



Highlights

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

Moreland Elementary

Believe it or not, with all of our snow closure days, we were actually able to celebrate 100 days of school. The students count on the calendar each day, counting to 100+ as we attend each school day. Our 100 day celebration was exciting with great participation. We also had the privilege of having our three Distinguished Young Women of 2016-17 teach us about Being our Best Selves. The girls are great examples of hard work and developing talents and academic achievement. Our PTA also started our Read-a-thon. Our students get pledges for their time reading. What a great thing for our students and their parents to be focused on at this time of year when we see so much growth in student reading abilities. We love this spring time growth in students! Now we're preparing for the IRI and STAR tests to assess the reading gains of students.



Riverside Elementary



On March 20th, the top 3 winners from last year's Distinguished Young Women came and presented an assembly encouraging our students to be their best selves. The wonderful examples of these young ladies make a big impression on our students and we appreciate them for coming!

Our own 3rd grader, Izybel Talbot, is on her way to Chicago to the National Elks Hoop Shoot! She recently won the regional competition in Portland and is excited to represent Riverside Elementary, Snake River School District, the State of Idaho, and the western Region as she competes in Chicago. We wish her the best of luck!!

Southeast Idaho Public Health is providing dental sealant exams to all our students through a project funded by the Idaho Oral Health Program. At no cost to our students' families, needed sealants can be placed or re-applied with parental permission. We appreciate this service which is provided during school hours.

On March 17, the final Inservice Day of this school year, our teachers attended a training on "Really Great Reading." This valuable program provides teachers with the tools and knowledge they need to help identify, group, and teach students who are struggling with decoding.

Riverside students are preparing to take the ISAT and IRI tests beginning the week of April 24. We look forward to seeing how our students do on this testing as the school year draws to an end.



Rockford Elementary

We think March came in like a lion and went out like a lion. It went quickly and we had a lot to do. Artists from the Artitorium in Idaho Falls came and talked to the students about art and different ways to do art. The students got to make their own art. They did a super job.

We had an AR party for the students that made their monthly goals in the 3rd nine week. Mr. Paul Turpin came and taught the students some dance moves from the 50's. They had root beer floats and made tops. It was fun for all that went.



Snake River Middle School

5th and 6th grade students are currently working on the annual Math-A-Thon, a PTA sponsored fund raiser. Students are collecting pledges and donations to enhance programs and classrooms at our school.

5th and 6th grade strings students participated in a field trip held at the SRHS on April 5th. They spent time with professional strings musicians in a Time for Three concert. They enjoyed the performance and were taught skills to improve their own musicianship.

Mrs. Munson's Gifted and Talented Program hosted an Egyptian Day on April 11th from 8:30 -3:55 at the Middle School for students in grades two through five. Those in attendance were able to view class projects showing the life and times of Ancient Egypt. Students rotated through a variety of stations including a star lab, hieroglyphics, a bee presentation, musical instruments and dance, as well as various art projects.

The SRHS Jazz Band will present a spring concert on April 19th. DARE Graduation is planned for Wednesday April 19th. It will begin at 2:00 in the Middle School gymnasium. Parents are invited to attend as the 5th grade students celebrate their accomplishment.

Students will attend a "Fuel Up to Play 60" assembly on April 20th. This program has been established to promote a habit of healthy eating and daily physical activity. To complete senior project requirements, Sean England, Dakota Peck, and Aysia Lopez, procured grant money from the Idaho Dairy Council to purchase kitchen and physical education equipment. Our school will greatly benefit from this \$4,000.00 grant.

5th grade math students continue to improve in accelerated math as they set and achieve weekly goals.

It's that time of year again when we will soon be ISAT Testing. Students will be tested on core skills in math, reading, and language arts. 5th grade students have completed the state science test. Please encourage your student to come to school well rested and ready to be successful on these important tests.



Snake River Jr. High School

Mr. Williams, Mr. Huffman, and Mr. Adams are finishing up a year of work for the Idaho Coaching Network. It is a tedious, taxing journey that really improves their teaching skills. They are to be congratulated for their hard work on behalf of the students. We are so grateful for teachers who are always progressing and going above and beyond!

Mr. Mow and Mr. Ward recently purchased new PE equipment from the fundraiser that we had. The fundraiser was a Snake River vs. Blackfoot basketball game. And even though we didn't win the game we did make money and were able to purchase:

28 hockey sticks

2 indoor soccer balls

24 pedometers

5 storage bags

4 indoor soccer goals

Sounds like a win to me!!

We are currently in another challenge with Blackfoot middle school. A Food Feud! This is a fun challenge to see which school is able to gather the most food over a two week period. The food will all be donated to the local community food bank. It is good fun for a good cause!!

Snake River High School

Orchestra

On Wednesday, April 5th at 9 o'clock in the morning, 180 orchestra students gathered in the high school auditorium, anxiously awaiting the first notes of an internationally known string trio, Time for Three. The trio's members Nick Kendall, Ranaan Meyer and Charles Yang, electrified the crowd with their virtuosic versions of Hallelujah, Toxic, and music from the Broadway hit, Hamilton. The students cheered enthusiastically and afterward collected their autographs and selfies with the group. Time for Three was impressed that there were so many strings students in this small district, and talked to them about the importance of having enough playing time with their instruments.



The students' written comments afterwards provided evidence of the depth of their admiration for the performance. "You guys are truly amazing." "You definitely taught me how much hard work can pay off." "I realized I have not been taking my instrument seriously enough. I will start working harder." "I would listen to you every day all day if I could." "You have inspired me to actually keep playing!" "I usually sleep during concerts but yours was better!" "You guys are the best! I have never heard anything like that." Each student expressed gratitude for being able to hear the performance, and Mrs. JeNene Anderson, director of the orchestras, said she was grateful for the timing of the performance. "This is the time of year," she said, "When students are deciding which electives to take. I was trying to decide how best to lobby my students to continue doing something that can be immensely gratifying, but also difficult and time-consuming. Now I don't have to say anything. Time for Three's musicianship has shown the students that there is a payoff for the time and effort they spend in practice. I am grateful to the principals who were so willing to provide busing and time out from classes for the students to have this experience."



Idaho State University received a grant from the Bistline Foundation and Zion's Bank to cover the cost of the concert. They included a public school outreach in the grant and held two concerts, one in Pocatello District and one in Snake River District. This concert, that would have been very expensive for students to attend on their own, was entirely free. Time for Three has a group bio on their website.

Choir Highlights



- *Singing & Dancing with the Princesses
- *Princess Charm School
- *Get Your Nails Done!
- *Make Your Own Tiara!
- *Refreshments
- *Entertainment & More

The Choirs have a couple of big events coming up...

1) April 12th Choir Concert @ 7:30 p.m. featuring Chamber Singers, aCapella Choir & Concert Choir.

2) April 15th will be our annual fundraiser...Princess Party! We're hoping for another great turnout. Bring your kids, grandkids, neighbor kids, and all kids who want to have a great day with our choir students. It will be at Snake River High School at 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Tickets are on sale at the Snake River School/Community Library, High School Office, or Choir Office.

Distinguished Young Women

The Snake River Distinguished Young Women program took place on March 31, 2017. Due to our generous community and sponsors we awarded \$11,900 in scholarships. We greatly appreciate the Snake River High School for letting us hold this nationally sponsored program in the auditorium! We had twelve, very talented participants. Each girl was judged on 5 categories: scholastic, interview, fitness, talent, and self-expression. The Be Your Best Self platform is a huge part of this program as we as a committee try to help these girls reach their full potential and truly be their own best without comparing themselves to others. Four \$300 scholarships were awarded in this category to the girls who demonstrated this by being on time, coming prepared to practices, and writing an essay on when they felt their personal best.

Brielle Williams was our 2017 Distinguished Young Woman and turned the title over to Mylianne Capson, daughter of Ron and Cyd Capson. Her 1st Alternate is Paige Williams, daughter of Doug and Shannon Williams. The 2nd Alternate is Kelsey Higginson, daughter of Brent and Aleacia Higginson. State will be held in Idaho Falls, on October 6th and 7th where Mylie will compete against 40+ participants from all over the state. Our local committee has over 30 volunteers and is very proud of each one of our girls and the hard work and effort they put in. Our favorite saying is... "We aren't choosing a winner we are choosing a representative from a group of winners."



Snake River School/Community Library

March certainly came in like a lion and it was a busy month at the library. We teamed up with the Blackfoot Northwest Stake and hosted the Family Discovery Day on Saturday March 11th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with 325 patron in attendance. It was a great day for those interested in family history and genealogy. On the 13th we celebrated our Foreign Exchange Students with a "We're So Lucky to have YOU!" Family Night. The students shared a taste of home (food) and a little information about their home countries. We had books wrapped so patrons could take a chance on a book and enter into a drawing. There was a fun craft and rainbow seeds, (skittles) and gold coins (Chocolate) treats as well. Now throw in our book groups, Let's talk about it, Mother Daughter Book Group, Teens and Boppers and Guys Read, as well as Story Times four times a week and Art Classes on Fridays and you will have a snapshot of what's been happening in the Library!



Snake River Art

Pocatello Art Center held a competition for the surrounding schools American Falls, Blackfoot, Pocatello, Highland, Century and Snake River. Each school is allowed to enter 12 pieces of students art work. There were four two-dimensional categories that our students entered. Snake River student's exceptional art was awarded two firsts, one second, one third, three honorable mention and a sponsor's award. Andrea Williams took first place in colored pencil drawing and second-place in black and white drawing. Lexi Parks took first place in mixed-media and honorable mention in black-and-white drawing. Annette Thelin took third place in charcoal / pastel drawing she also for that same drawing received a special award called a sponsors award. This sponsor award was one of two that were given by the person that donated the money. The sponsor chose their favorite two pieces in the whole show. Our only junior to place was Savanna Martin she placed with two honorable mentions one in painting and one in drawing. These four students represent Snake River High school and our community and themselves extremely well.

