



La Center Middle School 2022-23 Annual Report

Mission Statement:

La Center Middle School will provide for its family a safe place where nurturing, acceptance, understanding and respect go hand-in-hand with academic success and opportunities for personal growth.

Our School

La Center Middle School serves students in grades six through eight. Seen as a hub for the community, the facilities are consistently used after school, in the evenings, and on weekends by various local groups. Several local youth organizations meet at the school on a regular basis.

New Staff

Rick Skinner: Part time, 7th and 8th grade Health teacher being shared with the High School

Sheri Reid: 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Health

Socorro Larkin: Office Clerk

Diane Suomi: SLC Paraeducator

Malia Lee: 7th grade Language Arts

Megan Volkman: 7th grade Science

Stacey Roy: 8th grade History

Budget

Building resources are established and allocated according to the school board's end policies.

La Center Middle School State Report Card Summary

- Enrollment - 409
- English Learners - 5.1%
- Low Income - 32.5%
- Highly Capable - 7.6%
- Homeless - 3.7%
- Section 504 - 6.4%
- Students with Disabilities - 14.7%
- Student Performance - Met grade level standards on state exams
 - English Language Arts - 46.4%
 - Math - 33.2%
 - Science - 47.4%
- How engaged are our students
 - 63.7% have regular attendance*

- 34.1% have high ELA growth**
- 41.3% have high math growth**
- About our teachers and classrooms
 - Number of teachers - 25
 - 70.4% have a Master's Degree or higher
 - 19.6 average years of experience*
 - 16.4 students per teacher

*2021-2022 school year

**2018-2019 school year

[Statistics from OSPI Report Card, La Center Middle School](#)

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS 2022-2023 *

<u>Student Group</u>	<u>Student Group Type</u>	<u>% of Students</u>
Female	Gender	48.9%
Male	Gender	59.4%
Gender X	Gender	1.7%
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	Race	0%
Asian	Race	1.2%
Black/ African American	Race	1.0%
Hispanic/ Latino of any race(s)	Race	11.5%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	Race	0.7%
Two or More Races	Race	3.7%
White	Race	81.9%

* from enrollment summary
OSPI

22/23 Middle School Staff

Mr. Rosenkranz	Superintendent	Mrs. Hollopeter	Lang. Arts 8/ Pop Lit/ Yearbook
Mrs. Landerholm	Principal	Mrs. Holmes	Math 8/STEM
Mr. McIntosh	Asst. Principal	Mrs. Kitchell	Paraeducator
Mr. Cooke	Athletic Director	Mrs. Lee	Language Arts 7
Mrs. Andrell	Dir. of Technology	Mrs. Lewis	Art
Mrs. Wilson	Head Secretary	Ms. Manceau	Cafeteria
Mrs. Cosmi	Asst. Secretary	Ms. Mayfield	Custodian
Mrs. Larkin	Office Clerk	Mr. Millay	Resource Room
Mrs. Austad	Math 7/8	Mrs. McBride	Resource Room
Mrs. Bocchi	Paraeducator	Mrs. Kraayeveld	SLP
Mrs. Brightbill	Lang Arts	Mrs. Munger	Paraeducator
6/History	6/Exploratory 6	Ms. Ott	Lang Arts 8/ Leadership/ Drama2
Mrs. Brothers	Science 8/ Exploratory 6	Mrs. Reid	Health 6/7/8
Mr. Brothers	History 7	Mrs. Roy	History 8
Mr. Cameron	Band	Mrs. Schneider	Sci.8/ STEM
Mrs. Catchpole	Choir/Drama	Mr. Holmes	Math 7/8
Mrs. Clegg	Psychologist	Ms. Shealy	Cafeteria
Mrs. Rolph	Library Technician	Mr. Skinner	Health 7/8
Mrs. Clegg	Psychologist	Mrs. Suomi	Paraeducator
Mrs. Cooke	Librarian	Mr. Thiessen	Counselor
Mr. Ecklund	PE/Outdoor Ed	Mr. Totten	Science 6
Mrs. Edwards	Paraeducator	Mrs. Volkman	Science 7
Mrs. Foley	Paraeducator	Mr. Westerberg	History 6 / Art
Mr. Garduque	Custodian	Mrs. Whelchel	Lang Arts 6/Drawing
Mrs. Gedenberg	Paraeducator	Mr. Wilfong	SLC
Mrs. Gregg	ELL Instructor	Mrs. Wirkkala	Cafeteria Head Cook
Mr. Grotte	Math 6/7		

MS Highlights from Each Month

September 2022
Theme: Flexibility

August Teacher Back to School - Before our staff participated in some great professional development on Ukeru Training (de-escalation techniques, trauma-informed practices) and safety practices like run, hide, fight, our middle school staff participated in some interactive activities that can be used in their classrooms. Pictured below are examples of these activities. Our back to school training time was well spent.



Open House Tuesday, August 30, 2022 from 1-3 - Families and students were able to come and explore the middle school, get their schedules, and walk their classes. Overall it was a pretty good turnout.

First Day Activities - See Photos Below



Mr. McIntosh helping 6th graders



Third Day Activities - Students love their Chromebooks!



Counseling Goals - the focus and plans of our counseling program this year, particularly with incoming 6th graders, was to direct much more energy in regards to academic and social skills/behavior. Mr Thiessen's hope was to dramatically cut down the number of 6th graders not meeting promotion standards.

Here was the proposed schedule for dropping into classrooms for lessons:

Week of 9/6: Science (Introduction, climate survey, school resources)

CISPUS is 9/19-9/23

Week of 10/3: ELA (Study skills: organization, priorities, balance of fun/work)

Week of 10/17: History (Conflict resolution & coping skills overview)

Middle School Shared Leadership Team - This year, thanks to a grant found by Michelle O'Neil, each school has established a building Shared Leadership Team. Our middle school team consisted of our two instructional leaders, Kim Hollopeter and Stephanie Holmes, and also grade level representatives Tammy Brightbill, Seth Holmes, Todd Brothers, Andrea Austad and Kristy Schneider. We were very excited about the possibilities of collaborating with one another to establish and deliver a unified plan of professional learning and enhancing our teaching skills to better serve our students.

First Pep Assembly - The leadership students are planned for their first pep assembly this year to be held on September 30th. They organized a great week of spirit days. It was so fun to be able to bring back all-school gatherings!

October 2022
Theme: Commitment

Leadership Class - Our student leadership class was able to attend the AWSL (Association of Washington School Leaders) Fall Leadership Days! By attending, they are trained to positively impact our school to help all students achieve academic and social success. We have hosted this day in the past for the Clark County region, and it is truly a day of positivity and gaining skills and confidence to make a difference at your own school.

Pink Day - To bring attention to 'Breast Cancer Awareness' (October 5th). Here are our two office aides: Lance Cooke and Duane McWoods



All of the students who wore pink, (below),



Our crazy middle school staff!



Unity Day - To stand against bullying, and unify all of us in kindness to one another. Orange is the color to represent this day (October 19th).



Twin Supporters! Mekhia Scott (6th grade) and Mrs Landerholm!



Hawk helpers had 18 students sign up to help with various items such as lunch table set up, lunch table take down, weeding/garbage pick up outside, 8th graders mentoring 6th graders (10 students, once a week for 15 minutes). We even had a couple of students that trained to help make necessary copies. Hawk Helper students will be missing up to 15 minutes of 1 class, anywhere from one to five times a week. They do a great job of making up for the work that was missed.

[Fall 2022 Student Survey Data](#) - Mr. Thiessen tracked some student perception data this year. For just the beginning of the school year, there were some positive

responses. We also are aware of the small percentage of students who were not feeling positive about school at that point in time.

Cispus - We had great weather for our crew that attended Cispus this year! We had 130 6th grade students participate and 11 who did not attend. Non-attending students have a Cispus packet to complete during the week to make up for the missed learning at Cispus. [Here](#) is an example of a modified assignment from one of our students from the 'Structured Learning Center' or SLC. Kylee did amazing work and we are so impressed with her efforts. We also had 22 high school students serve as counselors, 16 adult volunteers and 6 staff members teach stations and guide the counselors in their work - they are vital to the success of the program!

November 2022
Character Theme: Patience

Waste Audit 10/13/22: We received our baseline data for knowing how much food waste and recyclables are going to landfills everyday, just from LCMS. The goal by spring was to have nearly 100% of the items in the garbage be 'true garbage'. [Here](#) you will find the visual for our data.

[Students recycling at lunch time](#)



[Cool signs to help us recycle](#)



Monday, October 31, 2022 students were able to dress in their costumes, and did a great job of maintaining the learning environment. We had a special guest appearance by our second year drama students and teacher during second lunch. The group provided a flash mob on the drama stage, and performed Michael Jackson's ["Thriller" dance](#). It was SO much fun and well received.



Conference Week - We were able to hold 24 individual conferences with students (& their parents) that were most identified by teachers as benefitting from a whole group conference. These were scheduled on Wednesday afternoon. Then on Thursday we had open conferences in the afternoon and the evening for parents/students to walk around and visit with individual teachers. Overall, we were able to connect with many parents and feel the new format was successful.

Thursday, November 3rd, after school and before the open conferences, our middle school staff was able to come together in the staff room for the first time in a very long time. The celebration was to welcome Malia Lee's new baby girl [Kaia](#)- due any day now.

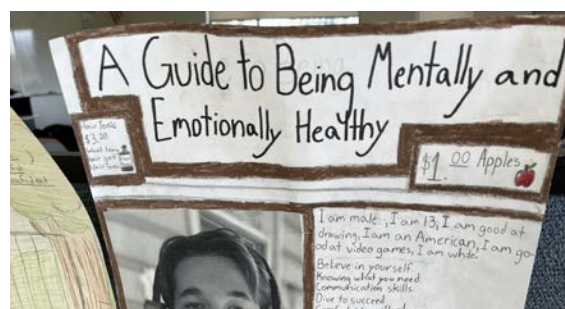
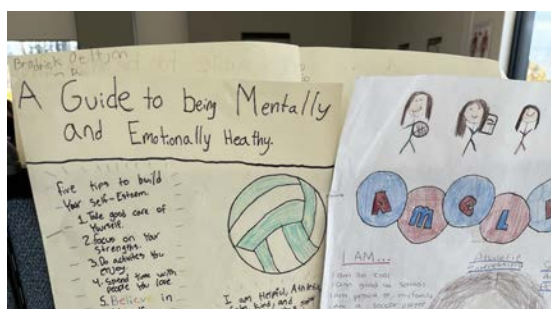


We miss our 'reading buddies' program! Our yearbook class has rocked it this year and has some extra time on their hands. They have developed into a service-oriented class and will be walking down to the elementary school twice a

week to work with our younger students. It's such a 'win-win' program, and we are all thrilled to have this program back.



Health Class - Students are enjoying their health classes at each grade level. Below are some student examples of a recent assignment that had students identify socially and mentally healthy parts of their lives.



Veterans Day Assembly - We were able to hold an assembly to honor our past and present veterans. We had nearly 25 Veterans visit and enjoy the assembly. Our own [Mrs Sara Cosmi](#), a Veteran Staff - Sergeant in the Air Force in security forces, delivered a personal message to the students via video. It was received by many cheers and whoops of joy from our students, who greatly appreciate 'Ms. Sara' in our office!

December 2022

Character Strong Theme: Humility

Counseling Small Groups - Permission slips went out to parents of students we believed would benefit from small-group work with our school counselor, Mr. Thiessen. These small groups lasted 6-8 weeks and worked on study skills, social awareness, conflict resolution, healthy coping, and goal-setting with an overall goal of removing academic barriers. We are very grateful for the work with our students by Mr. Thiessen. He has seen much improvement and success with the small group setting.

Stuff the Bus - Middle and high school students combined together and donated 2,263 pounds of food to the Clark County Food Bank, and the elementary collected 1,880 pounds of food, which will go to SHARE house. This was an amazing amount of food to gather and contribute to area families in need.



January 2023
Character Theme: Selflessness

Enjoying the Library! Jax Brooks - Carson Tomlinson- Levi Garbarino - All 6th Graders



Yearbook
to 7th grader

Cover Winner Congratulations
Cael Maloney, who created the

winner for this year's yearbook cover! Not only was his picture on the cover of our yearbook, he received a free yearbook this year for his efforts. Well done Cael!



Rep. Abbarno Visits LCMS On December 8, 2022, Rep. Peter Abbarno (R-Centralia) visited La Center School District as part of WAMOA-facilitated legislative school tours. La Center Middle School houses 420 6th to 8th grade students. Due to a bond passed in 2018, a new middle school was built, and opened in 2021. No state funding assistance was received for the project. One of the features of the academic program is the STEM program, offering instruction in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, and, in particular, the robotics program. Up-to-date technology was seen throughout the classrooms, and each student had their own chromebook. The group happened to walk into the choir room as the middle school choir was practicing and the group was entertained with an enjoyable song. In terms of security, there's a front entrance vestibule, and all outside doors can be locked automatically. A positive school climate throughout the school was viewed by the group.



From left, Phil Partington, SW WA regional coordinator, OSPI school facilities and organization; Peter Rosenkranz, superintendent; Rep. Abbarno; Lauri Landerholm, principal; and Mitch Denning, WAMOA consultant.

LC Wrestling Championship Tournament- In December, we had multiple middle school athletes compete and we had 4 champions: Johanna Gregg, Dillon Regis, Ryder Martin, and Jett Johnson. Congratulations to all of our athletes and to these 4 fine wrestlers themselves.

The Essential Hawk is our new way of trying "Morning Announcements". It is shown during first period on Tuesdays, and is compiled by our students. Thank you and a big shout out to Stella Koitzsch for being our 'anchor'! We were in pilot mode at this point, so we will see where this takes us, but it's nice to have more student voices involved with the announcements.



Winter Assembly - Snowflake Winners Evie Wilson & Tucker Holmes Our winter assembly was a hit on the afternoon before we had winter break. The kids had many fun competitions, including the timed snowflake design contest above, and had a blast. It was a good way to go into the break for everybody!



Sexual Health & HIV/AIDS Lessons- In our first year teaching the sexual health unit, we saw the following data regarding parent choice of opting out their student:

Opt Out Both (Sexual Health & HIV/AIDS)

6th grade: $5/62 = 8\%$

7th/8th grade: $32/171 = 18\%$

Opt Out Sexual Health Only

6th grade: $2/62 = 3\%$

7th/8th grade: $2/171 = 1\%$

Outdoor Learning Grant Program for Schools and Districts- The middle school applied to OSPI for this grant and in January was awarded the full amount of \$35,000. This grant helped offset a portion of Mr. Ecklund's salary for the 'Outdoor Ed.' PE classes that he teaches, as well as allow us to purchase multiple items for the students to experience. These items include equipment such as archery targets & new covers, fishing poles & tackle boxes with gear, and supplies/curriculum from the Fishing Education Foundation.

February 2023
Character Theme: Kindness

First Semester Promotion Standards Data - We had 98.1% of our students meet the promotion standards for the first semester! This is the highest percentage we've had in the past 10 years. The 8 students that did not meet the promotion standards will create a 'Plan for Success' with our school counselor, and meet periodically to monitor their progress during the second semester.

Winter sports participation

Girls Basketball - 19 student-athletes

Boys Basketball - 33 student-athletes

Wrestling - 28 student-athletes

Museum of Glass Field Trip to Tacoma - We had about 90 people participate in two separate field trips, including students, art teachers and chaperones. They took the train up and back, saw some amazing glass pieces and learned to appreciate a new form of art. Thanks to Mr Westerberg for his efforts to enrich our students' art experience.

Sophie Matau-Juarez & Lillyan Nwerem



Chaperone Mr White & Aubrey Riley



Math Is Cool First Competition - Alieria Rodda was top scorer from LC in the Pre-Algebra division, Olivia Bankhead was top scorer from LC in the Algebra division. Ashur Kitzerow was top 6th grade scorer for LC.



Baker Cosmi, Jack Wooten, Ashur Kitzerow

Aliera Rodda, Adoree Schryvers, Olivia Bankhead, Logan Dawson



Congratulations to the members of the La Center Middle School band who represented the Hawks at the North County Honor Band: Haley Buffon on clarinet and Hannah Zylstra on bari saxophone. Way to go!

Congratulations to Vaya Burgess, London Worthington, Natalie Taylor, Evelyne Taylor, Grace Butterfield, and Leilani Martinez for participating in our region's Honor Choir. They represented LCMS very well in a huge choir with singers from all over our region.

March 2023
Character Theme: Respect

First Semester - We had 35 students with a perfect 4.0 GPA and 144 students with a 3.5 GPA or greater for a total of 179 students making the honor roll. We also celebrated 33 students who improved their GPA by .5 or better between the end of last spring semester and the end of this fall semester. Congratulations to all of these students and their families. We are proud of the hard work and dedication to the students' education. All students received a certificate to recognize their accomplishments.

Read Across America - Our students in Pop Lit class with Mrs. Hollopeter walked down to the elementary school on Thursday, March 2nd, to read with 1st grade students in celebration of Read Across America Day. Here are some photos:

Mr Wilfong and the School Board



Roman Ferguson



Cooper Martin



Maddison Willoughby



Solar Car Challenge - Members of our robotics club, guided by Mrs Schneider participated in the regional Solar Car Challenge at Hudson Bay High School, sponsored by Clark Public Utilities. We entered two teams: The Solar Beholders Team (Liberty Glessing, Lindsay Harper, Evie Wilson, Madison Willoughby) and



The Cloud Cars (Liam Brooks, Jack Wooten). The Solar Beholders took 1st place in their division and 3rd place overall in the competition and the Cloud Cars earned the Judges Award. Congratulations to everyone!



Music - Our middle school bands combined with the high school bands to hold a combined concert one evening at the middle school. The 7th & 8th grade band also participated in the LCRMEA middle school band festival in Vancouver. Finally the middle school students playing with the high school jazz band traveled to participate in the Clackamas Community College band festival. It was a busy month for them.

Our middle school choirs (along with the high school choirs) were invited to perform alongside the Reprise Choir Sings during their concert held at the middle school entitled "Beyond the Dawn." This is a non-profit organization that supports youth through music opportunities. They made a donation to our LC Music Association for \$600. It was a wonderful experience for all involved, and our choirs impressed their organization.

April 2023

Character Theme: Honesty

Spring Conferences- At the end of March, middle school staff was able to schedule and meet with 34 students and parents during the two half days for students. This time was valuable for partnering together to address the learning and/or behavior concerns for individual students, and work on solutions together. One evening session was held for 'open' or drop-in conferences for any parent wishing to visit with their child's teachers. We have found that the scheduled

individual conferences are very valuable for parents and students, and a great way to build communication between home and school.

Regional Choir Festival- Our 7/8th choir group officially received the highest number score of any other group that Mrs. Catchpole has taught in her choral-directing career. It was a spectacular day for those kids! After these past few years of struggling to build the choir back again, this was a HUGE highlight! Congratulations to our choir and our director!

Math Is Cool State Competition- Both our 6th grade and 8th grade teams qualified for the state competition at the end of April, to be held in Moses Lake.

Spring Sports- We had 48 track students, 24 boys and 24 girls.
We have two girls doing MS golf.
We have four 8th grade boys playing HS soccer.
We have three 8th grade girls who are playing HS softball.

May 2023

Character Theme: Forgiveness

7th & 8th Grade STEM Class with Kristy Schneider. She's famous AND a lifelong learner!



The Yearbook Team surveyed all students to learn the recipients of this year's Superlatives.

Superlatives			2023		
	Best Shoe Game	Best Shoe Game		Most Likely to Be a Billionaire	Most Likely to Be a Billionaire
6th	Jordon Mcwoods	Brody Mills	6th	Deci Endres	Kennedy Bradenburg
7th	Cooper Blighton	Rowan Whitcanack	7th	Jack Taylor	Malek Newton
8th	Maddison Young	Aleks Khukhryanskiy-Petr	8th	Brady Brandenburg	Whitney Martell
	Best Hair	Best Hair		Best Style	Best Style
6th	Carter Cudd	Ryder Martin	6th	Abigail McIntosh	Madison Dunn
7th	Ellie Endres	Emily Morris	7th	London Worthington	Raenna Falig
8th	Jack Glackler	Riley Schultz	8th	Lance Cooke	Quinn Erickson
	Best Personality	Best Personality		Future FBI Agent	Future FBI Agent
6th	Addison Paradiso	Kansas Bobst	6th	Ayden Bird	Graylen Bird
7th	Andi Hendrickson	Della Hiivala	7th	Adrian Whited	Austin Beam
8th	Anna Hudson	Will Anderson	8th	Vanessa Brown	Addison Kelly
	Best Smile	Best Smile		Future President	Future President
6th	Jacob Chromey	Tristin Griffin	6th	Lorelei Keep	Alina Krewenka
7th	Coby Schultz	Bo Lindberg	7th	Ona Collins	Stella Koitzch

8th	Gunnar Schokelt	Zayne Latham	8th	Adoree Schryvers	Declan Bailey
	Best Attitude	Best Attitude		Most Athletic	Most Athletic
6th	Ava Leon	Troy Lee	6th	Christian Nunez-Ortega	Lewis Erickson
7th	Itzel Mora-Garcia	Bennett Richey	7th	Chase Henderson	Evelynn Watson
8th	Amelia Cisneros	Aliera Rodda	8th	Nate Rembisz	Natalie Maunu
	Most School Spirit	Most School Spirit		Best Eyes	Best Eyes
6th	Hazel Deschand	Baker Cosmi	6th	Mason Rose	Hunter Dickerson
7th	Ainsley Bingham	Elliot Munger	7th	Colin Spotten	Cecilia Lee
8th	Paeyten Kilborn	Olivia Bankhead	8th	Maddox Potter	Jaxen Koski

8th graders voted for their 9th grade ASB class council. Congratulations to:

President: Tavear Grauer

Vice president: Aliera Rodda

Secretary: Adoree Schryvers

Treasurer: Olivia Bankhead

Mr. McIntosh can be seen everywhere in the building!



We had a record number of middle school students perform at the Solo Contest this year. Congratulations to the following students who performed on Saturday at Covington Middle School:

Ashur Kitzerow on Trumpet
Austin Robinson on Alto Sax
Benny Jaimes on Trombone
Haley Buffon on Clarinet
Jace Pash on Marimba
Jack Wooten on Alto Sax
Kai Davis on Alto Sax
Patrick Flanagan on Clarinet
Toby Stanley on Trumpet
Trystin Griffin on Baritone Saxophone

Congratulations to all of them for representing the La Center band program so well!! Also worthy of mention is that their accompanist on piano was La Center Alumni, Wyatt Webberley, who some of you will remember.

Congrats to all the La Center Middle School choir students who participated in our Regional Solo and Ensemble Festival. Each student prepared, memorized and performed a solo in front of a judge, and received a quick mini-voice lesson. The judge for our LCMS choir students was VERY impressed with our performers! Congrats to the choir participants: Autumn Dougherty, London Worthington, Leyna Gorseigner, Grace Butterfield, Savannah Engerran, Rosie Jensen, Mia McKay,

Makenna Nichols, Sophia Butterfield, and Taytum Bannister! Thank you for representing LCMS so well! We are proud of you!

June 2023
Character Theme: Perseverance

[Our Why](#) Thank you Dave McIntosh for making time to listen to our teachers, to share their 'why' and for putting together this video. What a great positive boost for all of us! Thank you.

[LCMS Waste Audit - Preliminary and Final Results](#) The quick look shows that in October we had 69.4 pounds total weight audited from garbage receptacles, which included recyclables and food waste. Our final garbage audit in May resulted in 15.6 pounds of garbage, with minimal recyclables and food waste present. Great job LCMS students and thank you to our high school environmental studies class for introducing us to the recycling program. We couldn't have done it without you.

ASB Elections for 2023-24

7th: Chloe Daarud, Olivia Pattee, Kennedy Brandenburg

8th: Emiliano Esquivel-Soto, London Worthington, Itzel Mora

6th: Will be held in the fall of 2023

Students of the Month

7th grade - April (Honesty) Grace Sheradella, Armani Hayes, Daisi Wisti

7th grade - May (Forgiveness) Emanuel Mariscal, Della Hiivala

7th grade - June (Perseverance) Brayan Sanchez-Pelayo, Riley Homola, Ona Collins

Student of the Year Awards Awarded in an assembly on the last day of school, June 16th.

6th Grade Award: **Mayme Bellika**

6th Grade Award: **Tyler Huni**

7th Grade Award: **Loren Massie**

7th Grade Award: **Tess Liebman**

7th Grade Award: **Addison Wiley**

7th Grade Award: **Jack Taylor**

8th Grade Award: **Elise Christensen**

8th Grade Award: **Olivia Bankhead**

8th Grade Award: **Joe Velat**
8th Grade Award: **Aliera Rodda**

3. Faculty Awards:

Faculty Award: **Dawson Logan**
Faculty Award: **Adoree Schryvers**

4. Duane Hamlin Awards:

Choir- **Makenna Nichols**
Band-**Hannah Zylstra & Haley Buffon**

5. Academic Perfection Awards: Hannah Zylstra, Haley Buffon

6. Principal's Awards: Linkin Edington & Vanessa Brown

Spring Band and Choir Concert Success

Our beginning and intermediate choirs and bands performed for the community this month, and as they traditionally are, were amazing! Congratulations to all of the performers and directors James Cameron and Rhonda Catchpole for the growth in abilities that have come from your hard work and perseverance. We are proud of you all.

Mitch Leslie Graduates! Roxanne Bocchi and Joyce Munger were able to attend Mitch Leslie's graduation from the 18-21 year old program this month. Such good memories from his middle school days where both ladies were able to work with him. Apparently, he still loves Bigfoot and Mt St Helens! :)



8th Grade Math - Financial Literacy Projects - Here's an email from Mrs. Austad to the parents of her 8th grade math classes: "8th grade math students had an opportunity to think of their strengths and weaknesses and used those to choose a work/college path and applied for jobs. There were some fabulous conversations and I want to thank those parents who were helping your kiddos as they were trying to make decisions that they may not have thought about yet. It's about experience and will turn into them making a budget based on the jobs that they picked. The money conversations in class have been so valuable to the students and I'm really proud of how seriously they're taking what we're doing. It's been a great way to end the school year.". Nice work Mrs Austad!