



# Highlights

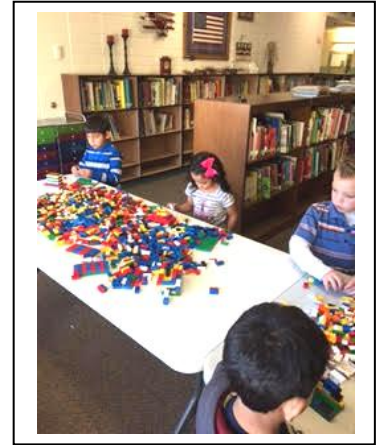
Wednesday, October 19, 2016

## Moreland Elementary

Harvest School at Moreland was a great experience. Students were able to experience STEAM activities with Legos, Straw builders and blocks along with their library time each day. Students were able to receive individualized instruction and small group instruction at their level. Each class also received language skills and LiPS practice from Pat Wolfley. We had 5 SpEd students attend who received assistance from Ginger VanOrden in the classrooms. We saw gains in students that can't be measured on a test, however, our data shows students made great gains that were recorded on assessments.



Teachers planned a last day celebration with the students, where they watched links of Wada Farms, links about Mr. Potato Head, and apple growing and harvesting. Then students were able to make their own potato heads out of real potatoes and create art from "vertically cut" and "horizontally cut" apples. We feel Harvest School was a great success!



## Riverside Elementary

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders were recent recipients of dictionaries donated by the local Elks Lodge. Each student now has their own dictionary to use as a reference in their writing projects. We appreciate the generosity and support of the Elks.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders recently took a "Walk Around Riverside" so they could learn about different businesses in our community. They visited B & L Floral, Countryside Tire, Cowboy Cabinets, and Chad's Place. We sure appreciate these businesses for taking time to teach our students about their establishments. On that same day, Zane Clement came and taught the students about the exciting sport of rock climbing. This presentation supported a story the students had read about rock climbing.

On October 12<sup>th</sup>, we had our 7<sup>th</sup> annual "Run for Riverside" which is a fundraiser sponsored by the PTA. It was held on our playground and students, teachers, and parents ran and walked for one hour to help raise money for field trips and technology. We had some special guests who came and ran with us including members of the high school football team and dance team. Each student received a "Run for Riverside" t-shirt which makes us all part of a winning team! We appreciate the support of the community and families and especially from the 21 businesses who generously donated to cover the cost of the shirts.



## Rockford Elementary

September went by so fast. Luckily, we were able to get a lot of learning and fun in before harvest.

Mrs. Nelson's class got picked by The Hawk 105.5 radio station to be part of their reading club. Since we only have 4th graders here The Hawk people decided they would read to the whole school. It was an awesome experience and the company that sponsors the reading club, Super T Transport, brought a semi cab out for the students to climb in and look at. They even got to blow the horn. It was so much fun to have the DJ's read to the students. They have super reading voices.

We also have some pictures of spirit week. Monday was inside out and/or backwards day. Tuesday was crazy sock day. Wednesday was crazy hat day and Thursday was Sports team and or purple day.



## Snake River Middle School

Mrs. Bingham – from Washington Federal - talked to students about the benefits of a savings account. Students who open a savings account through Washington Federal can deposit money with Mrs. Bingham on Wednesday mornings at the school.

6<sup>th</sup> grade students are writing a research paper in their science classes. They are studying the history of Canada and current events in social studies. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade just completed a science activity on seeds, leaves, and flowers. They are working on math objectives with a friendly class competition.

The annual 5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Craters of the Moon will be October 31<sup>st</sup>. This is a culmination science activity. Students will tour the visitor's center, spatter cones, and caves. Please send them with a warm coat, sack lunch, and a flashlight. Parents are invited to attend. (Please, no small children.)

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will attend a privilege activity on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. This activity rewards all students for their academic successes. Students will rotate through a variety of activities including; a reader's theatre, a read-in, cookie decorating, and games.

The end of the first nine weeks falls on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The teacher work day will be held on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be no school for all K-6 students on that day. The last day to test for Independent Reading Goals will be on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday November 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 8:30 in the evening. 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers will notify parents to schedule a specific conference time on each of those two days. 6<sup>th</sup> grade will have an open conference. We will be observing Veterans Day in November.



## Snake River Jr. High School

Well it is official... we are all back and accounted for after a wonderful harvest break. But here at the Junior High even during harvest break we were accomplishing great things!

One thing we have been keeping busy with is STRIVE: STUDY! THINK! REACH! IMPROVE! VISUALIZE!! ELEVATE!! That's the goal for students and staff at Snake River Junior High working on Fridays and through Harvest Break. The school was open from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Fridays with 2 certified teachers and 4 highly qualified helpers and was open Monday through Thursday all through harvest. With 6 adults, students receive almost one on one support for whatever skill (s) they need to work on. Students so far have received additional time and instruction and have completed assignments in numerous content areas: science skills and labs, book presentations, math 7, math 8, algebra, Accelerated Math skills, test retakes, keyboarding, grammar skills, just to name a few. Students are given snacks as needed. Staff have observed how much this is helping students improve! It's like a student help center where each child is given support in whatever they need. Some students need just a few hours - some need more so it just depends on the individual child and their needs.

So far, 34 different skills or content areas have been taught or learned during STRIVE on Fridays and over 100 during Harvest School! The staff are very grateful to Mr. Salmon, Mr. Kerns, and the School Board for supporting this new approach at the junior high! It is a VERY GOOD THING!!

Also, our students were busy selling the Idaho Direct books for this year's fundraiser. And we want to thank our community for their ongoing support each year. It all adds up and it all makes a difference. Thanks you!!!

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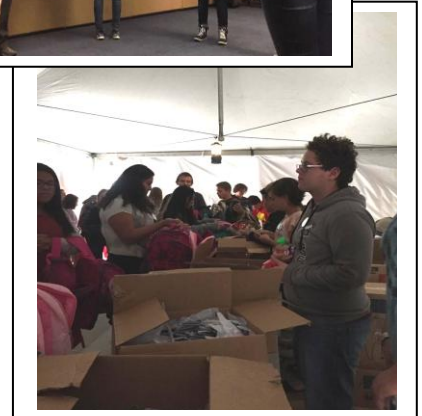
Speech and Debate are starting up this month with a competition in Pocatello this Thursday. The Speech and Debate club has joined forces with Blackfoot again this year.

Ten students joined with other students from Blackfoot, Firth, and Shelley High Schools for the Bingham County Youth Coalition sponsored by Mark Cowley and traveled to West Valley Utah for a conference on "Power of Prevention." They united with about 150 other students from Utah and Idaho to learn team building exercises, communication and problem solving skills that they will now incorporate throughout their own schools. Those students were Taylor Gardner, Sierra Benson, Samantha Scholz, Bridgette Burt, Connor Poulter, Bridger Truman, Matt Kelly, Ryan Kelly, Gabriel Becerra, and Carson Dance.

On Monday, October 17, 2016 there will be 150 students that will be inducted into the 2016-1017 Honor Society. Mrs. Joann Tominaga oversees the Honor Society and does a wonderful job. SRHS would like to thank Mrs. Tominaga for all she does. Those senior students that have paid their fees will be able to wear gold cords and be recognized with honors or high honors at graduation.

The SR Volleyball team won the regular season and will host the District Playoffs starting on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Cross Country will hold Districts at the EISF this Friday, October 21, 2016.



SR Football team started off with a rough beginning to their season but has gradually improved every week with a win the last 3 games against Teton, Marsh Valley, and American Falls. The game against American Falls was the first ever Armed Forces game with each team donning camouflage jerseys; American Falls in snow camo and SR in green camo. Each player was introduced by the name of a fallen soldier and what branch of the military they were from. Each player was given a flag to place on the back of their helmet in remembrance. SR Football team travels to Preston this weekend and then they will have a bye before playing the first playoff game.

## Choir

The choirs are gearing up for their concert on Oct. 27th at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Great students - great songs - great entertainment. All free!

There is MUCH going on for choir students at SRHS . . .

We have wrapped up two fundraisers to help with student travel expenses and to raise \$ for additional pianos for our new piano class. 99 cases of Pampers Diapers were sold and several dozen ears of corn were harvested and sold (courtesy of Randy Polatis' awesome corn patch). 52 students have enrolled for the piano classes this year. We hope to purchase three more pianos down the road. Chesbros (music store) out of Idaho Falls, Roland Corporation, and Midi Synthesis Workshop gave us some great pricing to make the purchase of the pianos more affordable. Thanks to businesses and our awesome patrons for their support of music education! It is truly appreciated.

Musical rehearsals are in full swing. This year's production of 'Music Man' will be performed Monday through Saturday, Nov. 7th - 12th. Mark your calendars and come! Show We LOVE audiences - help us talk it up! We hope to FILL the auditorium nearly every night.

Music students who qualified for All-State Music in Nampa (Nov 16-19) this year are: Andrew Baird, Spencer Barbre, Wyatt Williams, Kaden Godfrey, Spencer Williams, and Paige Williams. Congratulations to our fine music students.

Come eat to your hearts content and feast on music at the Fine Arts Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser Nov. 15th at SRHS Cafeteria. Time TBD.

## Band

The marching band took 2nd out of 9 at the ISU Marching Band competition (10/8), we lost by 3 points. We went to Davis High school and took 10th out of 12 (10/11). We were not on our A game, but the kids took a lot of the commentary from the judges and applied it to our next show. The marching band also took 7th out of 16 at the Mt. Timpanogos competition in Utah (10/15). Last year we placed 13th, so there was a huge growth for us this year. The point spread between 2nd place to 7th was 3.45 points. It was a very close competition. We have one more competition this weekend at Minico High School (10/22).

