

Lincoln Savage Middle School is enjoying a great school year. Here are some key points to let you know about the great things happening in Murphy, Oregon:

- 1) Our January attendance rate was 93.07%. We are continuing to focus on improving our attendance from last year. 94.17% is our attendance percentage through January 2012. That is up .72% from this time last year. Way to go team!
- 2) Our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade track teams are off and running starting March 5th. We look to have a huge turnout this year. Thanks to the Maintenance crew for helping prep our track and fields for the upcoming season. Our first track meet is less than 2 weeks away.
- 3) We are using PLC's at LSMS. PLC stands for Professional Learning Communities. We created teams the week after progress reports and we are targeting students that have received D's and F's at progress report time. Our goal is to reduce the number of students receiving substandard grades by almost 50%. The teachers and teams have been working very hard to meet this goal.
- 4) The girl's basketball season has come to a close. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade team (made up of 7-6<sup>th</sup> graders posted a 9-1 record this year. Very impressive season. Way to go Aaron Mathews for a great year. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls struggled through illness and injuries all season. They posted a 3-7 record. Thank you Tammy Krauss for your dedication to our sports programs.
- 5) LSMS will be celebrating their first PBIS reward day on March 9<sup>th</sup>. The winners will be going to one of three locations for being safe, respectful and responsible all trimester long: YMCA, Caveman Bowl, or Southgate cinemas to watch a private showing of a Dr. Seuss movie.
- 6) After the first round of OAKS all three grade levels have had VERY impressive results in Reading. In comparison to the state we are well above the average after the first round. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade posted the highest first round average I have seen in my first 5 years as a Principal. Excellent job 6<sup>th</sup> grade!
- 7) LSMS moved to 3 separate lunches for the 2011-12 school year. We have seen a dramatic reduction in discipline issues this year and we feel it has a lot to do with each grade level having their own lunch. Special thanks to the kitchen staff for being so flexible and willing to serve and prepare for 3 lunches.
- 8) We have added morning intramurals to LSMS this year. The kids get opportunities each week to compete for bragging rights. The kids have enjoyed the intramurals and we are looking to expand intramurals for the 2012-13 school year.
- 9) We had a great showing at the Three Rivers School District Annual Science Fair. LSMS had several students place in the top 4
  - a. First Place Finishers: Kasey Copeland and Sylvia Marr
  - b. Second Place Finishers: Jenna Strohm and Erika Simpson
  - c. Third Place Finishers: Mitchell Polster and David Moore
  - d. Honorable Mention: Autumn McLaughlin and Ashley KingWay to Go Tigers! We also attached the LSMS results for your viewing pleasure.

Make a trip out to LSMS! We have some great things going on here!

Sincerely—Damian Crowson and Kirk Baumann