

Hawks Report

La Center Middle School

May, 2016

Watershed Congress: This year Mr. Ecklund is taking a group of our 8th grade students to represent our middle school science work at The Watershed Congress being held at WSU-Vancouver. The following students will be presenting their research and findings:

Macroinvertebrates in Breeze Creek

Danielle Gawronski
Malorie Jones

Macros & Leaf Bags #2. Invasive vs Native plants

Kalyn Flatt
Hailey Grotte

Macros & Leaf Bags #1

Dayna Hines
Skylar Catania
Zoe Kinney

Rainfall and Dissolved Oxygen

Katherine Leslie
Jaclyn Abernathy
Kiersten Brightbill

Turbidity in Breeze Creek

Hana Chamberlain
Isabelle Grimes
Hailey Dangler
Sophia Clinton

Rainfall and Stream Flow in Breeze Creek

Brian Simensen
Hunter Malicoat
Garret Shapovalov

Soil Affecting the Creek Environment

Wyatt Webberley
Brayden Qualman
Trystan Turner

Soil Moisture Around Breeze Creek

Allison Brown
Alley England
Rhett Muonio
Isaac Moore

Stream Flow and Macroinvertebrate Populations

Noah Denley
Aaron Blanshan
Justin Surdam

We Day - 17 students and 3 adults went to the Key Arena in Seattle to celebrate and be inspired to serve others. The students earned their tickets by completing service projects for Doernbecher, our food drive, Free the Children, etc... This is the third year in a row that we've been able to take a group of middle school students representing La Center. It is a very positive and motivational experience.

Kids Making Miracles for Doernbechers Pajama Jam - 30 middle school students, 4 high school students and 22 elementary students went to OHSU to learn more about how they have impacted children through their service. They then walked to Doernbecher to rekindle the eternal flame, which gives hope to patients. Braiden Wrigley and Dominick D'Emilio carried a flame and were part of the rekindling ceremony. Braiden raised \$1,440 by himself during our fundraising event at our middle school (and was able to become middle school principal for part of a day). After the procession, students celebrated at Bullwinkles in Wilsonville.

State Testing – We are currently half way done with state testing and anticipate being able to complete testing for 6th, 7th & 8th grade students within 8 mornings of testing. We blocked out our mornings to dedicate focused testing time and ran regular classes in the afternoons. So far, there have been very few technical glitches or difficulties and has been way better than last year. Having multiple Chromebooks available has eased the pressure for students and staff of how we schedule these tests. Our Wi-Fi has been overall fabulous, again with only a couple of hold-ups.

Records are made to be broken – This year at the Sub-District track meet we had two school records broken: 8th grade students Natasha Lewis broke the record for the 1600 meter race, and Hunter Haugen broke the school record for the Shot Put. Congratulations to both athletes.

Teacher Appreciation Week – This year our students really out-did themselves by lavishing our teachers with tasty gifts and tokens of gratitude throughout the whole week. I think between the multiple cakes, donuts, cookies, coffees and candy bars we may have added some inches to the waistline... Our students in Leadership Class really spear-headed this outstanding effort and our teachers were so grateful and pleased to have so many students tell them 'thank you' and show their appreciation. We serve such amazing students and families who contribute to the mutual respect and care that we share in our culture.

Educational Bosses week – So, apparently there is such a celebration, which I didn't know until the surprises starting showing up. One day I received beautiful flower bouquets created by each teacher bringing a flower from their own home, along with a delicious cake to share from Sadie & Josie's Bakery. The treats kept coming in through the week (again adding to the waistline...), culminating in Friday's basket full of coffee, gift cards, candles, cards, etc.... This middle school staff is very thoughtful and inclusive and I am grateful to work with them every day.

Respectfully submitted.

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