



# Highlights

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

## Moreland Elementary



We Halloween, Student Recognition, Lock Down Drill, Inservice on Imagine Learning... These are four highlights of our month. Students always enjoy dressing up and parading through the rooms in their costumes at Halloween time. Students need to have individual specific praise for the things they are doing well, which is what student recognition is all about. Students and teachers were awesome at playing "hide and seek" during our lock down drill and were excited when the officers had no idea where they were hiding. Last but not least, teachers really appreciated the training of Imagine Learning. We LOVE this program! It's been a great and productive month.



## 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 were successfully held and we appreciate all the parents who came. The PTA provided dinner for the teachers both nights.

Our school is collecting Boxtops which are redeemed for cash once 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 a contest between the classes to see who can collect the most. Mrs. Tolman'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.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders recently read a story about Ghana, Africa and then heard from a guest speaker, Mrs. Capell's daughter, Sabrina, who had been there to volunteer at an orphanage. She showed some items she had purchased in Ghana and told some interesting experiences she had while she was there. The students learned a lot and enjoyed the presentation.

To honor those who have protected and preserved our freedoms, we had a patriotic assembly on Veteran's Day. We invited Sgt. Dillon Goodwin, a member of the Blackfoot unit of the National Guard to come and present the colors. He brought a fellow soldier, Specialist VanDeeran to assist him. We stood and sang the National Anthem after which Mrs. VanOrden explained what Veterans Day was. Then we watched a short video tribute to veterans. At the same assembly we honored students who exemplified the trait of responsibility.



## Rockford Elementary



It was good to get back into the swing of things after harvest break. The end of the reading unit, Journeys, is one of our favorite times. We had six people come and tell us about the countries they visited or lived in. They were Paul Turpin (Australia), Alyona Mecham (Russia) Bridger Baldwin (Philippines), Sheri Lim (Iceland), and 2 foreign exchange students. One of the foreign exchange students was from Italy and the other was from France. They all did an awesome job and it is so fun to learn about other countries and how they live.



We dressed up for Halloween. There were some fun and exciting characters.



## Snake River Middle School

We held a Privilege Activity on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Students were rewarded for having successfully completing all assignments for the 1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks grading period.

All students and staff observed Veterans Day on November 11<sup>th</sup>. A variety of activities involved students to deepening their understanding of the great country we live in and sacrifices made by the brave men and women in our armed forces. Students made cards to be sent to veterans.

Parent Teacher Conferences were held November 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 7:30 each night. Thank you to the many parents who attended.

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are making final preparations for their play. They will present, “The Golden Spike,” a play written by Mrs. Julie Martin. Performances are November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Dress rehearsal will be at 9:30, and parent performances at 1:30 each day. Everyone is invited to attend.

Dr. Fackrell will present “Tar Wars” for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. The theme for his presentation will center on the harmful effects of smoking.

The annual 5<sup>th</sup> grade Colonial Day activity will be held on November 24<sup>th</sup>. Students will have the opportunity to experience first-hand what it would be like to live in Colonial America. Farm Bureau will be here to grind wheat and make pancakes, students will attend a colonial school, play colonial games, and learn actual facts about this time period. 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are building toothpick bridges in Science class, studying current events, and information about Canada, in Social Studies.

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade Christmas program will be held on December 17<sup>th</sup>. It will be a musical program featuring the band, strings, and choir. We are collecting data to help our students continue to show academic growth. Students are tested at regular intervals throughout the school year.



## Snake River Jr. High School

Our Junior High wrestling boys have made us proud with a 2nd place team win at districts. Bringing home an awesome trophy to add to our case!

October 29<sup>th</sup> our Americorp team offered a fun community trunk or treating. It took place at the bus island and anyone was welcome. Despite the weather we had a pretty great turn out and look forward to it becoming a tradition that takes off!



## Snake River High School

### Guys and Dolls

The Snake River Drama department put on an amazing production of Guys and Dolls. The main characters were played by Brayden Wherli, Alexis Burr, Jordyn Burr, and Cooper Brady. Their performance went through November 2-7th.



### Winter Sports Have Begun

Girls Basketball was first to start their season, winning at the Pocatello Jamboree. Their first official game was on November 17th. Boys Basketball had their tryouts Friday the 13th, with a 42-boy turn out. Their first game will be against Buhl on December 4th. Wrestling practice began the 16th, and their first meet will be on December 4th against Highland and Pocatello.

### Veteran's Day

Snake River High School honored veterans on the 11th. The orchestra, band, and choir all participated during the assembly, and made the assembly a success. Wally Aldous and Nathan DeWitt, veterans themselves, were able to speak to the students of Snake River and influence and inspire them.

### Finals

Finals have begun in a frenzy of review. There will be a two-day change in schedule as the normal school day does not provide enough time for students to finish their finals. The first day will be the first three class finals and then a makeup day. The second day will be the last three classes in the day.

### Experience ISU Tech Day

On Friday, Oct 30th-- ISU put on the EXPERIENCE ISU-TECH DAY. The purpose was to allow prospective students an opportunity to see ISU and all their different departments. Snake River sent 30 kids for the day, which lasted from 9am to 2:30pm. We transported them on our bus as accompanied by Larry Seymour. Over 900 kids from Idaho attended. Our students had a great time and saw a lot of neat things that are happening at ISU. They were also able to register for ISU for free that day, which saved them the \$75 application fee.

### Music—Choir

Last month the music teachers uploaded recordings of students to the Idaho Music Educators website. After a month of screenings, etc., the following students have been selected to represent Idaho in the All-State Honor Choirs in February. They are: Alexis Burr, Spencer Barbre, Obediah Egbert, Andy Baird, Kaden Godfrey, Ethan Murdock Aunna Williams, Jordynn Burr, Paige Williams, Abbi Perkes, and Liberty Stokes. This is a wonderful accomplishment for these students.

### Health Occupations



The loud sound of a helicopter landing on the football field disturbed some of the students at Snake River High School Tuesday morning, but for the Health Occupations class that sound meant an opportunity to learn some essential medical skills, and to learn about their future careers.



The Health Occupations program at Snake River High School aims to prepare students for careers in the medical field by providing them with hands-on training for the Certified Nursing Assistant program. "Life flight coming to our school helped me learn a lot about the health career," said Halli Young, sophomore. The Health Occupations class is required to explore a career that they may be interested in in the future. Senior JayDee Wulstenhulme volunteers part time at Portneuf Medical Center, where her mother works, and was able to contact Portneuf's Life Flight team. She invited them to attend her third hour period, and they graciously accepted.



The team, composed of a pilot, a nurse, and a paramedic, spent time showing the students the helicopter, telling them compelling stories about the life flight career, and answering questions from the students. Former Snake River graduate Dalin Farmer was

the paramedic that came to present, and he showed the students real life footage of a rescue. "Something I learned was that the life of an Emergency Medical Technician, Nurse, and pilot are really intense and exciting," Dusty Gardener(11) said.

The opportunity to explore careers is essential to discovering what the young students want to pursue in their careers, and having the opportunity to speak to professionals in their fields of interest is a great way to ensure that they make good choices.

## Snake River Community Library

There are a few new looks in the library. Story time has a complete makeover! A new interactive projector along with a huge white board is the jewel in the crown of our transformation! New paint, new rug, new arrangement and a huge new purple bench are some of the new look. The kids are loving “writing on the wall”.

We saw many Goblins and Ghosts and those alike at the story time for Halloween. The children wore their costumes and paraded around the school while they went trick or treating to several classrooms.

On October 28 Family Library Night hosted the cast of Guys and Dolls. Mrs. Hale from the middle school came and played math games with dice, Mrs. Casperson taught dancing of the era and Mrs. Jeanine Anderson taught songs of the early 50s and we showcased Frank Sinatra, who is 100 this year as well as our music books and other biographies.

Mr. Goff hosted College Application Week in the Library. Representatives from many colleges talked to students and helped them apply to their college.

The Daughters of the Utah Pioneers came and displayed a beautiful quilt that they are raffling off for a fund raiser, so we showed our Acu-quilter die cuts that are here at the Library to help cut blocks for piecing quilts.

Our book groups for boys and girls ages 8-12 have been very well attended and we are hoping to have more join us. We thank the teachers at the Middle School for advertising for us.

Our teen group is a little smaller because they all seem busier and it is hard for them to get there but these numbers are slowly increasing as well.

Twelve kids and nine adults attend the crochet class held on Fridays.

November 16 was also Family Library Night. The theme was “Cuddle Up With a Classic.” The library shelf tops were covered with displays of our classics. 102 were in attendance to celebrate “Idaho Family Reading Week”. We were so fortunate to have local talent come and participate in the workshops. Kelly Steele, a local author of children’s books came and brought “Ross the Rooster”, the star of his books. He spoke to the children about creative writing and taught them to crow. Local artist, Mrs. CarolAnn Pange taught how to draw a “lonely turkey in the arctic”. And the kids made a paper bag turkey. Cookies and turkey toes were the treat and we gave out prizes of books and small blankets to “Cuddle Up” with. Each family left with a classic children’s book and a cookbook to coordinate with some of the classics.

