

Hawks Report

March 2016

Doernbecher Week: This year we added to our regular fund raising efforts an event called “pie in the face”. Students could purchase for \$5, the opportunity to throw a pie at a teacher and of course, for double the price, they could throw a pie at Mrs. Landerholm (Those ones sold fast for some reason). Pie in the face will be completed after our annual staff vs. boys 8th grade basketball game on the Friday before spring break. I’m really looking forward to that one.

Other fundraising activities included Crush and Fanta Sales, MS Dolly Sales, Cookie Sales, Copper/Silver War and a MS Dance. In total, over \$9,100 was raised in one week, setting a new school record in our 10th year of fundraising for Doernbecher Children’s Hospital. Also, our middle school students have been selling Doernbecher Dollies to the elementary students and have raised an additional \$1,626 and counting. Great effort by our leadership students!

Knowledge Bowl: We have fielded three teams this year under the guidance of Mr. Westerberg. The team made up of Kiersten Brightbill, Kalyn Flatt, Caeden Fender and Max Hendrickson made history this year: For the first time in at least 17 years a team from La Center beat all three teams from Viewridge Middle School.

Band and Choir Festival: Both of our band and choir groups once again were able to participate in their respective middle school festivals, held at the new and beautiful Ridgefield High School auditorium for the southwest Washington region. Watching both performances, these students are so capable, so respectful, and so eager to perform well. They made me very proud. And a grand tip of the hat to both Ms. Slinkard and Mr. Calabrese for their unending energy, high expectations and pride they take in producing such high caliber performances year after year. They are both true professionals and very well respected by students and peers alike.

Student-Led Conferences: Once again we will be holding our student-led conferences during the K-8 early release days. During this time, each student is scheduled to give a 15-20 minute presentation to the parents with his/her homeroom teacher observing the presentation. This year many of the students have created digital portfolios, and some have continued to use a 3 ring binder to collect work samples demonstrating their growth and their reflection of their growth throughout the school year. It is always a good celebration watching students take pride in their work and reflect on their growth, and share what they’ve learned.