



Highlights

On Wednesday, August 21, 2013, the board highlighted:

Students Report on Participation in National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine

Davian Martinez and Joslyn Phillips, freshmen at Snake River High School, attended the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine (NYLF/MED) in Boston this summer (July 14 to July 23, 2013). They had the opportunity to see the medical community in action as they visited several medical school and learned about what it takes to make the grade and received insight as to what they can expect as a med student. At NYLF/MED, they were immersed in the medical community through visits to leading hospitals, clinics and other medical facilities dedicated to the care and treatment of patients. Site visits offered a unique take on keeping communities healthy and offered them a behind-the-scenes look at the realities of today's medical profession.



Superintendent Mark Gabrylczyk's Harvard Experience

Superintendent Mark Gabrylczyk attended the National Institute for Urban School Leaders at Harvard this summer. The institute brought educators from urban contexts together with Harvard faculty and top experts in their field to examine best practices and research-based techniques that support student achievement. Mr. Gabrylczyk said this opportunity provided an in-depth exploration of the leadership skills necessary to enhance and sustain learning outcomes. This opportunity is given to a select few so we're excited that Mr. Gabrylczyk was chosen to participate

Randy Brady is President-Elect of Region V Music

Randy Brady is the new President-Elect of Region V of the Idaho Music Education Association. Every other year District V Music gets a new president. Each year that the new president is put in office, there is a new President Elect nominated. The president elect serves as the Vice-President for two years and then takes over as the President for a two year term. This year, the annual fall meeting/dinner was held in American Falls. This meeting addresses the coming year's activities, new District V music teachers, and any other business. Nominations for the new President Elect were held within a matter of about two minutes. Randy says, "I was nominated, the motion was seconded, nominations were closed, that movement was seconded, voting was unanimous, and I was named the new District V President Elect/Vice-President! The District President and Vice-President participate in state wide meetings for IHSA and Idaho Music Education Association. I am excited for the opportunity to extend my expertise to District V. I am hoping that I can be a help in improving the overall music education in our district and hopefully have some effect on what happens in music education at a state level."

Snake River Tech Department Successfully Hosts Idaho Instructional Innovation Conference (i3c)

This summer (June-27-28) the Snake River Tech Department received stellar reviews for hosting a two-day conference for over 200 educators who were part of the Instructional Technology Division of the Idaho Department of Education. State Superintendent Tom Luna sent a letter congratulating Steve Schellenberg, Sherrilynn Bair, and Larry Seymore for their organization and planning of the event. During the two day conference, these 200 teachers were introduced to innovation that will transform our state's classrooms into Next Generation Learning Environments. Attendees were allowed the time to collaborate with their district teams and to network and begin collaboration with educators from all over Idaho – connections that will be invaluable to their careers and to the education of Idaho students.

Snake River Summer Ag Class Harvests Crops and Awards Internship

The first Ag Summer class was very successful. Twenty-four of the twenty-seven students who started, passed the class and many are wanting to take another class like it! Mr. Hoge says he is already getting interest for next years' class... even from students of other districts, if articulation agreement can be reached. Thinks enrollment will double! Also Crop Production Services is very interested in promoting the program and working with young students. If a student is interested in going to college and studying agronomy, CPS will be willing to offer a paid internship. Mr. Hoge says the Barley crop has been harvested and they got 75 bushels per acre. The potatoes are yet to be harvested and they look really good.



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Lucinda Lewis, District Food Service Director, Receives State Recognition

This summer while attending the Idaho School Nutrition conference in Boise, Lucinda Lewis, Snake River School District's Food Service Director, was awarded the "Perfectionist Award" for being only one of four other food service supervisors in the state of Idaho who had filled out the new USDA Six Cent Certification report "perfectly!" It was noted that this was quite an accomplishment and that Lucinda had paid careful attention to the details. The report included several days of menus to demonstrate that the district was following the new meal planning requirements correctly for each grade level. Having filed the report, the district now receives six cents more per reimbursable meal!

Snake River High School Students Prepare for Eastern Idaho State Fair Recognition given to Sherry Mecham, patron volunteer, for her support

Many of our Snake River High School clubs, Marching Band, Leadership Class, and Chambers will be building floats for the Eastern Idaho State Fair parade. The high school typically wins the award for most school entries. We show TONS of school spirit and really do make a great spirited representation for our school. Many of the classes and/or clubs also help to clean grandstands and usher during the evening events at the fair.

Sherry Mecham does a wonderful job overseeing and organizing these groups. She volunteers and is there every single night of the fair with garbage sacks, gloves, and brooms - staying late each night. She has helped the groups earn over \$40,000 during the last several years (12 or 13 I think). We gave her an award last year in one of our concerts as a thank you. What a great lady she is.

Snake River Middle School

Snake River Middle School welcomes students and staff as we start the 2013-2014 school year. This year Dave Kerns is our new principal and Mindy Davison and Romie VanOrden are our new 5th grade teachers. Anita Holloway is the Title 1 facilitator. Marian. Cummings will teach a keyboarding class and Matt Bombard will be the P.E. teacher for both 5th and 6th grades. This summer the 5th and 6th grade teachers participated in a working retreat held in Island Park.

The band and strings programs will begin this week. Mr. Brady and Mrs. Winder have organized the evening of August 27th for students to secure instruments for those programs.

Snake River School/Community Library

- The library recently purchased 3M Cloud library which allows patrons to check out ebooks on their own personal devices. Just download the 3M cloud library app and follow the simple steps. Call if you have any questions.
- The Library's Art Classes for Adults and Children was taught by Nick Blight who graduated with a Bachelors degree from BYU-Idaho.
- A fun Mother/Daughter Book Group has twenty daughters and sixteen moms enrolled. There is also a young lady who is legally blind who comes and listens to her book on an MP3 player.
- The Library also has a crochet class and they are making "snowflakes!"
- Next year's theme at the library is "We 'mustache' you to read a book and look for the mustache in the library!"
- The Friday Robotics groups will be starting after harvest again. We will also start a Legos group as well.



- The Library's Summer Reading Program "Dig Into Reading" was a huge success thanks to Susan Otterstrom and her crew. Over 400 children participated! We had activities and stories and at the end of the summer each child was given a book and a plant.

Moreland Elementary Summer "Camp Learn A Lot"

Last years' 2nd and 3rd graders who didn't pass their IRI tests were offered the opportunity to participate in fun learning activities at "Camp Learn A Lot" at Moreland Elementary this summer. In order to go to be eligible for "Camp Learn A Lot", parents had to guarantee that their student would not miss more than one session. Attendance was vital! "Camp Learn A Lot" was a 40 hour program held in four hour sessions on Tuesday and Thursday at the end of June. The teachers were very creative in using the camping theme... sometimes pitching tents in the classroom and reading by flashlight as they sat inside with the children. The math teachers had them collect rocks and use camping scenarios to learn concepts. During July the students took homework packets home. The students came back to camp for a couple of sessions in August to get a jump start on the new school year. To motivate the students to have perfect attendance and to work hard to learn during camp, those who had 100% attendance, who made a 5 point gain from their pre-test to their post-test and who completed all their homework packets had their names put in a drawing for a Kindle Fire. Eight students accomplished this goal and made the drawing. Twenty six (26) of the twenty-nine (29) students who attended made gains on their test scores. On the last day of camp, August 8th, "Camp Learn A Lot" students hosted a family picnic. A dutch oven dinner was served to 100 people!

Mrs. Reynolds reports that the new school year at Moreland Elementary is off to a great start. The kids are happy and the teachers are excited and positive that it is going to be a good year.