

Board Report for Trimester – 3
Lincoln Savage Middle School

Greetings from Lincoln Savage Middle School:

Seventeen students participated in this year's Battle of the Books. Through the leadership of Jennifer Parsons and help from Jo Taylor, this is the largest group of students on record for several years. Our students worked hard, read many books, and challenged each other through several guided processes of checking for understanding. The hard work paid off by our top team placing third in the District.

Forty-six students participated in our *Theatre Club* and studied two plays, **The Music Man** and **Macbeth**. Completing their studies of each play, these students then traveled to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival and watched the plays. Grant dollars for this experience were provided by the Target Corporation. Twenty-two students completed all requirements and were provided season passes to the OSF for this remaining season. Jennifer Parsons was the advisor for this activity.

Jo Taylor applied for and received a \$650 grant from US Cellular to purchase **Who Was William Shakespeare** that will be used in LA and SS curriculum this next school year. US Cellular visited LSMS and presented the check to Mrs. Taylor.

LSMS hosted *Adventure Day* on 21 May for the entire school. Morning activities were hosted by grade level teachers for their students, everyone enjoyed lunch prepared by our food service team and then participated in field activities that included an air slide, bounce house, sumo wrestling, climbing wall, dunk tank, flag football, kick ball, music, snow cones, pop corn and cotton candy. It was a great day of safe fun that celebrated our academic successes.

Fifty-four of our Advanced 7th and 8th grade Science students participated in a water quality check and soil sampling measurement program sponsored by the BLM in a controlled burn area outside Williams. Student data will be used by the BLM in erosion control and reforestation planning for the burn site.

Our Brain Bowl team completed this year's competition by placing in the Semi-final round. Our best performance yet and all made possible by Mr. Greg Patch.

Academic Probation for 8th graders has been completed. During the Trimester we peaked with forty-three students participating on a daily basis. We just completed our efforts this week, so am still finalizing the data, but this we do know. When we started in December, we were average 2.3 "F's" per participant. Rough calculations as of Monday, 1 June, we were averaging at approximately 1.1 "F's" per participant. Not where we want to be, however, much better than where we were. The lead on this effort was taken by Heather Fuller and supported by Lew Constable, Rick Draper and Greg Patch.

Our Junior National Honor Society hosted a great evening of celebration, recognition and food. Thirteen 8th graders, fifteen 7th graders and twenty 6th graders were inducted to the JNHS as proud parents and extended family members observed. At the conclusion of the ceremony, over 200 participants enjoyed a meal and ice cream. Special recognition is to be awarded to Cassie Banuelos for her leadership in this meaningful activity.

On Thursday, 30 May, we concluded our after school tutoring program. The group from RVCC continued with their support and encouragement. These adults developed meaningful relationships that assisted several students in improving their academic performance that allowed eleven students to exit from the Academic Probation effort during the school day.

For four days in early May, a group from RVCC worked in rain and mud to transform the front of LSMS. Old plantings that had been here since the school was built were removed. Our local Pennies Worth nursery donated or provided commercial grade nursery stock. Copeland Sand and Gravel provided the mulch and rock. And when put all together, the frontal appearance of LSMS has been refreshed and renewed and at zero cost to the district or school! What a gift.

As LSMS plans for our school year 09-10, I can report that a “can do” attitude does exist and many plans are being created for next year’s implementation. Many teachers are proud of our accomplishments and want to see our growth and improvements continue, what is promising; they want to be part of it!

Respectfully submitted,

Brent Workley

PS. Have a great summer!