



# Highlights

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

## Moreland Elementary



Great things are going on at Moreland! Spring Teacher evaluations are a fun part of my job, where I get to witness the learning milestones of students. Teachers are working with diligence to ensure student learning. We celebrated Dr. Seuss's Birthday by having officers come read *Go Dog Go* to our students. Each staff member and student created dog ears to wear for the day. Many other activities were planned in celebration. We ended the day with a "Stop, Drop and Read" time. With spring time coming at school, we see a spurt in reading progress with students. We celebrate those reading gains by our PTA sponsoring Read with a Relative where every student receives a book from the PTA and a relative is invited to read to or with each student. We are promoting Continuous Learning at Moreland!



## Riverside Elementary



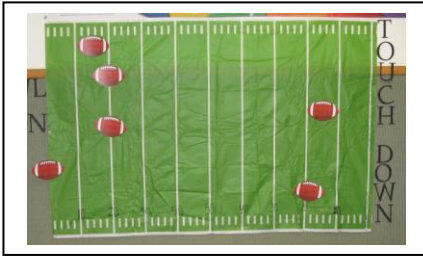
Riverside Elementary had a good time celebrating National School Breakfast Week March 6-9. Our wonderful cooks, Amy and Amy, made and served fruit smoothies free of charge to any students or staff who wanted to sample them. They also let those who ate breakfast spin a wheel to win a prize. A coloring contest was also held and the students pictures were hung up for all to see and the winner received a special prize. Studies have shown that children who eat a nutritious breakfast have better behavior, better attendance, and improved test scores. Breakfast at school is an ideal solution when breakfast at home is not convenient or available.

We recently held our Character Assembly honoring two student from each class who best represent "Citizenship." The students were taught that when you have good citizenship you help keep the school clean, make the community a better place, and are a good neighbor by helping others.



Dr. Seuss week was held February 27<sup>th</sup> through March 2<sup>nd</sup>. To celebrate, we had dress up days that corresponded with a Dr. Seuss book. The pictures shown here are of some of our students wearing crazy hats representing "Cat in the Hat." On other days the students wore stripes, crazy socks, and dressed like the person they want to be when they grow up.

## Rockford Elementary



February zoomed by for us. The PTA held a read-a-thon to raise money for the busses to take us on our field trip to the Oregon Trail Museum in Montpelier, ID. This is a wonderful trip to finish up our Idaho History. The read-a-thon was very successful and we reached our goal. Mrs. Leavitt's class read the most minutes and Mr. Loveland's class brought in the most money. We are so proud of everyone and their participation in this fundraiser.



We so appreciate McDonald's in Blackfoot for inviting us to do a McTeacher night. It is so fun to visit with the students and their parents in such a relaxed atmosphere. There were smiles all around.

## Snake River Middle School

Last week was National Breakfast Week. Students were reminded of the importance of eating a good breakfast as it relates to school performance. Students were allowed to sample a variety of breakfast foods. A poster contest was the culmination activity. Poster winners are to be congratulated. Grand Prize: #18 Augusta Cook, 1<sup>st</sup> Place (2 winners): #20 Hallie and Sophie Williams, and #9 Kyston Secrist, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (4 winners): #8Katie Usher, Brianna Garcia, Isabella Groneman, Angelle Anderson, #21 Josie Cook, #26 Kayla VanOrden, and #23 Ashlyn Mickelsen

On the morning of March 8<sup>th</sup> all 5<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in a music education field trip. They gathered with other 5<sup>th</sup> grade students from eastern Idaho at the Stephens Performing Arts Center. The performance highlighted musical instruments played across several genres of music. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade would like to thank Mr. Kerns for procuring the grant that enabled our school to participate. "Tar Wars" was held later that afternoon for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Dr. Hill discussed the hazards of smoking.

The SRMS Spelling Bee was held on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Parents were invited to attend. 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys attended a maturation presentation at 2:15 on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Fathers were invited.

This nine weeks grading period will end on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Teacher Prep Day will be held that day, so there will no school for students K-6. Teacher In-service Day will be held March 17<sup>th</sup>. The DYW representatives for the 2016-2017 year will present a "Be Your Best Self" program for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls at 10:15 on the morning of March 20<sup>th</sup>. The Privilege Activity will be held on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. This half day activity is organized for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students who have completed all academic goals in their core subject areas. Students will participate in a physical fitness themed activity.



The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade intramurals program just completed their dodge ball tournament. The winning 6<sup>th</sup> grade class was Mrs. Adams and the winning 5<sup>th</sup> grade class was Mrs. Simmons. Congratulations to those classes. Students worked to incorporate the qualities of sportsmanship and team work. They were also encouraged to improve their ball handling skills.



## Snake River Jr. High School



March 1st was the end of our second tri here at the Jr. High and we started our third and last tri of this year running! Mr. Adams' and Mr. Williams' classes just finished up the joint research paper project. The students did a great job of writing about a time, place, or person from history. Mr. Adams graded for MLA format, language usage, and writing. Mr. Williams graded them for content. The students were able to select their own topic and the papers were well done overall. Our 7th and 8th grade boys won second in districts and our girls dance team just came home with four trophies.



Our crossfit class has been making gains! They even got to go to Gold's Gym in town and have a two-hour workout experience in a real crossfit gym. The students love this program being offered and it is such a privilege for our school to have this opportunity. We just added a little more to it with bands for pull-ups and medicine balls.

Not only have our students have been hard at work. Mr. Salmon, Ms. Baker, Mr. Williams, Ms. Laimana, and Mrs. Mckibben, all just returned from some amazing RTI training in Seattle WA where they were able to hear Mike Mattos present intervention techniques. They were well educated in Tier 1, 2, and 3 techniques. This kind of learning opportunity is an asset to our school.

## Snake River High School

Boys Basketball had a fabulous season. They were able to make it to state and play their hearts out in the first two games. They were so close in the championship game against Sugar Salem but fell short by two points. The final score was 71-69, they still hung in there and played their best through the whole game. Great season Boys!



Sean England and Dakota Peck have been busy helping Snake River District earn money. For their senior projects, they both applied for a grant from the Fuel Up to Play 60 program. Both boys were able to raise about 10,000 dollars for the district. The money was used for things like new lunch trays at the Jr. High. On Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup>, the High School and the Jr. High had the opportunity to listen to Sean and Dakota tell about their project while playing games against each other. Thank you, boys, for all you have done!



Baseball and Softball had tryouts this past month and are already to play. This year both teams are filled with so many talented students. Come cheer on our boys and girls at their first home game on March 15<sup>th</sup> at home against South Fremont. Both schedules are on [idahosports.com](http://idahosports.com), if interested seeing these talented students play.



The Beginning Acting class at the high school held a Dinner Theatre on February 24<sup>th</sup> where students performed skits, monologues, and an interactive murder mystery for their audience of friends and family. They packed the tables, had good food, and received great feedback. Thank you for all the district's support that scary day.

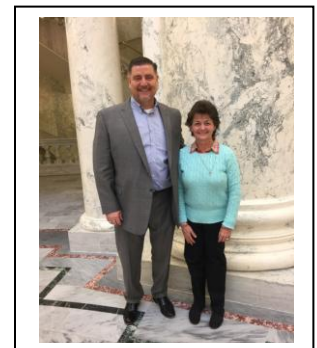
## FFA

On March 10<sup>th</sup> the Snake River FFA alumni had their annual auction. This auction raises money for scholarships for FFA members at our high school. The scholarships are for seniors who are attending college or a trade program; they also help students finance their FFA trips. The auction raised \$20,110 this year. Dakota Peck made a toy arena that sold for \$700 and Savana Carmen and Morgan Hanson made a meat smoker that sold for \$600. The students in our program are learning skills that will benefit them for the rest of their lives.



## School Board Happenings

On February 20-21, 2017 Superintendent Kerns, Trustees Kent Miller and Annis Williams attended the Idaho School Board Association's Annual Day on the Hill Event.



## Snake River Community Library



We took full advantage of the winter weather and built a reading igloo. It took 498 empty gallon milk jugs to finish. They were brought in by my staff, students and patrons. It weighed in at 85 pounds when completed. The high school students loved watching it as it was being built. Each day they would come in to see how high the walls were and several even tried to purchase it!



Story Time was built around winter, snow and igloos for the month of January. Those little ones loved going inside with or without their parents to sit and read. During lunch, some of the high school students went inside to spend their free time. Now that it is warming up, we let it melt and took it away.



The winter weather has not stopped moms from coming to visit the library. We have had an average of 83 preschool children attend Story Time this winter. One of the favorite days is Dr. Seuss' birthday because they get to dress up! (Thing 1 was born first!)

Family Library Night will be held Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. "We Are LUCKY to Have You." Our foreign exchange students will do a "show & tell" (with food) about their country, family, and why they wanted to come to the USA! Those who attend will also have the opportunity to "try their luck" with a wrapped book. If they return a questionnaire about the book they read, they will be in a drawing.



## 1969 Men's Basketball Team, Legends of the Game

On March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa, The Idaho High School Activities Association honored the 1969 Snake River High School state championship basketball team with their inclusion into the Legends of the Game Hall of Fame. A banner symbolic to the honor will be hung in the Snake River High School gymnasium. Congratulations!

