



## Snake River School District 52

# Highlights

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

### Moreland Elementary

Coming back from harvest break has had its ups and downs. Over the harvest break, Dezmin Daw lost his mom, Kylee Herrick. Kylee was a great advocate for her son who is Autistic. This loss has been difficult in many ways and for many people. Susan Otterstrom shared some ideas of ways we at Moreland could aid in the healing of the family. We held an assembly to expand the knowledge and understanding of Autism, which was Kylee's passion. She wanted awareness of autism to be heightened in order to have heightened understanding and acceptance of people with Autism. Moreland students and staff dressed in blue and the staff had special shirts made to honor Kylee and Dezmin. Susan Otterstrom made matching shirts for Kylee's parents, her son Dezmin and other family members. Moreland will complete a quilt for Dezmin to keep and Moreland Elementary will honor October 11<sup>th</sup> every year as Kylee Kindness Day in remembrance of Kylee's passion of teaching tolerance and kindness. We would especially like to thank Bill and Kimra Martin for their attendance and support.



We also completed our Idaho Direct Fundraiser. We earned over \$5,000 for our teachers to use to purchase extra instructional tools from Really Great Reading, and add to the supply of color cartridges for our printers in order to print out colored graphs from our new iStation assessment and IReady assessments for Parent Teacher Conferences and for added teaching materials offered by each of these new assessments. We are excited about the possibilities these new assessments present for teaching and learning at Moreland for our students.

### Riverside Elementary

The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders recently took a "Walk Around Riverside" so they could learn about different businesses in our community. They visited Countryside Tire, Cowboy Cabinets, Chad's Place, and Kittie's Kitchen. We sure appreciate these businesses for taking time to teach our students about their establishments. We especially appreciate Kittie for treating each student and teacher to a delicious cookie and milk from her Kitchen! On that same day, Zane Clement came and taught the students about the exciting sport of rock climbing. This presentation supported a story the students had read about rock climbing. Another activity that our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders participated in that day was potato decorating. The potatoes were donated by VO Enterprises and the students were very creative with their decorating ideas.

The Farm Bureau recently brought a pumpkin for each of our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Each year they sponsor a decorating contest and choose a winner from each class. The kids love this activity!

All Riverside students and staff are proudly wearing their new panther t-shirts, courtesy of our awesome PTA. They were purchased by funds from our Family Night fundraiser. We appreciate the many things our PTA does for us!



## Rockford Elementary

We had a very eventful September. It was homecoming week and we love participating in that. Monday was inside out and/or backwards day. Tuesday was crazy sock day. Wednesday was crazy hat day. Thursday was sports team jersey and/or purple day. It is always fun to see what kind of things our students come up with.

Mr. Barger has his students make masks and we have some pictures of the mask making process. Mr. Dougal was kind enough to be the guinea pig for the demonstration.



## Snake River Middle School

The Middle School flagpole needed to be relocated. A new flagpole was installed during harvest break. We wish to thank the maintenance crew for their contribution.

Mrs. Hale spearheaded a 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys' and girls' bathroom makeover. Teachers and staff painted inspirational thoughts and words of encouragement on the walls and doors. Students have responded positively to this fun change. Thank you, Mrs. Hale.

Students were provided a mid-term Privilege Activity on October 15<sup>th</sup>. They were treated to an Ice cream sandwich and a short recess break. This time also afforded those who were in need of extra work time the opportunity to complete missing and late assignments.

Parent Teacher Conference for the first trimester will be held on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7:30 both nights.

Grants were awarded to Mrs. Leavitt and Mr. Loveland for a 3D printer that will be used in both the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Gifted and Talented Programs. A grant was also awarded to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Science classes to supplement and improve their Lego robotics curriculum.

The SREF Carnival and Craft Bazaar will take place on October 20<sup>th</sup> at the High School. There will be craft vendors, carnival games, and food items for purchase, as well as a costume parade. There will also be a 2:00 matinee of the community production of "Seussical Jr." Mark your calendars and plan to attend in support of this district fundraiser.

5<sup>th</sup> grade students will spend October 31<sup>st</sup> at Craters of the Moon. This science fieldtrip supports their study of geology. They will tour the visitor's center, spatter cones, and caves. Please send your student with a warm coat, sack lunch, and a flashlight. Parents are invited. (Please no small children.)



## Snake River Jr. High School

Girls District Volleyball tournament was Friday, October 12 at SR high school. 7th and 8th graders BOTH WON the tournament!! It was a good season for our girls.

Cross Country had a good season this year and there were many Jr. High students that participated.

We have Student Led Conferences on Thursday, October 18, 4:30-8:30 p.m. Parents can call the school and make an appointment to come with their student so the student can present their learning portfolio, or call the school to meet with a teacher anytime.



REMINDER TO PARENTS: 7th graders have 2 immunizations that are needed for this year. Bring a copy of these to the office to put in their file as soon as possible.

## Snake River High School

### Drama:

The drama department is putting on Seussical Jr. October 15-20, 2018.

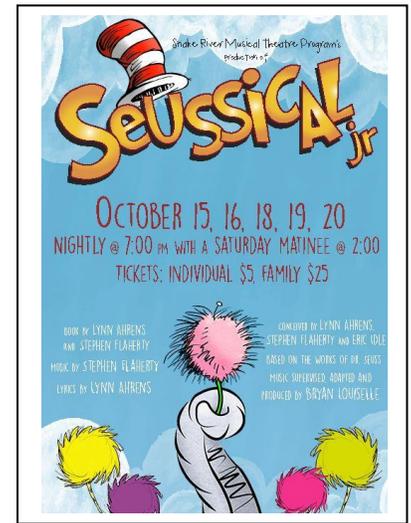
When? 7pm

Where? The SRHS auditorium

Who? 140 students kindergarten thru 8th grade.

Ticket prices \$5.

Also, on November 17, 2018 the SRHS Drama kids are headed to Century High School to compete in district drama competition. State competition is in Twin Falls this year on Nov. 30th and Dec. 1st.

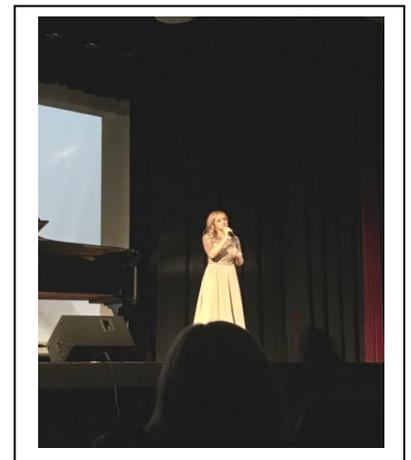


### Choir:

1. SRHS Menz Choir & Belle Voce will be performing at their fall concert on **Thursday, Nov. 8th in the high school auditorium**. Pre-show begins at 7, concert begins at 7:30. Free admission.
2. SRJH Musical Theater Choir Class & Drama Class will be presenting a **Drama/Choir Showcase on Weds., Nov. 14th @ 7 pm** in the high school auditorium. Free admission.
3. **18 choir students auditioned for the Idaho All-State Choir**. This event will be held in Rexburg this year from Jan 31st to Feb. 2nd. Hopefully we have several students selected for this outstanding choral experience.

### Evie Clair:

The High School had the opportunity to host Miss Evie Clair, top ten finalist on America's Got Talent in 2017, and sisters Christina Stutzman and Ali Wilde, who were also top ten finalists in America's Got Talent in 2010. Ali and Christina performed the pre show before the concert. They sang songs like from when they competed in America's Got Talent, and had the opportunity to introduce Evie. At the age of 13, Evie was one of the top ten finalists on America's Got Talent. She since has performed in many places around the country, and even at a Snake River basketball game. She came out singing Super Trouper, with a little help from her sisters, then sang songs like, Eye of the Tiger, Holding on for a Hero, and original songs that she wrote herself. There were videos from America's Got Talent that she showed to the audience, stories she told of her dad, and the motivation he gave her to sing. We would like to thank the Fine Arts Committee that made this concert happen.



## Snake River High School (Continued)

The time has come again for another senior football night. This year the Panthers hosted the Marsh Valley Eagles. Seniors Jacob Lee, Anthony T. Harrison, Bayler Gilbert, Tate Gilbert, Gunner Ramsdell, Rogelio Caldera, Zac Cox, Boden Palmer, Steven Bell, Hunter Cook, and Colton Wells were all announced at the game and recognized for their hard work and teamwork throughout the years. Each boy's parents or grandparents came down on the field to congratulate them and tell them how proud they were. Each team member, either from the sidelines or on the field, cheered each other on throughout the game. Good job boys!

This year's varsity volleyball had the opportunity to host Marsh Valley Eagles as well at their senior night. Seniors Abby Morgan, Maggie Watt, Ashlee Kunz, Mia Harper, Kinsley Polatis, Baylee Sensenbach, and Taite Baldwin were recognized and thanked by their coaches for their hard work throughout the years. Each parent of these amazing girls went down on the court to congratulate them as well as tell them how proud of them they were. The Lady Panthers then went on to win against the Eagles in just three quick sets. Great job ladies.



## Idaho Lottery Scratch for Schools Event:

Several of our Snake River schools participated in the 18<sup>th</sup> Idaho Lottery's Scratch for Schools event. This was held over Harvest Break in Idaho Falls and Pocatello. Teams of 3 from each school faced off against almost one hundred other schools in East Idaho. The goal was to scratch as many lottery tickets as possible in a 300 stack brick in 5 minutes. Winning teams were given additional tickets. These may seem easy but hand cramps, paper cuts, and sore muscles are just a bit of what team members will experience. Once the competition was completed all tickets were scratched off and all winning ticket amounts are donated to their school. Moreland's team from last year was even featured on the postcard mailed out to all schools. It is a fun event and great team building activity.



## Snake River Community Library

We have had another busy month in the library. Towards the first part of the month we hosted a community education class about how to use your Instant Pot. Attendees were able to learn how to use the pressure cookers, ask questions and of course sample several different things that were made in an instant pot. We look forward to hosting more community education classes in the future. If you have a request for something you would be interested in learning, please let us know.

Adrian Ropp, a comic book writer/artist, story artist, animation director, and alumni of Snake River High School, was in our library for a workshop. He has worked for Disney making several video games and animation. At the workshop he focused on teaching the kids how to tell a story. He developed characters, a story line and then they made a comic strip. He taught them how to sketch characters, show different emotions on the characters and how to keep the reader entertained. This was such a fun event and we are so lucky to have such a talent come and spend some time with our community. We are hoping to be able to host another event like this in the future.

