



Highlights

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

Moreland Elementary

Tis the Season... and we are loving it with our kids at Moreland. First grade put on a fantastic Christmas program. The parents and grandparents were out in great numbers to support our students. They kids loved performing for the big audiences.



Our Foreign Exchange students came and presented Christmas Around the World. We had students tell us about traditions in Italy, Norway, Thailand, Austria, Germany and the Netherlands. They presented very engaging information this year using our projectors so the students could see actual video clips of their traditions and songs. Yes, the girls from the Netherlands taught the kids a holiday song in their language. It was awesome!



It may appear that learning has ceased, but that is not the case! The amazing teachers at Moreland have kept structure in their learning of language and math. They know the importance of consistency in learning.

Thank you to the Board for the support we feel in our work. We appreciate all the valuable time you volunteer for the benefit of our school and community.

Riverside Elementary

We recently completed the annual Elks Hoop Shoot here at Riverside. A total of 49 boys and girls stayed after school to participate. Aaron Kelly was the contest coordinator and he had several parent volunteers who helped. Oakley Talbot and Sophie Kelly were the 1st and 2nd place winners for the girls. Chase Poulter and Boeden Burke were the 1st and 2nd place winners for the boys. They are now eligible to compete in the Local Contest at Mountain View Middle School in January.

To help get in the holiday mood, the PTA provided each student with an ornament to make and place on our school Christmas tree. It sure makes our school look welcoming and festive! The 2nd grade students have been working on their Christmas program. They are excited to present it for their parents.

As part of the Language Arts Curriculum, all of the 2nd graders recently read the story "Big, Bushy Mustache." It was a problem solving story where they were supposed to figure how the man was going to find his lost mustache. As an activity in the end, they had fun making and showing off their big, bushy mustaches.



Rockford Elementary

The annual Elks National Hoop Shoot was held at Rockford on November 28, 2017. We had a wonderful turnout with 18 boys and 13 girls participating. Our 1st and 2nd placers for each group were:



- 9 year old boys
 - 1st - Jackson Jorgensen
 - 2nd - Ike Clayson
- 10 year old boys
 - 1st - Crew Albertson
 - 2nd - Hunter Lee
- 9 year old girls
 - 1st - Mikelle Kesler
 - 2nd - Leyda Santillan
- 10 year old girls
 - 1st - Izybel Talbot
 - 2nd - Aydyn Anderson



Snake River Middle School

5th grade Colonial Day was a great success. Students participated in this Social Studies activity where they rotated through a variety of stations including a presentation on the wheat industry sponsored by Farm Bureau of Blackfoot, an old-fashioned game of marbles, and pen and quill writing, just to name a few.

Our students have successfully completed the dental hygiene sealants program sponsored by Southeast Idaho Public Health.

Mrs. Anderson's High School Orchestra class preformed for 5th and 6th grade students on November 29th. 5th grader, Elle Shupe, won the Tall Tale Writing Contest sponsored by the Snake River Community Library. She received an iPad for her efforts. Congratulations Elle.

6th grade students presented, "Christmas Showstoppers," a combined band, strings, and choir concert on December 4th. This program allowed students to work cooperatively as they shared their musical talents with those in attendance. 5th grade math students have successfully completed 9,184 objectives for the 1st Trimester.

Buddy, The Elf on the Shelf, has been visiting the middle school. Students have been given a numbered card to track the location of Buddy daily. On December 20th, students will return their completed cards to be entered in a drawing. Prizes will be awarded.

5th and 6th grade boys and girls are participating in the annual "Hoop Shoot" contest sponsored by the Elk's Lodge. Students qualify for the next round by successfully completing up to twenty-five free throws. The top 2 participants in each age group will represent our school at the Mr. View Middle School on January 6, 2018.

The 5th grade Christmas program is scheduled for Cast A (Capson, Mignin, and Loveland) on December 19th and Cast B (Simmons, Davison, and VanOrden) on December 20th. Dress rehearsal will be at 9:00 with parent performances at 1:00 both days.

5th and 6th grade students are participating in a canned food/personal hygiene community project. Our students are well on their way to meeting the four hundred item challenge. All collected donations will be distributed locally. Christmas Break: Last day for classes will be December 22nd. Students will return to school on January 2nd.



Snake River Jr. High School

Busy, busy, busy like elves here at the Junior High.

Special Academic:

Mrs Thompson's young living classes had a guest speaker from the University of Idaho Blackfoot Extension Office present for two days "Welcome to the Real World' money management unit. Students were given a profession and income. They had to make wise budgeting decisions writing checks and using debit cards to pay monthly expenses. Students were shocked how fast their paychecks dwindled. Many expressed the thought that they weren't ready yet for the 'real world'.

Sports:

Girls basketball did great at districts. Our 7th grade team took 1st and our 8th grade team took 3rd. Our girls dance team took two 1st for both of their dances at the Western States Dance Competition. And they also received an overall award that the judges give to only 10 teams out of 75! Boys basketball tryouts will be December 19-20.

Extra:

Our Project Based Learning has started to take hold with kids really using their brains on real world problems and how to fix them. We also have had groups try to make cardboard houses for homeless. A group tried to raise funds to fix the locker room bathrooms here at school. A group made blankets for children in need. The ideas are endless! The best part when listening to the presentations wasn't hearing the end results... it was hearing them talk about the problems they ran into along the way and what they would do better next. These things included picking better partners, starting earlier or managing time better, prioritizing what outcome was most important. Wow, talk about growth mindset learning!!!



Snake River High School

Outstanding Musicians Chosen for 2017 All-State Honor Groups

The Idaho Music Educators Association recently announced the list of students chosen for the 2018 All-State Honor Groups. Top musicians from around the state will meet in Moscow, February 1-3, at the University of Idaho, to rehearse with nationally renowned conductors of the All-State Band, Orchestra, Mixed and Treble Choirs, and the first ever Idaho All-State Jazz Choir. The final Gala Concert is open to the public Saturday, Feb. 3.

In addition to the Honor Groups, Idaho state music educators will participate in professional development workshops from elementary to collegiate level specialties. Exemplary ensembles have been chosen from across the state to perform for the conference attendees, including Middle School and Elementary Honor Choirs co-sponsored with Idaho's American Choral Director's Association affiliate.

The Idaho Music Educators Association is a nonprofit educational organization of current and former music teachers and administrators across Idaho in public/private schools and universities and colleges, including private studio teachers and music educators living in retirement.

IMEA is a state affiliate of NAFME, the National Association for Music Education, an 85,000-member organization representing music educators across the United States. The Mission of IMEA is to promote and advance Music Education in all Idaho schools, to foster personal and professional growth of music educators, and to standardize and enhance musical opportunities for all students throughout the state.

Congratulations to the following local students for selection to their respective Honor Groups;

Snake River High School Choir (directed by Deanne Casperson)

Lexi Baron
Mary Baxter
Jordyn Burr
Madison Johnson
Elizabeth Wada
Paige Williams
Jerimiah deWit
Landon Lee
Spencer Williams
Alex VanOrden

Snake River High School Orchestra (directed by Jenene Anderson)

Naomi Hammond

FFA National Convention

FFA had the great opportunity of going East for the National Convention October 21-28. They first went to Washington DC the 21-22 and saw national monuments and museums.



They then headed to New York for the 23rd, and saw the Statue of Liberty, Times Square, and even a Broadway show!



Next Stop: Pennsylvania. The next day presented them with the chance to see the Hershey Factory and Gettysburg.



After Pennsylvania, they drove through the day through Ohio, stopping in Columbus, and then carrying on to Indiana.



They were able to go to the FFA Convention on Thursday and Friday of that week. It was jammed pack with leadership workshops, a giant expo, the FFA mall, and general sessions that had incredible keynote speakers such as Mike Petz, an inspirational comedy magician, and Laila Ali, the boxing daughter of Muhammad Ali. This week was an incredible opportunity to experience new things and meet so many agriculture based people from all over the nation.

Snake River Community Library

November was National Family Reading Month and our theme was Tell me a Tale. We wanted to draw as many families as possible into the library, so we did several things to help. To create a fun atmosphere, we constructed a 9 foot Paul Bunyan, a 10 foot giant beanstalk and a castle drawbridge, all in the library.

We also held a Kindle giveaway. To enter, the participants wrote their own tall tale, or drew their own pictures of an original tall tale. We were able to give away kindles to three different age groups. We had over sixty kids participate in the kindle giveaway.

The night of the event, we gave away a free book to the first fifty kids through the doors. We had five rotating stations. They each got to,

- Listen to Jack and the Beanstalk
- Hear stories from a Native American Rendezvous Woman
- Make a fire breathing dragon craft
- Listen to Paul Bunyan's story
- "Saw a Log" with a swiss roll and then enjoy it

In total, we had 167 people attend our event. When they left, they were given a baggie of jelly belly's that looked like magic beans, from Jack and the Beanstalk. We feel like it was a huge success with the turnout that we had, given there was another school event being hosted the same night.



Scrooge Production

In November, the biannual production of Scrooge took place. There were 70 students involved and Spencer Williams was Ebenezer Scrooge. Below are a few pictures from the production.





Merry
Christmas