

February – Trimester 2  
Board Notes from Lincoln Savage Middle School

Both academic and community services continue to flourish at LSMS. Here is our update:

**Science Fair:** 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade science students participated in this assignment with the highest participation in our recent history. LSMS also entered the most projects at the District Science Fair. Nineteen students earned top awards and eleven students were invited to the Regional Science Fair. Special recognition also goes to our SPED Department for integrating intentional time and resources for students to complete their science project into their Tiger Tracks program.

**Science Bowl:** Three teams traveled to Portland to compete in the National Science Bowl. Although none of our teams advanced to the final round, our teams performed well and were not “blown” out of any round; they finished just short of their objective. This, in and of itself, was a great learning experience, and coupled with the experience at OMSI, made for a great weekend. Funds required for this activity were raised by the Brain Bowl Team who hosted an after school dance. Thank you Mr. Patch!

**Brain Bowl:** The LSMS team is tied for first place, and with the “win” on February 26th, they may place solely in first. Their overall record is 6 -1, and the team and Mr. Patch are excited about their future prospects.

**Advanced Science:** Advance Science students will be working with scientists from Oregon State University, BLM, and Applegate River Watershed Council as they collect physical and biological data from the Applegate River Watershed. The date for this activity is to be determined in March.

**Tiger Tracks:** Vocational efforts continue around our campus with “light” maintenance work being performed. We are also attempting a new endeavor of exposing interested students to the theory and operation of a 2-cycle and 4-cycle engine. Not only will this endeavor provide valuable hands-on experience, we will also include writing, measuring, and mathematics as appropriate. Our students will work safely!

**State Writing Assessment:** Student participation has been high! We have only one student left to complete the “final” copy as this document is written. Mrs. Gable worked diligently to prepare students for this assessment and presented every possible /legal resource during the test. Students took the process seriously, and we wait with anticipation for our results.

**Vincent Can Gogh:** LSMS was recognized for its FIRST place efforts and artistic presentation by Evergreen Bank. The \$300.00 first prize money will be used in the purchase of an Elmo projector. Our students also collected over 1,000 pounds of food to share with the Josephine County Food Bank.

**Art:** Mrs. Lofing’s art students will be showing their twenty-five pieces of artwork on March 6th at the Fire House Gallery. RCC staff members will be judging the artwork.

**Academic Probation:** The eighth grade team has begun an intentional process of holding students accountable for their academic performance. Students earning an “F” in any one of the four core classes have been placed on Academic Probation. These students have been working on class assignments during their lunch time under Mrs. Fuller’s supervision. (Mrs. Fuller is so committed to this endeavor; she is volunteering her time.) As a result of this effort, only forty-eight progress reports were sent to parents two weeks ago. This is, by far, the lowest number sent home in years. Three students have also earned their way out of academic probation by earning passing grades in their four core classes.

**After School Tutoring:** On Monday nights, an average of twenty-six students stay after school to receive tutoring services. On Tuesday nights, Mrs. Tall and Mr. Constable stay after school providing specific tutoring in either Math or Language Arts, respectively. Again, we are averaging twenty-five students for the combined classes.

**Community support:** Volunteer members from River Valley Community Church have repainted both the Girls’ and Boys’ primary bathrooms in bright, age appropriate colors and have just finished repainting the ladies restroom in the office. Their efforts have truly brightened our world. Also, other volunteers hosted a dinner for our staff during January parent conferences. The meal was appreciated by all.

**NAEP:** 94+% of the selected 8<sup>th</sup> graders participated in this testing process. The testing coordinator and four test proctors were very complimentary of our student’s attitudes, manners, and efforts put forth in completing this endeavor. Mr. Baumann did an outstanding job organizing and coordinating this event.

**Winter Sports:** Our teams represented LSMS well. Both our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Girls Basketball season records were 8 – 4. Our Wrestling team finished strong with six wrestlers placing in the District’s Final Competition.