



Highlights

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Moreland Elementary

The end is coming quickly, but such great things have been happening, we have to shout out to all those who have made this year such a success. Our PTA has been amazing in fundraising through a Read-a-thon, supported our staff with meals for PTC days and recognized the entire staff every day of the week with some surprise treats for Teacher Appreciation week. Here is our very loud shout out to our PTA!!!

Our staff put on a Fitness Fun Day where students were encouraged the week prior to eat healthy foods and get enough exercise. With summer coming, we encouraged them to get outside and enjoy playing and moving to improve brain function. We had great parent support for this event... so a shout out to our parents!

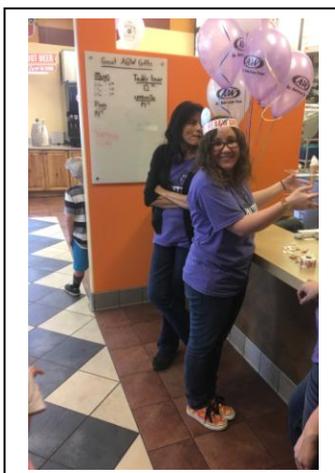
We have results back from our testing. Our IRI scores have surpassed the state requirements, and our Imagine Learning scores show continuous growth in student learning. We made our yearly improvement goal in STAR by our winter benchmark this year, so next year's goal will be a bit more aggressive. Here is the shout out to our outstanding students and staff for continuous hard work! WE continue to reflect, adjust and move forward in doing what's best for kids. We appreciate the support of the Board this year! Here it the shout out to them! THANK YOU for a great year!



Riverside Elementary

The school year is quickly coming to a close! Riverside students have done a lot of testing in April and May. All of our 3rd grade students completed the ISAT tests, and all of the 2nd and 3rd grade students complete the IRI's, and STAR Math and Reading tests. We are seeing some great gains in the scores.

The 2nd grade students went on a field trip to Bear World in Rigby. The students viewed a film about bears at school before they loaded the buses. They thoroughly enjoyed seeing and learning about bears and other animals once they were at Bear World. The 3rd grade students have a field trip planned for May 26th. They will travel to BYU-I where they will visit the planetarium, museums, and greenhouses. We appreciate the parents who help chaperone these field trips and we especially appreciate the PTA for funding the buses. Our students are currently enjoying having artists in residence from the Art Museum of Eastern Idaho.



Their outreach program provides hands-on learning to students across Eastern Idaho. Each class has a two-hour block where they are taught art vocabulary and art technique. The students are excited about all they are learning.

On May 19th Riverside 2nd grade students and their parents are invited to come to a maple bar breakfast. They will meet the gym to receive tips and ideas on how to stop the "summer academic slide." The students will also have their "Young Authors" writings on display for parents to read. The 3rd grade students and their parents are invited to a similar maple bar breakfast event will be held on May 25th. Our school was fortunate to participate in an A & W share night on May 5th where 20% of sales between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. were donated to the school. Teachers and staff volunteered as workers, and many students and families came and enjoyed dinner which made this event very successful. We received \$450 from A & W and another \$100 in tips! It was well worth the effort.

Rockford Elementary



Wow! Where has the school year gone?

Mrs. Anderson had a recorder concert with the students on April 28th. Mrs. Anderson and the students did a fabulous job. We appreciate Mrs. Anderson for all her hard work.

We are so proud of our students. They took their time and worked their hardest during the ISAT and star testing. They were amazing.

We had the privilege of having some artists from the ARTitorium in Idaho Falls come to our school and the students got to make a project. The picture is the projects that Mrs. Nelson's class did.

Obert Skye came and spoke to the students. He has everyone mesmerized with his presentation. We appreciate him taking the time to come and share with us.

The Idaho History program will be May 24th and 25th. We would like to invite everyone to come and see what the students have learned in Idaho History this year.



Snake River Middle School

The 6th grade strings students were in American Falls on May 5th. They represented our school in a district music clinic. The 6th and 7th grade orchestra performed several numbers at SRMS that same afternoon showcasing the concepts learned at the clinic. The 5th grade strings class presented a spring concert for the students at Rockford Elementary on May 9th.

DARE Graduation was held on May 12th at 2:30 pm in the SRMS gym. One student from each classroom was selected to read their DARE essay. We congratulate the following winners: Aubrey Cameron (Mrs. Capson), Harlee David (Mrs. Davison), Annika Cruz (Mrs. Munson), Abby VanOrden (Mrs. Simmons), and Connor Preston (Mrs. VanOrden). All 5th grade students received a certificate for requirements completed to culminate their graduation exercises.

SRMS has successfully completed all ISAT testing on Science (5th grade only), Math, and Language Arts concepts. We congratulate our students for all of their accomplishments this year.

All 5th grade students completing the DARE course will spend the day at the Eastern Idaho State Fairgrounds for a culmination program, DARE Day. They will participate in games and activities with other 5th grade students from Bingham County. The 5th and 6th grade strings students will perform an end of the year concert for parents on May 23rd, at 2:45 in the SRMS gym. The 6th grade students will receive instruction about Jr. High registration on May 19th. They will take a registration packet home to share the information with their parents. May 24th, students will use the packet information to complete their on-line registration for the 2016-2017 year.

The 5th grade Talent Show will be at 9:00 on May 26th. The 6th grade awards assembly will be that same afternoon followed by a dance activity. May 30th is Memorial Day. There will be no school that day. May 31st will be Outdoor Field Day for both 5th and 6th grade. 5th and 6th grade students will have the opportunity to attend a field trip to Downata Hot Springs. It is a culmination activity for a successful year of concepts learned and school work completed.

Snake River Jr. High School

Even though it is that time of year when things are starting to wrap up the Junior High is finishing strong!!

We have completed our ISAT testing for the year (as of Tuesday the 10th). Thanks to all of our teachers who have worked hard all year helping our students be as prepared for these as they could be! It was a great success.

Another yearly tradition is preparing to say good bye to an amazing bunch of 8th graders. And even though we look forward to watching all they will accomplish in their next four years of high school! We will miss them!!!

One of the ways they get ready for their next adventure is picking their own student body president etc. Our 8th grade students have been busy campaigning for this honor. The votes were in yesterday and are as follows:

Freshman President: Lorenzo High

Freshman Vice Pres: Zoey Secrist

Freshman Secretary: Austin Anderson

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And one of the final steps for our soon to be freshman is also complete... high school registration! Done this week in the cafeteria. Sure hope they picked some of those new and exciting electives offered from the High School. Now for some honorable mentions:



Tracen Mangum just returned Tuesday from an all paid for trip to Washington D.C. where he was awarded the Prudential Spirit of Community Award. He earned this for going above and beyond in his community service. Way to go Tracen!

Also, congratulations to Austin Anderson for earning the prestigious 2016 National Jr Honor Society Outstanding Award. This is a \$500 college scholarship. Austin was nominated by Mrs. Thompson, SRJH honor society's advisor, for demonstrating excellence in the five pillars of the NJHS: scholarship, service, leadership, character and citizenship. Way to go Austin.

Snake River High School

Journey

Prom was a huge success. It was held on April 23rd at the Meridell Park Farm and Event Center in Pocatello. The Prom King was Connor Davison, and the Prom Queen was Natalie Henricksman (pictured with Davian Martinez). The Prom Prince was Obediah Egbert, and the Prom Queen was Taylor Davison.

State Tournaments

Our spring sports were very successful in their district tournaments. Both baseball and softball are headed to state. Softball beat Marsh Valley with a 9-1 win in their last game. Golf went to state on the 16th and 17th. The state tournaments for baseball and softball will be this weekend, and track will be.



Yearbook Distribution

Yearbook distribution was on Monday, May 16th. The school was on assembly schedule, and the signing was around three. At three thirty there was a color fight in coordination with the theme "Splash of Class." The grades were each given a color, and the color on the most people won. The Sophomore Class won.

Jazz Band Potato Dinner Dance

On Tuesday, May 17th, there was a Jazz Band Dance. There was a dinner provided, and a free dance instruction at 6:30. A professional Jazz Band came in to play for the dance, and the high school Jazz Band played after the professional band. There is also a band concert on Thursday, May 19th.



Snake River Music Department

Both the orchestra and choir took their groups to Utah this past week. The choir's itinerary included the following:

- 1) College workshops and campus visits to BYU and Salt Lake Community College
- 2) Three high school choir exchanges with Riverton High School, American Fork High School, and Rockwell Charter High School. SaraKay Larsen is over Rockwell's music program - she was an '08 graduate of SRHS.
- 3) Two choreography workshops
- 4) Three Theater Productions - "Peter and the Star Catcher" at Hale Theater in Orem, "Jane Eyre" at Hale Theater in West Valley City, and "Ivanhoe" at the Off Broadway Theater in Salt Lake City.
- 5) Wonderful performances at The Cathedral of the Madeleine and the Rotunda in the Utah Capital Building.
- 6) Lagoon!

As you can see, we packed the itinerary with great experiences for the students. The kids performed and behaved admirably. I received an email from Sherrilynn Bair this morning written by a couple who had attended the same performance as one of our groups. This couple took the time the next day to log on to Snake River's website and send an email to pay compliment our students.

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It read as follows: "Last night we attended a play in Orem, Utah, which was also attended by a large number of students from your school. We just wanted to take a moment and let you know how impressed we are with them. What a great group of students! Their conduct and demeanor was outstanding. If there is a way you can let them know what a good impression they have made, please pass it on to them."

As you can see, our music students are great ambassadors for our school. They also learn a great deal by traveling outside the boundaries of our district.

Senior Awards Night for Music/Drama Students - The Music & Drama Departments teamed up this year for our Senior Awards Night for all graduating seniors in Music and Drama. We have made it our goal to do more things as a department, which is proving to be a great thing. There were nearly 100 graduating seniors in music recognized.

We still have a few more things before graduation including the Jazz Band's spaghetti dinner fundraiser, Chamber Singers Dessert Night, an orchestra concert, and the children's musical, 'Mulan'.

It's been a great year! We greatly appreciate the administration's support of the arts in our district. Our departments are thriving and students are learning a great deal and seem to love the whole process. SR is an exciting place to be a teacher.

Drama

Jana McBride's drama class attended a One Acts Competition at ISU on April 22 and 23. The first day we attended workshops from 8am-12pm. These workshops were well done and informative. Subjects included Improvisation, Stage combat, Shakespearean text, costuming, Chekov's acting techniques, Music Theatre and many more. There was even a tech Olympics in which 2 of our students Tracen Orr and Landon Delaney competed in and did a great job. They represented Snake River well. The rest of the day was spent watching other schools perform their one act plays. There were 18 high schools in attendance, and each school performed a one act play. Friday evening we were able to attend a production of "Waiting for Godot" put on by ISU. The next day was filled with watching schools perform. We performed our play entitled "Hoodie" at 10am on Saturday. The students did a fabulous job and received good feedback from the judges. We didn't win one of the top awards, but we represented Snake River well, and felt good about our performance. Micheal Steever won the best actor award for our school.

I felt like this was a great experience for our drama program at Snake River. Our eyes were opened to what is out there and expanded our view of the world to an area we didn't know about. It was mind expanding to watch the different one acts that dealt with social and historical issues. I felt there was a lot of value in attending this competition and ISU did a good job of organizing and putting it on. It was well done.

Retirement Reception:

Congratulations to those who are retiring from the Snake River School District this year! Even though we will miss you, we wish you the best! Those pictured from left to right are: Jeff and Kay Lynne Baldwin, Peggy Watt, Lucinda Lewis, Chris Grimmitt, and Larry Smith. Thank you to Lacey Secrist and Elegant Blooms for making this night so special.

