

Elementary Board Report

Science Olympiad Team

Our Science Olympiad team, led by Ms. Sawyer, Mrs. Crandall, and Mr. Sloniker, has been working hard after school two days a week experimenting and preparing for the regional Science Olympiad competition. They recently participated in the regional Science Olympiad at Clark College where 30 schools were competing in five competitions. Most schools mainly send fifth grade students to compete. We were one of the few to send a team with younger students, ranging from second to fifth grade. Our students should feel proud of the efforts as they placed second in the Rocket Boost Rally competition and sixth in both the Silly Sinking Ships and Chow Down (digestive systems) competitions. Way to go!



Landscaping with Lincoln

Our students want and need to have opportunities to lead and help improve our community. Mrs. Bodell, our counselor, has worked with our fourth and fifth grade classes to give students some opportunities to lead and help out. One such opportunity that is just starting up is Landscaping with Lincoln. Over 80 students have signed up to help find ways to improve our campus grounds. Potential examples include tidying up the track area, planting flowers, developing paths, and more. Our first opportunity is to develop the flowerbeds along the front of the school. Seven students have been working to lead this project by learning about and planning the design and process for planting bulbs. They will be leading our larger group of students in planting the bulbs in their chosen designs next week. Stacey Lane, from Holland America Bulb Farm, has shared information on how to effectively grow bulbs and the Lane family of Kalama, Washington has generously donated \$275 of bulbs to the project (crocus, hyacinths, daffodils, and tulips). Our students have shown great passion and energy and I look forward to seeing all that they accomplish by this spring.

Community Member(s) of Mystery

Our December Community Member of Mystery started working with us last May. She grew up in southern Idaho and met her husband of 25 years, Duke, a mechanical engineer, in high school. She graduated from the University of Idaho with a Bachelor of Science degree in family and consumer sciences. Four years ago, she and her family moved from their 200-acre farm, where they grew durum wheat, hay and alfalfa and raised cows, to their current home in Ridgefield. They have three daughters, one in kindergarten, one in fifth grade, and one in eighth grade. In her spare time, our Community Member of Mystery enjoys watching her daughters in soccer, volleyball, and basketball games. She also enjoys reading most anything and traveling. Her family enjoys traveling to Idaho and especially Bozeman, Montana, where her 102 year-old grandmother lives. Who do you think our December Community Member of Mystery is?

Our October Community Member of Mystery grew up in Rapid City, South Dakota. She attended college and received her Bachelors' degree on a track and cross-country scholarship at the University of Nebraska. As a Cornhusker, she met her husband, Frank, who was also majoring in education and attending on a running scholarship. They have been married for 25 years and live in Felida to be closer to family. They have two daughters, Sami, a junior at the University of Arizona, and Ali, a senior at Skyview High School. Our November Community Member of Mystery continues to enjoy running. She even ran in the 1990 Olympic trials in New Orleans. She also enjoys road bicycling, photography, and gardening (both edible and flowers). Prior to joining us at La Center Elementary this school year, she has worked in the Vancouver School District in Head Start, kindergarten, and first grade.



Who do you think our October Community Member of Mystery was? If you guessed Lisa Graham, kindergarten teacher, you are correct.