



# Highlights

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

## Moreland Elementary

It's been another great month at Moreland. Everyone had fun on Halloween. Kids were happy to show off their costumes, and staff members were dressed for the occasion too! Our PTA sponsored the Reflections contest, judged the items and presented awards for the top three entries in Art and writing. We had some great entries this year!



Moreland students were offered free dental screenings and sealants if needed this month too (probably a good idea after the Halloween candy).



And last, but most amazing was an entry that won first place in the K-2 category for the Bingham Memorial Coloring Contest. Logan Shepherd in Deon Hillman's first grade won a new bicycle and helmet. Mrs. Hillman won \$500 for her classroom, and the school won \$3000. We are excited about the creativity of our students at Moreland, and love how each student has their own area of strength.

## Riverside Elementary

We have completed the first 9-weeks of school! Teachers are seeing a lot of growth with their students' achievement. Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on November 16 and 17, and parents are encouraged to come and discuss their students' growth.

Our school is collecting Boxtops which are redeemed for cash twice a year. The PTA has a volunteer mom who trims and sorts them all, then bundles and sends them in at the proper time. We have contest between the classes to see who can collect the most. Mrs. Whittier's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class won the contest this month, and by so doing, received a treat and the opportunity to keep Pepper the Panther in their classroom for the month.



To honor those who have protected and preserved our freedoms, we had a patriotic assembly near Veteran's Day. We invited our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, Mrs. Snodgrass', husband Ben, who is a member of the US Navy Reserves, to come and present the colors. He was assisted by 4 boys from Mrs. Purcell's class who were dressed in their Scout uniforms. We stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance and sang the National Anthem, and then Seaman Snodgrass spoke to the students about his experiences serving our country. Then Mrs. Petersen showed a short video honoring veterans and explaining what Veteran's Day was. Also at the assembly we honored students who exemplified the trait of responsibility.

## Rockford Elementary

October was a busy month. October 13th, Mason Cousin's grandfather came and taught the students how to square dance. It was a beautiful day so we danced out on the blacktop. All the students enjoyed it. Mason's grandfather hopes to come again in April to teach us some more.

On October 27th, we finished the reading theme on Journeys. We took a flight on Rockford Airlines and learned about many different countries around the world. Foreign exchange students from Snake River High School came and shared. They were from Denmark, Korea, Norway, Italy, Germany, and China. Thanks to Joanna Baird for arranging for her exchange students to come and talk to us. It was a wonderful experience to hear them speak and learn about where they came from.

We had a super Halloween day. The students dressed up and we had a parade in the afternoon so we could see all the costumes. The students then had a party in their individual classrooms.



## Snake River Middle School

The annual 5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Craters of the Moon on October 31<sup>st</sup> was a great success, helping students finalize their science unit on geology. They visited the spatter cones, cinder cones, and explored the volcanic crater caves.

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in a Privilege Activity for successfully completing all requirements for the first nine weeks grading period.

6<sup>th</sup> grade science classes dissected owl pellets to classify skeletal bones. They are continuing to learn about ecosystems and how animals interact. 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will finish their science unit by making and sharing edible plant and animal cells.

Parent Teacher Conferences were held on November 9-10<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 8:30.

We continue to collect data to show student's academic growth. Students are tested on AIMS Web, Star Math, and Star Reading at regular intervals throughout the school year. When parents and teachers work together, students are successful.

Students observed Veterans Day on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Social Studies classes watched a video presentation and participated in activities focused on the history and importance of Veterans Day.

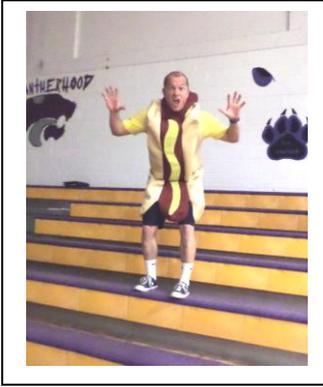
5<sup>th</sup> grade Colonial Day will be November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Students will rotate through a variety of stations. They will attend a colonial school, write with ink and quill, grind wheat to make pancakes, and play games. They will watch a movie about *Squanto* in the afternoon. Students are encouraged to dress in colonial attire for this activity.

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade Christmas Program will be held on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:30. It will feature the band, strings, and choir. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade Christmas Program will be held on December 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> with morning and afternoon performances. There will be two casts. Parents will receive more information as needed.



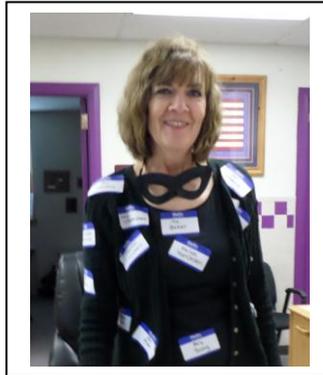
## Snake River Jr. High School

The last couple of weeks here at the Junior High have been enrichment filled. And not just in the class rooms!!



We had a Spooktacular Halloween dance that was fun and educational. Mr. Mow's wife Amy came for the second year in a row and taught the dance moves to Thriller. The kids picked it up super fast and had lots of fun. They also learned and did the bunny hop. And there was a few minutes left for some good 'ol slow dancing. We are so grateful to patrons in the community who give of their time to our students and make these activities great.

We also were able to give back to our community by hosting a great Veterans Day assembly. Our orchestra played some beautiful patriotic numbers and then we had a brief presentation about the idea of America and our freedoms, especially how those freedoms were earned. The students were very receptive and respectful.



And not to leave out our classroom news....

Mrs. Shawver and Mrs. Seamons are new to our Title1 program this year. Both are doing an amazing job. Their focus is DATA DRIVEN FUN. The students are in WIN for 4 week increments. During that time they are offered organized and concentrated help in the areas of fluency and comprehension. At the end of the 4wks they are re-evaluated. After this last 4 weeks we had a 25% success rate of students who moved out of WIN and back in to enrichment. Awesome!!

## Scratch for Schools

Several schools participated in the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Jim Bruce Scratch for Schools event through the Idaho Lottery. Each school had three member teams that scratched furiously for 5 minutes to earn money for their respective schools. This is not as easy of a task as people might think. We all walk away with appreciation for paper cuts, arm cramps, and skinned knuckles. Many of the teams have been "competing" for years trying to earn the privilege to go to the second round with extra tickets. Moreland participated in Idaho Falls earning \$163.00. The following schools scratched in Pocatello: Rockford \$161.00, Middle School \$151.00, and the Junior High with \$145.00. It was a fun event even though nobody found the big ticket!



## Snake River High School

### Football

On October 27<sup>th</sup>, Snake River Football welcomed Zane Hale to the football team and presented him with his own jersey.



### Drama

Results of the District Drama Competition. Congratulations!

Heidi Thomas - 1st place set design

Annette Thelin - 2nd place costume design

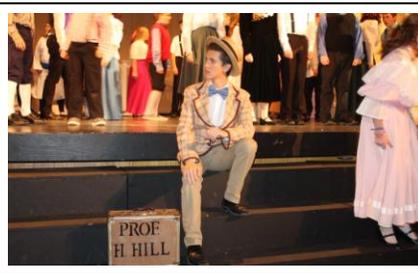
McKayleigh Wasia and Krysta Reid - 1st place serious ensemble

Hannah Mangum - Qualifier in Serious solo

Snake River won 3rd place and has a beautiful trophy to add to the case. Woo Hoo!

### The Music Man

The word 'magic' comes to mind as I sit and review the recent performances and circumstances that took place as Meredith Willson's legendary "The Music Man" took place last week in our very own auditorium. Snake River's theater department was surely at its best as their 80 plus cast members of talented young actors and actresses gave their all to their audiences last Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Director Jana McBride, and team of assistant directors, costume specialists, stage crew members, sound technicians, and volunteer parents did not leave one detail unattended to make the production a unified success. Ticket sales were at a record high welcoming just over 1,330 audience members throughout the week to enjoy the show. Seniors Kaden Godfrey, Mykinzee Hudson, Obediah Egbert, Michael Steever, Kitana Caldera, Elizabeth Anderton, and Brayden Werhli took leading roles in the production. Their professionalism was apparent, as was their leadership and example on and off the stage throughout the process of creating this wonderful musical.



## Snake River Community Library

It was all about fun at the Library when 139 Trick or Treaters dressed in costume came to Story Time and paraded around the high school to gather treats. Miss Peggy taught them a rhyme so that they could scare the high school students before they asked for treats. This is an annual treat for the high school students and teachers as well as the little ones.



On November 8, Snake River School/Community Library hosted a political party where 63 students from Mr. James Carter's government classes attended. MSNBC, CNN and Fox News were streamed situationally in different locations for students to watch history unfold as the election played out. Periodically, loud cheers were heard as different states declared the outcome in their state. They were also coloring in a national map with red or blue and keeping stats of the polls during the night. Many of the students were using their own phones to keep track of information on Google as well, so that they could keep track of how fast the national syndicated news channels who report and if all three outlets were reporting the same information.

