



# Highlights

On Wednesday, February 18, 2015, the board highlighted:

## Moreland Elementary

February is the month of love! At Moreland we love what we see in our students. Our STAR test scores show growth and our IRI scores show even greater growth. Teachers are seeing great gains in student math and reading concepts. Our students are happy and our teachers are engaging students in their own learning.

We love Valentine's Day at Moreland. Valentine's Day activities are also a great learning experience for students. They get to share with all their classmates, friends and teachers. This picture, taken in a Kindergarten class, shows students sounding out the names written on the valentines in order to put them into the correct boxes for each classmate. This is just one example of how we connect standards to real life events☺



## Riverside Elementary

The Riverside Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> grade presented their annual Patriotic Program "The Pride of our Country." This year's program was especially well done and we would like to acknowledge the effort that was put into the program by students and teachers alike.

Another February tradition is Presidential Trivia each morning. Classes are challenged to find answers to interesting questions about President Washington and President Lincoln. They then have to be a certain number of caller to the office. Each day, the winning class receives a treat from the office.

We just completed our winter screenings in Math and ELA. Here are the percentages of students who are at the proficient level during each screening:

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Reading

<u>Fall</u>	<u>Winter</u>
40%	65%

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading

<u>Fall</u>	<u>Winter</u>
52%	64%

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Math

<u>Fall</u>	<u>Winter</u>
33%	69%

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Math

<u>Fall</u>	<u>Winter</u>
70%	76%



## Rockford Elementary

In January we hit the books but we did sneak a few fun things into our month.



We had the opportunity to do McTeacher night at the Blackfoot McDonald's. It is so much fun to see the students and their families in a different environment. We appreciate the staff of McDonald's. They were wonderful to work with.



The PTA read-a-thon fundraiser was kicked off on January 22nd. We had a super bowl theme. Some of the cheerleaders and football players came to kick off the event and let the students know what their favorite books were in the 4th grade. Our students read like crazy. It was great to see how excited they were to read and earn money for our field trip in May. The contest was close but Mrs. Atwood's class pulled it out with 10 touchdowns. Her class also came away with the most money earned. We are all winners as the fundraiser came up with enough money to not only pay for the buses but the fee to the museum. Thank you to Jennifer White, Chelsea Sorensen, and Emily Jones for being in charge of the fundraiser. They are the best!



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## Snake River Middle School

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students completed the Star Benchmark Testing in January. We are proud of our students as they continue to show academic growth. We continue to see progress as our students move toward college and career readiness.

A cottage meeting for zones one and two will be held at the Middle School on February 25<sup>th</sup>. It will begin at 7:00 that evening in the band room. Our superintendant and school board will present information highlighting the upcoming levy. Please plan to attend.

It is once again time for McTeacher Night at the Blackfoot McDonalds. This is a great fund raising opportunity for our school. The faculty and staff will be manning a variety of stations from 5:00 to 7:00 on the evening of February 17<sup>th</sup>. McDonalds will donate a percentage of the money earned back to our school. The more participation we have, the bigger the percentage coming back to our school. Everyone is invited to "Dine and Donate" with the Middle School.



See you there!



Our students are still accumulating miles for the Mighty Milers Program. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are working on library and computer skills, as well as physical education skills weekly. We appreciate Officer Lusk and his dedication to the DARE Program for our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. They are currently working to meet the program's graduation requirements.

The Distinguished Young Women will present a "Be Your Best Self" program for all 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls on the afternoon of February 26<sup>th</sup>. The students will participate in projects and activities that are centered on the program's five themes: Academics, Responsibility, Ambition, Involvement, and Fitness. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls will enjoy a "Be Your Best Self" presentation on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00.

Engage NY and the CCSS are currently being implemented. Students are looking at math and reading in a new and challenging format. The PTA will sponsor a Math-A-Thon fund-raiser kicking-off on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Snake River Jr. High School**

On Feb 9 we had a rewards activity. Any student with a C- or higher was able to attend. They were able to play dodge ball, watch a movie, or play the Wii. It was a big hit and we have plans to raise the bar and do it again on March 3.

On Feb 17th the Junior High is excited to welcome an RTI Team from Blackfoot. They will be sending 14 teachers to our district (7 to the Middle school and 7 to the Junior High). The teachers will be coming for part of the day to observe and take notes in hopes to learn new ideas. And then in return we will be sending a team to visit their schools on Feb 18th for the same purpose.

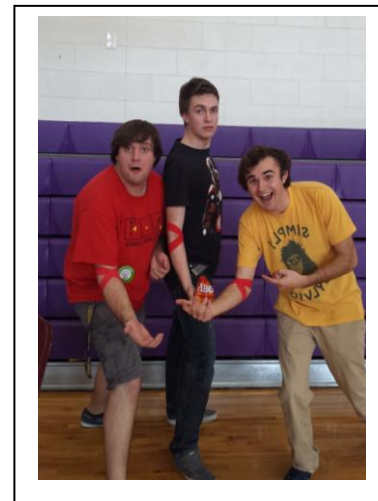
We are pleased that Snake River Junior High has been selected to represent schools across the nation by participating in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). First administered in 1969, NAEP is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students know and can do in various subject areas. It is administered by the National Center for Education Statistics, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Education. The Idaho State Board of Education includes NAEP in the comprehensive state testing program (at grades 4, 8, and 12) because it gives us comparative state and national information about student achievement in reading, mathematics, science and writing. The results of NAEP are released as The Nation's Report Card, providing information about student achievement for educators, parents, policymakers, and the public.

In Snake River Junior High, the NAEP assessment will be given on February 26, 2014. Students will be selected to take a mathematics, reading, or science assessment. In addition to answering questions in one of these subjects, students will be asked questions about themselves and their educational experiences, such as the amount of reading they do and the types of classes they take. These questions provide contextual information for the assessment, as well as information that may be related to students' learning. To view sample subject area and contextual questions, please visit <http://nationsreportcard.gov/parents.asp>.

## **Snake River High School**

### **The Three Percussionists**

Connor Taylor, Brandon Hansen, and Lance Babcock play percussion in the band. Connor is the Senior Class President, and his favorite band is Imagine Dragons. He is making an "epic comedy" for his senior project. He likes to ski and mountain bike, and he is going skydiving with Brandon. Brandon is the Senior Class Vice President, and his favorite band is Amberlin. He works as a maintenance man for the high school, and he rewrote the snare music for the marching band for his senior project. Lance's favorite band is Twenty One Pilots, he like to longboard, and he is learning guitar for his senior project. Conner, Brandon, and Lance are planning on serving LDS missions. They all share a love towards their decoy ducks, Moby, Mobia, Moby Jr., and Ed, which they bought at various local thrift stores around Blackfoot. They like to longboard and exchange deep thoughts together on a regular basis.



### **Basketball Season is Coming to a Close**

Girl's Basketball had a good run at districts this year, just coming up short in the title game. Congratulations on a wonderful season. The boys team played their first game of districts on the 17th against American Falls. They defeated AF handily and play Marsh Valley on the 24th.

### **Wrestling Season**

Wrestling had a sound season this year, with one pin away from beating Blackfoot's Varsity and beating Marsh Valley 77-3 in the last duels. SR is holding the districts at home this year on the 19th.

### **Valentine's Day Dance**

The Valentine's Day dance was held on the 14th in the Commons. The dance was girl's choice, with the theme being dynamic duo. There was a host of games available to the couples, including mini-golf and a kissing booth. It was a roaring success.

### **Dance and Cheerleaders Successful in District 5 Competition**

Congratulations to the Dance Team and Cheerleading Squad for doing so well in the District 5 competition. The Cheerleaders finished the season strong. Thanks to all of them for doing a great job at Snake River High School sporting events. The Dance Team did extraordinarily well and qualified for state competition in March at the Idaho Center in Nampa/Boise.