

Lorna Byrne Middle School is enjoying a great school year.

Here are some key points to let you know about the great things happening in Cave Junction:

- 1) Our cumulative attendance is at 93.9%. We are continuing to focus on improving our attendance from last year. We have started using perfect attendance incentives at school to promote our school wide goal of improving our overall attendance.
- 2) Our 7th/8th grade basketball team are finishing another successful year. The boys play very well together and are a great bunch of kids.
- 3) The girls' basketball program will start right after Christmas Break. They have 24 brand new, reversible, uniforms to play in. We received a \$1500 donation from the Rotary Club to update our uniforms.
- 4) Mr. Sean McKee and his choir/band will be giving two wonderful performances for the holidays on December 17th at 7:00. He continues to impress the staff and community with dedication to making his program the best in the state. Our band and choir have never sounded better. Please come out to support them.
- 5) The 6th grade science classes adopted Salmon Eggs this fall. The 6th grade science classes will release the fish at Riverside Park in December and learned about the life cycle of a Rogue River Salmon. This project was supported by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- 6) Wrestling at LBMS will be starting after Christmas break. We have a full schedule and a projected 20+ students ready to go!
- 7) LBMS video production classes visited SOESD and KDRV this past month. They toured the facilities and got to play with their editing equipment. It was a great tour and Mr. Talty is doing an outstanding job with his kids.
- 8) Perfect Attendance – ice cream and monthly prize
- 9) Clean up of Lorna Byrne's home by Honor Society members. LBMS was approached by some community members to do a service project. We sent 2 different groups of kids to Lorna Byrnes original home on Caves Highway. One day was dedicated to cleaning up the grounds and another day was dedicated to sprucing up the house and driveway. The kids did a great job! We will be dedicating a Lorna Byrne Day as an annual event. This was a great privilege.
- 10) We are currently looking for a way to purchase new football uniforms at LBMS. Nothing new has been purchased since 1995 for football. We have bids from 3 different companies to replace 40 (head-to-toe) outfits for our team. We need about \$5000.00 more to make it happen. Helmets alone cost \$100.00 (with facemask). The total cost to refit the team with gear will cost nearly \$10,000.00. Wish us luck. We need to purchase this before the end of January to get the good deals on equipment.