boiler maintenance
- Lawn care
- Painting
- Gym floors – maintenance and refinish rotation
- Garbage disposal
- Cabinetry and other indoor needs and improvements
- Equipment/vehicles for grounds maintenance and snow removal
- Football field maintenance – light and sound upgrades with possible addition of a restroom/concessions facility
- Ag shop maintenance
- Technology infrastructure and upgrades
- Excavation of District Office substructure to repair basement walls and prevent water leakage into basement offices and food storage area
- Support facility and maintenance needs of District Music programs

Sincerely,

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Moreland Elementary

We're back from Christmas break and hitting the road (learning) running! Students are getting a quick review of previous learning and now moving on to new concepts. Teachers have given the STAR Early Literacy winter test and have just started into the IRI (Idaho Reading Indicator) winter assessment.

Mrs. Otterstrom is starting a focus in January and February on STEM projects in the library. She has OZOBOTS for the students to experiment with along



with a Space Building Set for students to create with. After these stations, she will set up four stations of the Robot Mouse Coding Activity Set. Students are loving the opportunity to work on these STEM activities.

First grade team has implemented a new strategy for identifying student mastery of concepts and essential standards. They call it WIN time. It stands for What I Need. They will give the board a quick 3 minute review of what that entails, at our March Board meeting.

We are looking forward to having multiple measures of assessment data very soon, to help us move students forward in their learning.

Riverside Elementary

We recently held an assembly here at Riverside where two students from each class were recognized for their good examples of being respectful. A new character focus "Caring" was introduced and all of our students will work this month on being thoughtful, kind, and considerate of others. Oakley Talbot, second grade, was also recognized and congratulated for winning the local Hoop Shoot. She will now participate in the competition at the next level. Thanks for representing Riverside so well!

The Southeastern Idaho Public Health department will be offering our students an opportunity to receive dental screenings, at no cost to families, this week here in our school. Following the screenings, those who would benefit from dental sealants can receive those, also at no cost, with parental permission. We appreciate the Health Department for offering this service to our students.

Our Second and Third graders are in the process of taking the winter IRI, as well as the winter Star reading and math tests. We look forward to seeing the student's growth in these areas as we prepare for Parent/Teacher Conferences on January 31 and February 1. areas.



Rockford Elementary

In December we had a food drive. We had 2345 food items donated for the Community Pantry in Blackfoot. Mr. Barger and Mrs. VanOrden's classes brought in the most with 758 items and 682 items respectively. We are so grateful for our students, staff and parents that are willing to share with others in need. The PTA helped the students make their ornaments that are on the tree in the picture. Our PTA parents are the best.

Our choir Christmas concert was a big hit. Mrs. McBride did an awesome job of putting together and directing the program. Mr. Dougal played Ebenezer Scrooge and we had several students with parts and solos. There is a lot of musical talent in this group of students.

Bread in the bag was another activity we did this last month. The students learned about Idaho wheat and then made delicious sweet bread. Parents volunteered to come help the students make and bake the bread. It is an activity we look forward to every year.



Snake River Middle School

The 5th and 6th grade Christmas programs were a wonderful success. It affords our students the opportunity to share their accomplishments in both musical talent and public speaking.

The annual Elk's Lodge Hoop Shoot was held just before our December break. The school winners in the 10 and 11 year old age group were: Marcus Coombs, Rainger Morrell, Addie Campbell, and Darby Adams. The winners in the 11 and 12 year old age group were: Luke Higginson, Mason Adams, Rylie Edlefson, and Taylee Carlson. Rylie Edlefson won her age division and will advance to the next round. Congratulations to our winners.

5th and 6th grade classes are participating in an intramural program. The students are encouraged to show good sportsmanship and teamwork as they learn dodge ball skills.

5th grade students continue to work on their accelerated math objectives. They have collectively completed 2,830 goals for this trimester. 5th and 6th grade students will be taking STAR Tests this month for Math and Reading. These bench mark tests are used to celebrate academic growth in core classes.

We have designated every Thursday as School Spirit Day, and students have been encouraged to wear purple that day. In conjunction with Spirit Thursday, the office will be selling panther t-shirts for \$10.00 and sweatshirts for \$27.00. If you are interested in making a purchase, the next order will be sent the first week of February.

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on January 24th and 25th from 4:30 – 8:30 both evenings. This is a mid-trimester conference.



Snake River Jr. High School

The holidays are behind us and we are enjoying getting back into a good routine here at the Jr. High.

- We are thick into boys' basketball.
- We have parent teacher/ student led conferences coming up Jan 25th at 4:30. We did them this way last tri and loved the results.
- We also have a show choir concert coming up Jan 18th @ 6:30. It will be held at the High School and will be both High School and Jr. High performers. These are always so well done and worth your time!
- The dance team went to a dance competition this past weekend and took 3/ 1st places at the Idaho Classic Competition in Pocatello. They have performed at several ball games as well and have a great dance team with lots of talent on their squad.



- Also, we are trying something new....

One of the most important, and often difficult concepts for students to understand, is that there are rewards and consequences for their actions. As educators, we, of course, attempt to explain, guide, and support students as they navigate making choices. Teachers and staff noticed that while there were plenty of negative consequences available for students who weren't making good choices, something was missing. The recognition and celebration for students who were making good choices every day. Students who work hard in and out of class to learn required skills and students who demonstrate excellent citizenship while at school deserve to be rewarded for their efforts.

Starting in December, SRJH implemented an incentive program. A planning committee helps organize activities. Students who meet expectations both academically and behaviorally participate in monthly reward activities. Students who fail to meet expectations are assigned to work with teachers during that hour to catch up required skills and / or rethink decisions they made. Teachers have noticed a huge impact already. Students are more motivated to excel and behave appropriately. The reward for this month is Thurs. Jan. 18 and plans are already underway for February!

Snake River High School

Snake River High School in conjunction with Idaho State University, has added a new program to the curriculum. Beginning second trimester, seven students from Snake River High School are enrolled in the Pharmaceutical Dual Enrollment program. Specifically, the classes which will be currently offered are Health Occupations 110—Over the Counter & Herbal Medications, PHTC 110—Pharmacy Law and Ethics. HO 110 is taught second trimester during 6th hour and the PHTC 110 will be taught 3rd trimester. All classes are and will be taught in the Idaho Digital Learning Academy Classroom at Snake River High School and are utilizing Moodle via ISU websites. The instructor for the class is Mr. Wesley Usyak, CPhT, M. Ed—who is the Program Director and Instructor for the College of Technology at Idaho State University.



These two classes are introductory classes for students at both the high school and college level. After students complete the HO and PHTC 110 classes, an additional class which will be offered for our students and is called HO 105--Health Occupations: An Introduction to Allied Health Careers. Each of these classes affords students two college credits at ISU as well as credit toward high school graduation. These classes are the first in a series required by ISU for certification as a Pharmaceutical Technician. The total length of the program generally takes a year and a half to complete. Tait Baldwin says “this is a great opportunity for us as high school students to get ahead in that program”. This class is generally a first online class for most of the students in the class, however all students agree that it is one that is not a typical online class. According to Kelly Atriano, “there is a lot of reading that we have to do in order to keep up with the content”. Kenya Leavitt adds that “it is a class where even though there are only seven of us, we all work together and help each other”. Collectively the students like the small group of the class and agree that the class is challenging. In working collaboratively, the group is ahead of the schedule of the presented curriculum. Ashley Kunz says that all of the students really enjoy what the class has to offer “because they are all friends and it is a fun topic”.

Snake River High School is the first high school in Idaho to offer pharmaceutical classes to high school students. The Fast Forward Program which is sponsored by the Idaho State Department of Education pays for the course tuition and fees. Snake River High School pays for the books used by the students. More information on these classes and this program can be seen on the ISU website under the College of Technology link (isu.edu/ctech) or by calling the College of Technology at 208-282-2800.

Snake River High School (Continued)

The Snake River High School Business Professionals of America chapter had a successful Monday at the Region 9 BPA competition. Fourteen chapter members competed in various events, and 10 of them qualified to go onto the state competition in March in Boise, Idaho. They took home 5 first place wins. Business Professionals of America is a Career and Technical Student Organization for students pursuing careers in business management, information technology, finance, office administration, and other career fields. The national competition will be held in Dallas, Texas in May. The group is holding a “Winter Luau” dance at the high school in February.

- Emma Warren placed Top 5 in Fundamental Word Processing and 1st in Basic Office Systems and Procedures.
- Anthony Niu placed Top 5 in Advanced Word Processing.
- Matthew Kelley placed 1st in System Administration using Cisco.
- Jace Adams placed Top 5 in Graphic Design.
- Elizabeth Wada placed 1st in Presentation Management.
- Halli Young, Kamber Williams, and Grace Davis placed 1st in Global Marketing Team.
- Matt Kelly, Anna Taylor, Jace Adams, and Conner Poulter placed 1st in Video Editing Team.

Snake River Community Library

December was a fun month in the library. For Story Time we enjoyed having Santa come visit with all of the kids. He was able to get Christmas wishes from 150 children. Each child received a free book from Santa to take home and read.

We had a wonderful patron donate a train set to the library. We were able to do a coloring contest in order to give it away. We had over 200 submissions, making our job so hard to pick a winner. We also gave runner up prizes to 9 other children. We loved having all of their art work displayed in the library.

We have started our Art Classes back up again. We had about 35 kids attend our first session back after the break.

