



Highlights

On Wednesday, November 19, 2014, the board highlighted:

Moreland Elementary



Halloween at Moreland was very exciting. After working hard, they enjoyed some Halloween activities which included stories, reading, games and treats.

Riverside Elementary

On October 16th, we had our PTA Fundraiser, the 5th annual “Run for Riverside” fun-run. It was held on our playground where students ran and walked for one hour to help raise funds to pay for field trips and technology. We had some special guests run with us including high school cheerleaders and cross country runners. 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 t-shirts.

On October 28th, the Peer Helpers from the high school came and did a presentation on bullying for our students. As part of the presentation, some of the students shared personal experiences of when they were bullied, and one high school boy even told about when he was the bully. They divided the students into groups and did activities with them where they could practice being kind to each other.

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. His son Luke, who is one of our 3rd graders and dressed in his Cub Scout shirt, assisted his dad. Following the assembly, Sgt. Goodwin shook each student's hand as they exited the gym.

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.



Rockford Elementary



We had a very busy and interesting October. In the middle of the month we had Seed Survivor from Agrium come to the school. They brought a trailer with interactive games inside plus several people that explained agriculture to our students. Even though we are surrounded by farms there is a lot of our student population that aren't living on farms, so it was really nice to have the life cycle of seeds explained to them. They learned about the water cycle and taking care of our soil. They each received a sunflower seed that they planted in a small cup.



In Idaho History our students learn about the birds of prey in our state. Claudia Tremmelling from Idaho Power came and gave a super presentation about the birds of prey. The students had a great time learning and seeing those magnificent birds.



At the end of the Journeys unit in our reading program we take a Rockford Airlines flight to several different countries. This year our flight attendants were Mrs. Mathews and Mrs. Raymond. They flew with us to the North Pole, Guatemala, Sweden, Australia, and Iceland. We had some wonderful people come and share their knowledge of these countries. Kerry Christiansen and Alexi Mathews were at the North Pole. They served everyone a delicious snow cone. Dean Bonney taught us about Guatemala. Bella (a foreign exchange student) had a wonderful PowerPoint about her native country Sweden. Jim Woodland shared Australia with us and Sheri McLaren talked about Iceland. We appreciate each and every one of them for taking the time to tell us about these interesting places.

We also had a wonderful time with our Halloween parties. A very interesting witch (Mrs. Baldwin)



came to visit. You should have heard her cackle. We would like to invite everyone to our Christmas program on December 17th and 18th at 1:30 PM.

Snake River Middle School

The annual Craters of the Moon activity was well attended by the 5th grade students and their parents. They spent October 29th at this National Monument completing their science unit.

Parent Teacher Conferences were held on November 5th and 6th from 4:30 – 7:30 each night. Teachers met with parents to discuss Math and Language Arts Curriculum. Each student has been given a new Power School Single Sign-On (SSO) Parent Portal. If you did not receive this information, you may contact the school. We also continue to collect data to show individual student growth. Students will be given tests to update progress throughout the year.



We observed Veterans Day on November 12th with an assembly honoring local veterans. Mrs. Carol Robertson sang a popular World War II song followed by a patriotic song. Mrs. Munson's 5th grade students provided a choral reading of the Gettysburg Address. Mr. Brady played "Taps." Student had the opportunity to shake hands with veterans and thank them for their service. We thank the participants for helping us celebrate the holiday.

The 5th grade "Peace and Understanding" Lion's Club Essay winners are 1st place: Tyler Leavitt, Colton Jensen, 2nd place: Sheily Reyes, Ashlyn Fillmore, and 3rd place: McKenzie Campbell. Also, the SRHS Orchestra provided an assembly on the 18th.

The 5th grade will hold their annual Colonial Day on November 25th. This activity is for the social studies curriculum. They will participate in projects and activities reminiscent of life as an early colonist. The 6th grade students are finishing power point presentations on ecosystems in science and government in social studies.



Our Christmas programs are scheduled for the month of December. The 6th grade students will present a musical program featuring the band, strings, and choir on December 11th at 2:00. The 5th grade play performances are scheduled for later in December. Parents will receive more information about their child's performance date and costume requirements.

Snake River Jr. High School

There has been a lot going on this month at the Jr. High. Many of our students are involved in extracurricular activities.

The Jr. High orchestra performed during the SREF Fall Carnival. They did a great job! The Jr. High boys wrestling team placed 2nd at Districts in Marsh Valley. The 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball teams are off to a great start and going strong.

We just celebrated Veterans Day at the Jr. High. The Boy Scouts started us off by presenting the flag followed by a nice assembly where we honored 7 veterans. We were entertained with musical numbers by the Jr. High Boys Choir, Jr. High Girls Choir, and the Kids Choir. We also had a reading of a poem by Caleb McBride and LaRoy Hansen spoke to us about some funny things that happened to him in the military.



Snake River High School

Cross Country at State in Boise: Our Cross Country athletes did very well at State! The girls got fourth place, with senior Kyra Trahant running 21:04 on the 3.2 mile course. Another senior, Kayl Williams, ran a 17:31 for the 3.2 miles with the boys grabbing fifth place overall.

Sending Our Sports Teams Off to State: On October 29th, we had a Send Off to State assembly for the Cross Country, Volleyball, and Football teams. We recognized each team for the hard work and effort they put into their sport throughout the season. Well Done!

SR Honors Veterans: Snake River had an amazing and emotional assembly on November 11th to recognize and commemorate the veterans who have served our country. The veterans who have served for our nation were asked to come to the stage, and the auditorium was filled with applause as the students stood in respect for their decision to serve our country. The music department, made up of the orchestra, band, and choir members, sang and played the anthems for each military branch. Jared Polatis and foreign exchange student Bella sang "Where Have All the Flowers Gone", and Bella sang an original song of hers about soldiers.



End of Trimester to a New Beginning: The first trimester of the 2014-15 school year will officially end on November 20, 2014. Students are busy gearing up for finals, while teachers are finishing last minute grades. The new trimester begins November 24.

Football: The football team has dominated the playoffs. Their hard work and long practice has paid off. They defeated Sugar Salem 44-0, and were victorious 49-28 over South Fremont. They defeated Shelley 28-14 in the mini-dome on November 14th. The State Championship Game will be Friday at Albertson's Stadium in Boise against Fruitland.

College Applications Week: Last week Snake River High School hosted College Application Week. Seniors were able to fill out college applications and talk with counselors about financial and scholarship opportunities. Thanks to the Counseling Department for assisting the students at SRHS.

Snake River Education Foundation:

The Snake River Education Foundation would like to thank the following businesses and individuals who made our 2014 Fall Carnival and Craft Bazaar a success:

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Mickelsen Construction
Mowers and More
Mystic Fox
O'Reily Auto Parts
Origami Owl

Parts Plus
Powell's Body Shop
Premier Designs
Radio Shack
Reader Family
Sassy Styles
Snake River Community Library
Snake River Junior High
Snake River High School
Stinger's
Thompson Family
Truck N'Trim
VanOrden, Lund, & Cannon
Wada Family
Wada Farms
WalMart
Wendy's
White Glove
Heather Carter
Susan Bench
Verna Mangum

The staff and teachers of Snake River School District: Your help was invaluable, without you, we would not have been able to have the manpower for the carnival. We appreciate you and are so glad to have your support!



Board of Trustees:

Congratulations to Wally Aldous for receiving the Idaho School Boards Association Trustee Award of Boardmanship, Level 4—Distinction on November 13, 2014 at the ISBA Conference. This recognition program honors school board members' commitment to public education through proven school board leadership. We would like to thank Wally for all of the hard work and leadership he has given to the Snake River School District.

Fine Arts

The Snake River Fine Arts Committee gives a big THANK YOU to these businesses and organizations who helped to fund our Ryan Shupe and the Rubber Band Concert this year:

The F.M., Anne G. and Beverly B. Bistline Foundation
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We are so grateful for such good people whose contributions make our community and school district better!

Fine Arts—Choir and Band: There is much to feel good about in our fine arts programs in the district. One of the most exciting things is . . . Thanks to the generous donations and to the support of our school district; the Wenger acoustical shell for the high school auditorium has arrived and is already being used with great success.

The total cost for the 6-piece shell was nearly \$15,000. Last December, a donor (who has donated to our fine arts programs in the past) was contacted about the possibility of helping us acquire the shell. He generously donated an iPad to raffle off and offered to purchase the first piece of the shell if we would fundraise enough for a 2nd piece. In addition, he stated that he would offer the same thing the next year if the school district would purchase the 3rd piece. This would make it possible for us to acquire the shell within a year and a half.

Mrs. Casperson, Mr. Brady, & Mrs. Winder got busy selling tickets. Many people came forward to purchase tickets and also gave additional donations. Randy Polatis even had the scrap metal salvaged off of his and Stan Williams' property which brought in \$1,000. With everyone's generosity, we had enough to acquire the full 6-piece shell this fall.

On November 19th the Fall Choir Concert (Chambers Singers, Man Choir, and Girls Sing!) will be at 7:30 p.m., on November 20th will be the Fall Band Concert, and the Christmas Choir Concert (Chamber Singers, Acapella Choir, Belle Voce, and Young Women in Harmony) will be on December 17th at 7:30 p.m. All concerts are free.

We are truly grateful and humbled at the generosity of so many people and to our school board for their support of our programs. We believe the shell will make a big difference in the quality of our performances. It gives us an even great impetus to do everything we can to make the fine arts programs the best they can be and to give our students and patrons the best musical experience possible. SR is a GREAT place to be!

- Mrs. Casperson



We would like to thank the United Way of Southeastern Idaho for the \$500 gift to go towards our student care fund. This gift was presented to the Snake River School District at the school board meeting.