Highlights

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Moreland Elementary

The school year has successfully started. Fall testing of the IRI, STAR, Language and Math has been completed, recorded, reviewed and now the work begins… Creating the learning environments of engagement, interaction and learning.

We have a new Counselor who is right on target when it comes to engaging students. Vaneen Kohler has been in each classroom teaching students about kindness, respect and how to solve problems.

Susan Otterstrom has involved students in the excitement of books and the adventures that everyone can experience through a good book. She along with her "pirate bird" introduced the theme in the library this year. We are all finding the hidden "treasures" in books. It has been a great start to a great year!

Riverside Elementary

We, at Riverside Elementary, are working hard and getting into the routine of a new school year. We have had several changes in personnel at our school this year. We are happy to welcome Vaneen Kohler as our counselor, Kevin Curtis as a Special Ed teacher, Hernan Martinez, Rebecca Schmuck, Julie Frans, Linda Sue Price, and Cory Potter as Special Ed Parapros, and Neikell Gilbert as an LEP/Title 1 Parapro.

The Riverside Staff has been working hard to screen our students using STAR math, STAR reading, and the IRI fluency probe. The data gleaned from these screeners has been very informative and helpful in helping us meet the needs of our students.

We'd like to extend a big thank you to the Blackfoot Realtors Association and also to the Blackfoot West Stake for donating school supplies to be used for students in need. Their generosity and thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

Our PTA is busy getting organized and planning things for our students and teachers. The 7th annual "Run for Riverside" is the PTA's fundraiser and it will be held on October 12th. This has proven to be a fun and successful fundraiser for our school thanks to several local businesses and the wonderful parents of our students. With those funds the past several years, we've purchased classroom desks and chairs, books for the library, curriculum materials, and we have been able to send our students on educational field trips. We sure appreciate our PTA!

Rockford Elementary

We are so excited for this school year. We welcomed a brand new teacher, Mr. Barger, to our school and a semi-brand new teacher, Mrs. Kelly. Mrs. Kelly was Mrs. Baldwin's sub last year and we are so glad she was able to come back and teach this year.

On Sept. 1st, Brandon Brown, from Brown's Insurance Agency came and explained his perfect attendance program to the students. The students must be at school, everyday. from bell to bell to receive the scooter at the carnival that will be held in June. Last year was our first opportunity to participate in the program. We had about 7 students that received a scooter last year. We are so grateful for Mr. Brown's willingness to bring this program to us.

Snake River Middle School

Back-to-School Night was held on August 16th. It provided our students, parents, and staff with an opportunity to welcome in the 2016-2017 school year. We would like to welcome Mrs. Melanie Grant to the SR Middle School. She will be teaching 5th grade.

Brown Insurance Agency presented a Perfect Attendance Program to the 6th grade students. Mr. Brown uses this program to encourage and motivate students to be in school bell to bell every day. Each student who completes the 100% attendance goal will receive an eighteen speed bicycle. Good luck 6th graders. We hope everyone meets the challenge.

All 5th and 6th grade students will be able to purchase an individual SRHS Activity Card for $40.00. This card will allow each student free admission to football, volleyball, boys' and girls' basketball, and wrestling events. This is a cost saving opportunity. If your student participates in a school sponsored sport this school year, they will be required to purchase an activity card.

Picture day was held in August. Retakes are scheduled for Oct. 12th.

We will celebrate Homecoming Week with the SR High School.
 Monday: Crazy Hair/Hat Day
Tuesday: Favorite Disney Character/Super Hero
Wednesday: Inside Out/ Backward Day
Thursday: Favorite Sports Team/ Purple Day

SRMS Girls' Maturation Day is scheduled for Thursday, September 22nd at 2:00 PM for all 5th grade girls. We encourage mothers (or a female relative 18 or older) to attend. Harvest vacation is scheduled for September 23rd – October 9th. When students return to school on October 10th, they should be at 60% of their Independent Reading Goal and 25% Accelerated Math Goal. This break provides an opportunity for students to move ahead on both reading and math goals. Students are able to access both Accelerated Math and IXL Grammar/Writing from a home computer with their school login and password.

5th grade students received a Technology Packet to help parents and students, access and use, Accelerated Reading, Accelerated Math, Typing Pal, IXL, and library information. 6th grade students have received passwords for Accelerated Math and IXL.

Snake River Jr. High School

Summer was great!! But, time to get to work! The Junior High has started this year off great....

One new addition to what our Junior High offers is W.I.N. This is 1 hour a day offered to our students for intervention/ enrichment time. Students are receiving assistance in math and reading as well as extra enrichment activities. Some of these extra activities are basic engineering, career discovery, IDLA, and citizenship.

Returning this year is our IDLA courses. We had a great summer with 15 enrolled students taking extra credit classes. We currently have 8 students doing online courses. And 14 eighth grade students that are taking online 9th grade English.

And we are not at want for fun either! This week is spirit week at the Junior High. Finishing the week off on Thursday, at lunch, with a salsa challenge sponsored by Halo club. So if you like HOT and spicy swing by and check them out!

Snake River High School

Business Class
Snake River High School is one of 25 schools in Idaho to participate in a new Adobe pilot program. The program, funded through the State Department of Education, provides Adobe Creative Cloud licenses to students, Adobe Certified Associate certification exams, and the ability to use all of the available Adobe products and online storage at no cost to the student or the school.

This pilot program is the first of its kind for Adobe. Though Adobe has been around in education for years, this is the first time that students will be able to use the products at home and have access to all of the products that Adobe offers, even phone applications. Microsoft began a similar program to offer students access to curriculum and exams with the Imagine Academy last year, and it has been successful at Snake River, with over 20 students getting Microsoft Word certified last year.

Shayla Martin, Business teacher at Snake River, is excited for the opportunity that participating in the pilot will bring to her students. Snake River currently offers a Digital Design course, where Photoshop skills are taught. She hopes to get some of these students certified, which could lead to employment opportunities for them in the future. If the pilot program is successful, more schools would be able to participate in future years. She hopes that Snake River has the support and motivation to ensure that the pilot is successful, and that Snake River can help pioneer the use of the Creative Cloud in education for the rest of the world.

AP Tests
We would like to congratulate those who took AP exams and passed last year! Five students passed the Art AP Exam, 1 passed the English AP exam, and 2 passed the Calculus AP exam.

Snake River School Community Library
Back in full swing!
With the start of the new school year Snake River School Community Library is back in full swing.

Story Time
Story Time started on August 23rd, it is on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. We were so happy to see our tiny readers and their parents again. Next week the color of the day is PURPLE!

Our book groups are up & running again as well.
The Mother Daughter book group began again on August 24th, they discussed "Story Thieves" by James Riley, "Absolutely Truly" by Heather Vogle Fredrick and "Waiting for Unicorns" by Beth Hautala, all of which they read over the summer. They are now reading "A Long Walk to Water" by Linda Sue Park and will meet again on September 21st.

The Teen and Bopper book group met on August 30th and discussed the books they read over the summer, "The Finisher" by David Baldacci, "Stray" by Elissa Sussman and "A Little in Love" by Susan Fletcher. They are reading "Chu Ju's House" by Gloria Whelan and will discuss it on September 28th.

Guys Read book group met on September 14th to discuss "Tales of the Dark and Grim" by Adam Gidwiz. Now they are reading "The Greenglass House" by Kate Milford and will discuss it on October 12th.

Let's Talk About It book group will start up again on October 3rd and will be doing mysteries this session.

Art Classes
Local artist, CarolAnn Pange continues to teach art lessons on Fridays. She has generously been helping students with the mural in the hallway into the cafeteria, stop by and check it out.

Family Library Night

Homecoming Tailgate Family Library Night!   We are all about supporting the Home Team! On Monday September 19th we teamed up with Snake River A&W and SRHS Honor Society to serve up a great time cooking 315 hotdogs, serving gallons of A&W Root Beer, SRHS Trivia, Games and a ton of prizes.

Harvest Happenings
We will have activities and crafts for all Snake River students October 4th and 5th at 1:00 PM each day. Plan to join us for a fun time!