



# Highlights

Wednesday, December 15, 2015

## Moreland Elementary



Great things are happening at Moreland! November was super learning time. Students are making great gains in Imagine Learning. Parent Teacher Conferences, where our mastery based report card was given out, showed evidence of grade level growth for most students. Before Thanksgiving break our first graders got to learn about early trappers and hunters and how they hunted for necessity of food.



Natalie Bergevin, AKA Grandma Grizzly, showed beading, pelts, and discussed trapping. Kindergarten rotated through classrooms learning about the first Thanksgiving, lifestyles of that era, songs, and events of that time frame. We are looking forward to the Christmas events coming soon... And then comes a New Year!

## Riverside Elementary



To help get in the holiday mood, the PTA provided each student with an ornament to make and decorate for our school tree. The students also enjoyed the Christmas program the Snake River Chamber Singers performed for us. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students will be performing their own Christmas program for their parents and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. With the new snow, the students are trying to remember to dress warmly and are enjoying recess on the playground. Winter has definitely arrived at Riverside!

The teachers and students are enjoying having one-on-one Chromebooks for each student. They use their computers for Accelerated Reading and Math, Math Facts in a Flash, Typing Pal, and IXL Language Arts. They are a good tool to enhance student learning.



We wish to thank our School Board and patrons for all their support this past year and hope you have a safe and Merry Christmas!

## Rockford Elementary

On Veteran's day, each class had their own veteran's activities. Mrs. Nelson's class had Dillon Goodwin (Luke Goodwin's dad) come and talk about his service. We so appreciate when parents come and explain what they do especially on such a significant day. The High School orchestra came and gave a wonderful performance for us. It is exciting for the students to see what they get to look forward to in High School if they choose to participate in that wonderful activity.

The Elks Lodge hoop shoot was held at Rockford just before Thanksgiving. We so appreciate our PTA president, Natalie Raymond, for getting all the volunteers to help. Our winners were:



Girls 8-9: Hailey Raymond 1<sup>st</sup>  
Girls 10-11: Taylee Carlson 1st and Madison Watt 2nd

Boys 8-9: Rainger Morrell 1st and Kade Fitzgerald 2nd  
Boys 10-11: Keaton Kesler 1st and Luke Higginson 2nd



## Snake River Middle School

On December 9<sup>th</sup>, students and faculty enjoyed a musical concert by the SRHS Chamber Singers under the direction of Mrs. Casperson. The choir performed a medley of songs from their Christmas concert.



The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students will present their Christmas program on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 in the gym. The program, "Christmas Showstoppers," will showcase choir and dance numbers. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade band and strings classes will also perform. The combined 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades have a total of 108 students participating in the strings classes and 74 students in band classes.

Our Library has students working on skills that will enhance their Language Arts classes. 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are authoring a book that will be published. The book will be a sample of their narrative writing. 5<sup>th</sup> grade students have focused on author's purpose and genres.



There is a box in the school foyer to collect hats, gloves, scarves, coats, and canned food to be donated to local charities. The district Star Team hosted a Star Renaissance and Accelerated Math training for new teachers, RTI teachers, and High School Teachers new to these products. Some of the topics covered were Home Connect, using Star scores to create instructional groups within the classroom, and the administration of Accelerated Math in the classroom. The district is encouraging all parents to know what is available to them through these programs and encouraging them to access their child's data through Renaissance Home Connect.

There are a number of benefits to using Accelerated Math. The data generated by STAR Math and Accelerated Math helps teachers individualize instruction. The program identifies small groups of students who need help on specific objectives, helping to maximize the teachers' time. Students benefit by moving through the objectives at their own pace, and also learn to use resources other than their teacher. These resources include the basic text, Kahn Academy, and asking their peers for help. Accurate data helps the students as well as the teachers. It helps the students see that they can succeed.



PLC groups attended a conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. They represented our school and brought back a renewed energy to help support the school and staff with the RTI process. They also learned more about the PLC process and how to help students become more involved in their own learning. Christmas Break: Last day for classes will be December 17<sup>th</sup>. Students will return to school on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Snake River Jr. High School

Hustle and bustle are the words to describe December at the Jr. High! Girls basketball has been in full swing and is winding down this last week of school before Christmas break. Districts are in American Falls on Friday, December 18th. Boy's basketball will be starting up in January with tryouts on December 18th 10 a.m. till noon.

Our annual student Christmas pancake breakfast is Thursday, December 17th. Jr. High Orchestra is really astounding this year. They are under the direction of JeNene Anderson. Their Christmas concert was December 14th with a packed audience.

Also, congratulations to the 2015-2016 Snake River Jr. High Honor Society which includes 59 eighth graders and 63 seventh graders. Membership in this Society is based upon scholarship (3.5 gpa or above), citizenship, service, leadership, and character. Their first activity and service project is Monday, Dec 14th at Pindale lanes. The students will be bowling and also bringing food items and money to help a needy family in our community for Christmas.

We are happy to have many good things happening at the Jr. High this year.



## Snake River High School Art Hallway Decoration

AP Art class put together an amazing display outside of the art classroom. It was Star Wars themed, bringing in the holiday spirit as well as the spirit for the new Stars Wars movie. It featured quite a few of the teachers, including Coach Gardner, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Tominaga, Mrs. Bedwell, Mr. Belliston, Mr. Coles, and Mr. Carter swinging in, reminiscent of Princess Leia.



## Deck the Halls Competition

The hallways have been decorated from each of the grades in a competition between the grades. The class presidents organized some of the students in their grade to decorate the halls during the weekend of the 10-12th.

## Charity Week

SR Leadership class has helped put together an amazing week full of activities, including the Charity Assembly. The Charity Assembly will be on the 15th. The Leadership class would like to thank the community for the donations and support they have felt through organizing this event. There are donations ranging from a car starter to a parrot going for sale.

## Scrooge

The Scrooge play will be held at the Snake River Auditorium December 15th, 17th, 18th, and 19th. Andrew Baird will be leading as the play's namesake. The whole drama department will be participating in this traditional production.

## Winter Sports

Snake River made the community proud by winning against Buhl on the 12th. Buhl was ranked #1 in the state, making this a huge win. They won in overtime with a score of 63-61. Wrestling beat Firth with a team score of 54-4. Girl's basketball went 1-1 this weekend.

## Music—Choir

The Snake River Choirs  
(along with their directors Deanne Casperson  
and Paul Page) proudly present:

**SCROOGE!**  
A Musical Christmas Carol  
an adaptation of Charles Dickens'  
"A Christmas Carol"  
(written by Deanne and Kerry Casperson)

December 15, 17, 18, and 19th  
7:30 p.m. \$5 a seat  
in the Snake River Auditorium

Please bring a can of food for  
the Idaho Food Bank.

Scrooge! A Musical Christmas Carol will be December 15, 17, 18, and 19<sup>th</sup>. There are over 100 students involved in the production. We are running tech rehearsals and are excited about this year's show! The Chamber Singers also entertained Rockford Elementary, Riverside Elementary and the Middle School with some fun Christmas music as well as songs from their upcoming musical 'Scrooge.' The students at the schools were extremely well behaved and attentive. We had so much fun at the schools. We appreciate their willingness to let us come show what we are doing and to share our talent.

On another note, we had 12 music students qualify for the All-State Honor Groups. This is a great honor for these students. They will rehearse and perform with other outstanding music students from the State of Idaho in February.

**Orchestra** - Liberty Stokes

**Band** - Abbi Perkes

**Choir** - Alexis Burr, Jordyn Burr, Kitana Caldera, Aunna Williams, Paige Williams, Andy Baird, Ethan Murdock, Spencer Barbre, Obediah Egbert, & Kaden Godfrey.

## High School Program Highlights

After some fancy maneuvering by Dr. Tarp from ISU, Supt. Kerns, Mr. Carter, the high school counselors, and Mrs. Alvarez, we are happy to announce that Snake River High School is offering a Medical Spanish class, dual enrollment opportunity for our students. It is a 200 level college class, and the students who complete both trimesters will be able to graduate with at least six college credits, and because of a grant written by Dr. Tarp, may also earn another 16 college credits by taking a Spanish Language CLEP test, which will be administered and paid for by the grant. Dr. Tarp, ISU and SRHS are trying, through this grant, to help fill a need in our medical community by providing medical students who are also bilingual, and to offer our students an amazing start to their career opportunities. An additional perk of the class, is that the students who pass with an 84% will also be afforded the opportunity to take an interpreter's seminar -- at no cost to themselves. This seminar will be paid for with the grant. This class usually costs upwards of \$600, and it will allow them to become State of Idaho certificated interpreters; a job that often pays \$25 an hour and is in high demand in our state. This dual-enrollment Spanish class is in addition to the 100 level dual enrollment Spanish classes that have been offered at SRHS for several years now; which classes have provided the opportunity for students to earn eight college credits for beginning Spanish.

### **High School Program Highlights--Continued**

The Early Childhood Professions program will be contributing to the continued success of the Children's Community Christmas Project and plates of cookies will be distributed to senior citizens on December 19th.

The Business Department has applied to be part of a state pilot Adobe program, which would give us access to free software and certification exams. Also, nine BPA members are getting ready to compete at Regionals in January.

### **Snake River Fine Arts:**

Working with the BYU Young Ambassadors and stage crew was an awesome experience. They did a fabulous show and have such talent. We had approximately 300 people attend the evening performance. There were many other events going on that night and so we felt good about the attendance. We appreciate the support we receive from our community and look forward to working with BYU again in the future.



Two workshops were held concurrently and we had approximately 120 students attend. The Morning News had this to say:

Students and adults alike were enthusiastic about participating in the workshops offered by BYU Young Ambassadors on Saturday at the Snake River High School. In the dancing, singing and theater workshops, students were divided into three sections. They took their turns in each of these disciplines.

The jazz band was made up of BYU students playing an electric bass, an electric guitar, piano, bongo, drum, trombone, two playing trumpets and a saxophone playing. In the jazz band workshop, area students were invited to play a few “licks” with the ensemble.

“It was great,” said student trumpeter Robbie Matlock. “I learned a lot and I enjoyed playing with the group. –

See more at: <http://www.am-news.com/content/young-ambassadors-workshop-well-attended#sthash.JbcuY4fQ.dpuf>



***Thank you!  
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