



# Highlights

On Wednesday, January 15, 2014, the board highlighted:

## Snake River High School

### FAMILY AND CONSUMER ECONOMICS

Hi, the classes in the Consumer and Economics classes are busy with projects, such as teaching 4 year olds and learning to reconcile a bank statement.

The Early Childhood Professions classes are learning how to teach preschool. They make flyers and advertise for the class. They have 12 students (4 year olds) whom they dearly love. We teach the alphabet, phonics, numbers, animals and social skills. The preschool teachers give each student individual time and encouragement to do their best. Please feel free to visit.

The Personal and Family Finance Class is learning about how education increases your income. We have been learning about check writing, bank reconciliation, setting goals, and budgeting. The students will learn about buying a house, car, investments, and insurance. It is surprising to most students how much a house payment can be!

We have great students here at Snake River.

The Teen Living B classes are learning how to make a garment of clothing. They will be using embroidery machines to embellish pillowcases, towels, and pants. The classmates help each other to learn the necessary skills needed. They have some amazing projects.



Four Snake River High School students will be going to the state competition for Business Professionals of America.



- Julie Isom (Fundamental Accounting and Economic Research Team);
- Olivia Anderson (Advanced Accounting and Banking/Finance);
- KayDee Isom (Economic Research Team);
- James Whittier (Open Events)

Snake River High School girls win \$600 in local radio singing contest over the holidays!



## Counselor's Up-coming Events

**Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>** "Registration Deadline for the February 8<sup>th</sup> ACT test date"

**Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>** "ISU Representative"  
A representative from ISU will be at Snake River High School during 3<sup>rd</sup> period to talk to seniors wanting to attend ISU.

**Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>** ASVAB Testing  
Juniors are provided an opportunity to take a free Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB), which measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military as well as civilian jobs and careers. This test will be administered in the Snake River High School Auditorium during 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> periods.

**Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>** "Meet the Military Day."  
Different branches of the military will be on hand to answer questions and talk to students who are interested in military careers and scholarships. Representatives from several branches will be set up in the Snake River High School Cafeteria to talk to interested students during 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> periods

**Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>** "Meet the Vandals"  
Students who want to meet with University of Idaho Admissions Representatives, learn more about financial aid, scholarships, or on-campus living are invited to attend a "Meet the Vandals" night. To be held at University of Idaho – Idaho Falls, 1776 Science Center Dr. Suite 306. From 6- 9:00p.m.

**Monday, Jan 27<sup>th</sup>** Avanza – "Hispanic Senior Parent Nights." The University of Idaho is inviting Hispanic/Latino high school seniors and their parents to come and complete an admission application, financial aid forms and learn more about the U of I and the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) at the UI Idaho Falls Center from 6-8:00p.m.

**Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>** "FAFSA Night" TRIO and Upward Bound Representatives, as well as representative from the ISU financial Aid Office will be available to help senior students and their parents with their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This "FAFSA Night" is designed to correspond with high school's Parent Teacher Night, and representatives will be available in the high school library 4-8:00p.m.

**February 10<sup>th</sup>** Early Morning ACT Prep Course  
This is our next ACT prep Course, which is design to help students to prepare for the April 12<sup>th</sup> ACT testing date. This course cost \$25.00 and is held from 7:00a.m. to 8:00a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings in the Snake River Community Library's computer lab.

## Snake River High School Peer Helpers and Leadership Happenings

### Charity Week

- The Snake River High School Student Body raised \$7,457 and provided seven families with meals and presents for Christmas.

### Presentation by Peer Helpers

- School: Ridgecrest/ Physical Activity/February 19, 2013
- Snake River Jr. High/Anti-bullying/ February 27, 2013
- Firth, Snake River, Aberdeen/ Substance Abuse Program/ February 4, 2013

### Intramural Program

- Food Eating Contest
- Indoor soccer
- Minute to win it

### Positive Ad Campaign

- Puzzle of positive actions preformed by students at Snake River High
- Student Feature
- Baskets for teachers

### Service Project

- Teacher Feature: The Peer Helpers will be featuring a teacher each week for the rest of the Trimester.

### High School 15 Minute Program

- 7:45 – 8:00 a simulated "car crash"
- Life flight, Ambulance, Sheriff, Fire Department will all show up and help take care of the kids that were involved in the crash. Someone will be taken in ambulance and life flight.
- We will be starting a 15 minute program at the start of the bell. This means every 15 minutes we will pull some one out of class and they will have to write their obituary. We will paint their face white and send them back to class. They will be dead. They won't be able to talk to anybody for the rest of the day.
- Our peer helpers will help us out while we go help BUCKLE UP FOR BOBBY at a different school.
- We will be having an assembly at the end of the day.
- We will start by having the best friends of the people we pulled out of class read their obituaries. And possibly the people that died in the crash will have their parents come and read their obituaries.
- We will have BUCKLE UP FOR BOBBY (motivational speakers from Boise) speak to them.
- We will finish with our power point and speak to them about why they shouldn't drink and drive.

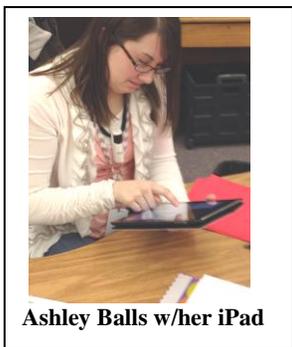
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### Snake River Jr. High School

One of the highest honors students may receive at the junior high is election to the National Junior Honor Society. A student must earn a 3.5 or above to become a member. Membership in the society is also based upon: scholarship, school citizenship, service, leadership, and character. At the end of the first trimester, one hundred and one (101) students at the junior high qualified for the National Junior Honor Society; forty-seven (47) 8th graders and fifty-four (54) 7th graders. Our first activity was December 16th which included bowling at Pinedale Lanes and a Christmas service project to a needy family. The students brought food items for our food boxes and also a few dollars in cash to provide Christmas for a family in our community. Our Honor Society induction will be held on January 28th.

On December 19, 2013, the Snake River Junior High staff and Americorp workers dressed festively and sang along to Christmas music while cooking pancakes and waffles for the 7th and 8th grade students. Some teachers added chocolate chips to their batter, others added mini M&M's. The students had a great time socializing together at this annual breakfast. Many students ate until they were stuffed.

### Moreland Elementary



Ashley Balls w/her iPad

The past month has gone by quickly. Two days before the holiday break, our teachers received a great gift. Each teacher at Moreland received an iPad for their classrooms which will be used for remediation, practice and enhancement activities aligned with standards for their students. Teachers were excited to spend time during their break finding educational apps to enhance and supplement their instruction. The first day back from break, the teachers spent their Monday Curriculum planning time going over the educational apps they found over the break, evaluating the possible learning impact each app could have on student achievement. Then on Wednesday, Steve Shellenberg and Larry Seamore handed out 4 more Ipads per classroom. The teachers were emotional and extremely excited to implement the use of this technology in their classrooms. Their gratitude and appreciation was evident by their reaction. The teachers have new learning goals to work towards now, with finding the most advantageous ways of using these new devices. We are excited about the possibilities.

As we left for the holiday break, Moreland students and staff were visited by "Santa", his wife and elves. The students each got to take a turn visiting with "Mrs. Clause", then with Santa. Students were certain the REAL Santa was here because, "He had a REAL beard and REAL hair!" We owe a big thank you to Craig and Sherryi Empey for giving up a day of work for the fun and fulfillment of our students at Moreland.



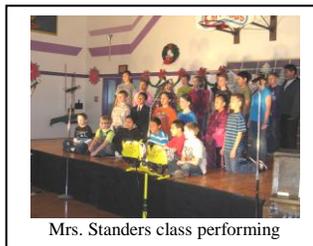
A special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus!

Benchmark testing for reading and math will begin Monday January 13<sup>th</sup>. Teachers are anxious to compare data from the fall benchmark tests, which will guide instruction or instructional changes over the next several months.

Parent Teacher Conferences will start Monday January 27<sup>th</sup> for Kindergarten and go through Thursday January 30<sup>th</sup>. First grade Parent Teacher Conferences will be held Wednesday January 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday January 30<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to meeting with our parents.

### Rockford Elementary

In this part of our reading curriculum we learned about plays. So what better way to learn than by doing? Our students performed Mrs. Atwood's play called "The Christmas Journal". The students sang, danced, rang bells, and just had a good time. They did a wonderful job. We appreciate Carissa Christiansen for playing the piano and Addam Pincock for helping with sound.



Mrs. Standers class performing



Mrs. Van Orden's class performing



Students making sweet bread

We also did the "Bread in the Bag". The students learn about wheat from Idaho and how to make sweet bread. It always makes our school smell so good with that sweet smelling bread cooking.

Mrs. Casperson brought the Chamber singers over to perform for us. They were very entertaining and we loved watching them. They also made Mr. Bonney into a Christmas tree. He was a great sport.



Principal Bonney as Christmas Tree

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### Snake River Middle School

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Christmas Programs were a wonderful success. It gives our students an opportunity to share their accomplishments in music and public speaking.



The annual Elk's Lodge Hoop Shoot was held January 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. The school winners in the 10 and 11 year old age group were: Kaden Aarve, Trey Poulter, Sage Stimpson, and Jazmin Sanchez. The winners in the 11 and 12 year old age group were: Jett Shelley, Treyton Young, Mya VanOrden, and Emma Warren. Kaden Aarve and Jett Shelley won at the local level and will advance. We congratulate the winners.

Mrs. Munson held a training class for parents on January 8<sup>th</sup> to explain the "Invent Idaho" program. This is a project-based learning activity accomplished through the Social Studies classes. Students will design and build an invention of their own creation, keep a journal, and make a display board. The Invent Idaho competition will be February 27<sup>th</sup> for set-up and judging. February 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:30 there will be a public viewing followed by an awards presentation.

Teacher In-Service was held January 10<sup>th</sup> and Teacher Prep Day will be January 16<sup>th</sup>.

The SRMS Geography Bee was held January 14<sup>th</sup>. We would like to congratulate the first place winner, Lorenzo High, second place winner, Olivia VanOrden, and third place winner, Emma Warren.

We appreciate the opportunity to host the District School Board Meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers will be participants on the program.

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on the evening of January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30 – 7:30 in the school gym.

McDonald's will offer a fund raising opportunity for our school. The faculty and staff will be manning a variety of stations at the Blackfoot McDonalds on the evening of February 20<sup>th</sup>. McDonald's will return a percentage of the money earned back to our school. The more participants we have, the bigger the percentage coming back to our school. We would appreciate your support that night. Remember to: "Dine and Donate." See you there!

### Riverside Elementary



Mrs. Gregersen, the librarian, helps students check books out. The library is a good place to be any time of the year, but especially when it's cold outside.

Riverside had a character assembly on perseverance. Students are focusing this month on staying the course in spite of difficulties and obstacles. It is the secret of success!

We started the second screener for the year in math computation and reading fluency. We are anxious to get the results to see how well we are progressing.

The teachers are working on creating common formative assessments. The data that comes from these assessments helps to guide their instruction and is the heart of our intervention program.



Merilee Turpin, Title I paraprofessional is working with a student.

### Snake River School/Community Library

The library is beginning the second phase of the Maker Space Project. The 3-D printer has received a lot of attention, and one of the next steps will be purchasing and learning how to use a 3-D scanner. While the print collection (hard copy books) is decreasing slowly, the needs of the patrons are still being met by focusing on requests and increasing access in a variety of electronic formats. A major challenge is tracking statistics of electronic resources. The library staff is working on tracking community impact, rather than just numbers of books circulated.

Each elementary student in the district either has received or will receive a free book of their choice from the SRSCL Board. The library board is committed to putting books in the hands of kids. Each school library receives \$11 per student to purchase books for the library. In addition to that amount, each librarian purchased books to give to the students. The partnership between the school and the community library benefits everyone.