



# Highlights

**On Wednesday, September 17, 2014, the board highlighted:**

## Moreland Elementary

The school year has begun with excitement and successes. Beginning of year assessments have been taken, data reported and disaggregated. Teachers are taking the data and making decisions on how to maximize student learning. Kindergarten teachers have had their first Student Success meeting and determined intervention pieces for students. First grade teachers will meet Wed. the 16<sup>th</sup> for their first Student Success meeting.



Students at Moreland have adjusted to the routines and structure of school quite well. Procedures have been taught, such as bus safety, playground safety, classroom procedures, library procedures and lunchroom procedures. These tasks may seem minimal, but for kindergarteners, some of these tasks are measurable and show incredible gains!



We are looking forward to a great year of learning and growing. Staff as well as students are stretching and experiencing a bit of dissonance from time to time. But, as Eric Twadell has taught us, dissonance is a good thing.

## Riverside Elementary

We, at Riverside Elementary, are working hard and getting into the routine of school. We are happy to welcome Virginia Townsend as a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, Jamie Smith as a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher, and Janell Jarman as a Special Ed Aide.

Riverside students and staff would like to express their appreciation for the new Chromebooks that they were provided by Mr. Gabrylczyk and the School Board. They're being put to good use every day.

Riverside Staff have worked hard to screen students using STAR math and the IRI fluency probe. The data gleaned from these screeners has been very informative.

Our PTA is busy getting organized and planning things for our students and teachers. The 5<sup>th</sup> annual "Run for Riverside" is the PTA's fundraiser and it will be held in October. This has proven to be a fun and successful fundraiser for our school. With those funds these past 4 years, we've purchased classroom desks and chairs, books for the library and we have been able to send our students on educational field trips. We sure appreciate our PTA!



## Rockford Elementary



Time is going swiftly here at Rockford. Hopefully everyone was able to make it to the 4H exhibit at the fair last week. Last year's students had their Idaho History 4H projects on display. They did a wonderful job and we were so proud to see them at the fair.

Our students are enjoying the sandbox. We got new sand and some new toys to dig with. It has been like a day at the beach during recess.



The students are really enjoying Idaho History this year. They started out by making our Idaho Flag. Some have commented that Idaho History is their favorite subject.



## Snake River Middle School

This new year brings changes to the both faculty and staff at the Middle School. Mrs. Lynette Daw will be implementing technology in her new position as SRMS librarian. Mrs. Sylvia Long and Mrs. Sydnee Martin will be working with Mrs. Emma Morgan, the new special education teacher. Mrs. Ruby Gasca will be working with the LEP students. Mrs. Jill Munson and Mrs. Sydnee Hale will be teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms this year. This adjustment ensures equitable classroom size. Mr. Bombard will continue as the P.E. Specialist, and Mrs. Anita Holloway will be helping 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students in the Title 1 program.



We will be emphasizing the Mighty Milers and Character Counts Program again this year. Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes are using the new Accelerated Math Program, as well as, completing the Star tests for both reading and math. Picture Day was August 26<sup>th</sup> and students have received their new lunch cards. Our students have also received a new student number and login that should follow them through graduation. Our strings and band programs organized a night for students to secure instruments for this school year. If anyone is still interested in participating in either of those programs, parents may contact either Mrs. Winder or Mr. Brady.

We would like to remind parents to quickly sign and return all forms sent home. Each student also received a letter containing their access number for the Power School Grade Program. This program is designed to allow parents and students to check grades and catch any late or missing assignments. They also received a user name and password for the IXL Language Arts and the Renaissance Home Connect Independent Reading Program.



We anticipate the introduction of one-on-one chrome books for students. We are excited to see this technology introduced to enhance learning and track student growth.



*Panther Pride*



## Snake River Jr. High School

Back to School Night: On August 14th, Snake River Junior High had an amazing Back to School Night! 200 schedules were picked up by students and families. We also offered, through the Health Department, immunizations (for a small fee) as well as vision and scoliosis screenings.

New year off to a great start with great new changes: Each student was provided a new agenda to track assignments and stay organized. Each day, the agenda is signed during classes in an effort to track tardies and hold the students accountable. Another new implementation is the addition of enrichment classes. These classes provide an opportunity to screen for any students who may be falling behind and allows time and a mentor during class for these students to catch up.



Library Overhaul Underway: Our library is currently in the midst of a facelift, and we are so excited to see the finished product. The new furniture is here and newly painted walls will be done soon. Stop in after harvest break to see our fresh, new, space.



8-in-6 Program: The 8-in-6 program is designed for students who would like to obtain high school credits while attending regular classes at the junior high. These online courses are offered during the summer and above and beyond the normal classes during the normal school year. The state of Idaho will pay for up to 4 classes each year. Some of the courses include digital photography, foreign language, American Government, and more. Currently, 75 students are enrolled in the program, with 48 of them actively taking classes.

In Our Classrooms: Mrs. Vogler's 7th graders worked independently to learn about ratios, proportions, and graphing, then collaborated to display their results on posters. The program was 7th grade Engage New York Module 1, Lesson 6. Meanwhile, the Young Living students in Mrs. Thompson's classes cooked up 160 fresh and tasty hamburgers in one day!

## Snake River High School



### Freshman Orientation Day

Freshmen came the day before the rest of the high school on August 18. The executive council hosted an orientation day where the freshmen were able to find their classrooms, meet their teachers, and have an assembly. The freshmen learned the school song and met the Executive Council and the Senior Class Presidency. The Executive and Senior Class Council held a Q&A at the end of the day for anyone who had a question and for the people that were feeling uneasy about going into high school.

### Snake River Dance Team

We have a new dance team in the school. The team did amazing at the First Day of School Assembly. The team is made up of Tori Phillips, Cydee Bingham, Joslyn Phillips, Bridget Burt, Taya Gamble, Kylie Kirkpatrick, Shanae Schild, and Grace Hill.

### Kickoff of Fall Sports Season

Varsity football's first home game was on August 29. They celebrated their first game with a victory over South Fremont with the end score at 56-12. The Class Clash was a Color War. The Seniors wore purple, Juniors wore black, Sophomores wore white, and the Freshman wore gold. Principal Jackson, being challenged by Executive President Philicia Lee, participated in the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge after the game. On September 5, the Varsity played the Sugar Salem Diggers and came out with a huge win. Varsity volleyball took second at the icebreaker tournament on August 29, and the first volleyball game will be September 16 at Teton. Soccer won their game against South Fremont on the 30th, and Cross Country did well at their past three meets, and will be hosting a meet on the 19th.



### Homecoming Week Plans

Homecoming week is going to be the week of October 11-17. The kickoff bonfire will be the 11th. On Monday, we are wearing our clothes inside out, and can swap our names for the day. On Tuesday, the girls are participating in Powder Puff, and students can dress up as hobos or hippies that day. Wednesday is going to be packed with a men's volleyball game and the theme for dress is "Would You Still Be My Friend if I Wore This?" There will be an assembly on Thursday and the Poker Run will be held after school. At the game on Friday, students are encouraged to wear white to support our team. These plans are still subject to change.

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