



Highlights

On Wednesday, October 16, 2013, the board highlighted:

Moreland Elementary

Great things are happening at Moreland Elementary. Kindergarten teachers have taught colors, shapes, and are working on letters and numbers. They celebrated learning colors and shapes by having a color shape carnival. Many parents were supportive and volunteered their time to help make the carnival a success.

Fire prevention and education is recognized in the month of October. Moreland had the pleasure of having 3 INL firefighters come and teach our students about: Stop Drop and Roll, calling 911, having a family exit plan in case of fire, and how to crawl on your belly covering your mouth and nose to exit the home. One student was chosen from each group to dress up as a fireman to see how heavy all the equipment is and how it is built to protect the firefighters. Our students were able to crawl through the smoke trailer with “fake” smoke to see how it might look in their homes if there was a fire. They thought that part was “Awesome!”

Kindergarten and First grade teachers have completed their standards based report card and have also completed their first 9 weeks assessment piece which supports mastery learning of the targeted skills. We have a new team attending the PLC training this year. Ashley Balls, Lisa Esplin, Ginger VanOrden and Pat Wolfely. We are all excited about the continuous improvement that is emphasized and the ideas shared in how we each can do things “smarter”. Our team has completed the assignment of creating a student centered assessment piece where students take the lead in assessing their own learning. We are gearing up for the Carnival and our own classroom led Halloween events. Yes, the Holiday season is here ☺



Riverside Elementary

The 4th Annual Run for Riverside fundraiser, which is sponsored by the PTA, will be held on October 17th. The PTA recently kicked off this fundraiser with an assembly to inform the students about what they needed to do to make the fundraiser successful. In the past the money from this fundraiser has gone to providing field trips for both grades, purchasing books for the library and other classroom supplies for the teachers. We appreciate our PTA for sponsoring this event and for all the other good things they do for Riverside!

On Teacher Work Days, our faculty has been working diligently on curriculum alignment. They met last week with all those who teach math in the district. It was a very productive meeting as the secondary teachers were able to inform the elementary teachers about curriculum holes they are seeing.

We have 4 teachers attending the Professional Learning Community training. At the most recent session, they were instructed in effective assessment and how that would look at their grade level. This is a very valuable and helpful training.

During harvest break, a new locking system was installed on the front door of our school. As a security measure, our doors will now be locked each day beginning at 9:00 a.m. In order to enter the building, patrons will need to ring the doorbell which is to the left of the doors. Someone in the office will then check the monitor and remotely unlock the door to let the person in.

Also, as a safety precaution, we changed our drop-off, pick-up, and parking area in front of our school. There are a few parking spots on each end of the parking lot for patrons to use, as well as on the north end of the building. This allows more room for cars to go through the drop-off zone and makes these busy times quicker and safer. We have received a lot of positive feedback from patrons on these newly adapted safety measures.

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Rockford Elementary

September just flew by for us this year. We are working hard and loving to learn all the things fourth graders need to learn. Mrs. Atwood's class took a little time out to get creative. They made potato people and did a wonderful job as you can see by the pictures.

In our science lab, Mrs. Nelson's class dissected grasshoppers. They learned a lot with this hands-on project. It was a lot of fun but some got a little bit squeamish when it was time to pull the head off of the grasshopper. The section of labs that they

have studied the last 5 weeks are science (inquiry), math (measurement), 6 traits, keyboarding, and map skills.



Snake River Middle School

We have been given the go ahead to use the new well at our school. We are very appreciative of the amount of work it took to accomplish this feat.

We will be holding an earthquake drill on October 16th. All students and staff will participate in this national drill at 10:17 a.m.

Students will need to have earned 100% of their Independent Reading goal by October 30. We will hold an I.R./A.R Activity for those who were able to reach their goal.

The 5th grade field trip to Craters of the Moon on October 31st has been placed on hold. If the park reopens in time, they plan to tour the visitor's center, spatter cones, and caves.

Parent-Teacher Conference will be held on November 6th and 7th from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m..

Our annual Veterans Day Assembly will be held November 7, at 2:30 p.m. We will celebrate our patriotism on that day.

Fifth grade Colonial Day will be held in November as part of their Social Studies unit.

Snake River Jr. High School

Intramurals - It's been a while, no one is sure how long - but Intramurals are back at SRJH! Students are thoroughly engaged in lively games of soccer this month - competing for championship t-shirts, Purple Pride Cards - AND bragging rights! Teams get to practice and play games to prepare for the Intramural Tournament. Mr. Wayne Adams (Language Arts teacher) is in charge for 7th grade teams. Mrs. Jennifer Vogler (Math teacher) is in charge for 8th grade teams.

District Champions - On October 4th, the 7th and 8th grade volleyball teams were crowned district champions. Congratulations to the girls and their coaches on their undefeated season.

Cross Curriculum with Social Studies and English- The Social Studies Department and English departments are matching the novels they read with the time periods they teach. Right now the 7th graders are reading *War Horse* By Michael Morpurgo. The book is written from a horse's point of view during World War I. The horse is involved with many of the battles during the war. To help the students understand the battles during the war, the Social Studies teachers are teaching World War I to the students. We are excited to see how students gain an understanding of the novel while learning about the time period.

Parent Involvement - • Amber Anderton has been hired as the Americorp representative over parent involvement in our school. We are excited to explore other ways to involve the parents and continue to build that unity between students, teachers and parents. • We are going to start a PTA program at our school. We are making plans for parents to come into the classrooms and speak to our students about their career or special expertise or trade. • On October 29th at 9:00 a.m. our parents are being invited to join their students to learn about the dangers of meth use presented by the people of Idaho Meth Awareness Project. • We are also making plans to have a multi-cultural day around Martin Luther King Jr. day.

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Snake River High School

(Reported by Mrs. Surerus 'students)

Boys and Girls Soccer Senior Night

On October fifth the Panthers got ready for battle against the Marsh Valley Eagles. But it was more than just a game that night; it was a night to honor the seniors leaving their families. This year the ladies celebrated seniors, Darci Polatis, Malia Saupan, Raegan Martin, Scout Baldwin, Julie Bell, and Kaytlynn Clark. While the boys honored seniors, Juan Prado, Dakota Taylor, Dany Lora, Mark Williams, and Sam Murdock. Although both games ended in defeat, the teams held their heads high and remembered all the fantastic times they had throughout their soccer season(s).



In the photo at right, Julie Bell, Raegan Martin, Kaytlynn Clark, Scout Baldwin, and Darci Polatis. Malia Saupan was representing our school at State Distinguished Young Women this night.

Grace and Beauty

On September 30th each schools Distinguished Young Women winner packed their things and drove up to Idaho Falls for the week, Malia Saupan represented Snake River and did a fantastic job. She showed off her stunning beauty and flawless grace on stage with 39 other young ladies. Saupan quoted, "The experience was priceless and I couldn't be happier."

Harvest

September 23, 2013-October 6, 2013 the students were let out for Harvest Vacation. Most of the students worked for local farmers, some babysat children for parents who were working, and others enjoyed their time off. Even though the days were long and the mornings early the students usually overlooked the cold days in turn for some well earned cash. Some students save it for college while others put it towards a Fall shopping spree.



District Soccer Off and Kicking

District Soccer started Saturday, October 12, 2013. Both boys and girls played Marsh Valley. The girls lost but the boys brought home a win after double over time and a penalty kick shoot off. Both teams played again Monday and will continue playing throughout the week for the lone state spot.

Chambers Perform at ISU Coral Invitational

On October 11, 2013 ISU has their 28th annual ISU Coral Invitational. Snake River was invited along with six other high school choirs to perform under the wing of conductor, Doctor Patton. It was a two day event. On the first day each high school performed a special song for the director of the event in exchange for tips on how to improve their performance. Snake River performed a song named Requiem. The second day all seven choirs came together to perform four beautiful songs. America The Beautiful, Uvicaritas, Dixit, and a Russian piece, Oypolna Polna Korobushka.



Football Supports Breast Cancer

On October 11, 2013 Snake River High School raised money for Breast Cancer by hosting an event called *Fear The Beard*, at a home football game. Students were asked to wear fake beards or to wear pink in honor of the night. Coach Dalley told the student body if they raised \$500 dollars for Breast Cancer he would shave his beard. The students went above and beyond with help from the community and were able to raise over \$590 dollars.