

LORNA BYRNE MIDDLE SCHOOL - VIKING VIEWS

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 2/7 - LBMS/CALEB RENNO WRESTLING TOURNEY
- 2/11 & 2/12 - DRAMA PERFORMANCE
- 2/16 - PRESIDENTS' DAY - NO CLASSES
- 2/19 - SPRING PICS
- 2/21 - SOMSAC DISTRICT WRESTLING TOURN.
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- 3/5 - 7TH GRD FIELD TRIP "SMILE CLUB" FT
- 3/10 - END OF 2ND TRIMESTER
- 3/11 - CLERICAL DAY NO CLASSES
- 3/18 - LBMS CAREER DAY (AM)
- FESTIVAL CONCERT - 7PM
- 3/23-3/27 - SPRING BREAK
- 3/30 - CLASSES RESUME

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1. Caleb Renno Wrestling Tournament
2. Drama Production - "Skid Marks" & "The Bully Game"
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WORDS FROM MR. CROWSON.....

Recently I was honored to attend a presentation by Detective Micah Smith on making technology safer for school and kids. Not only did his presentation open my eyes as a parent, it opened my eyes as the principal of Lorna Byrne Middle School. His message made a strong impression on me and how to better educate my own children. Below are 6 important tips in making your son or daughter a better educated and safe user of technology in your home.

Tip #1: Limit Computer Access To A Common Room

A recent study (2005) by the Pew Internet and American Life Project found that 65% of all parents and teens say that teens do things online that they wouldn't want their parents to know about. By keeping the home computer in a common area of the home where people frequently view or pass by the monitor kids are less likely to engage in dangerous or risky internet behaviors. These sources are sited from (www.PewInternet.org).

Tip #2: Agree on Rules, As A Family, For Internet Safety

In a recent finding in a school district in Oregon, nearly every student from 4th grade through 12th grade had created a My Space account after knowing their parents would not approve of it or had been told not to visit that website. Have you told your children never go to MySpace? Have you ever checked to see if they were listening? These accounts can be accessed almost anywhere these days. Monitoring can be a challenge with computer access available in places like the library or even a phone. Agree on terms as a family and have your children help set the parameters and the consequences. The more ownership your kids have in the development of the rules the more likely they are to act responsibly.

Tip #3: Discuss What To Do If Something Makes Them Feel Scared, Uncomfortable Or Confused

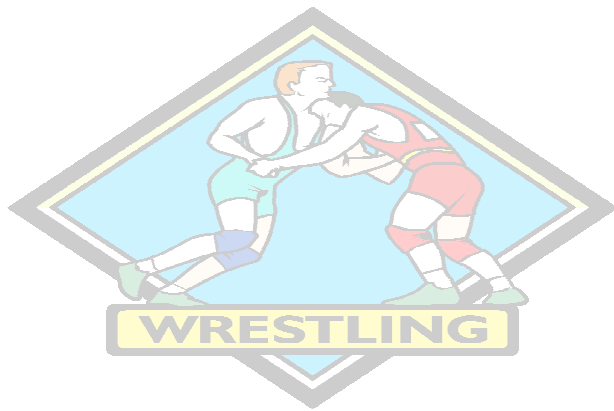
There are billions of helpful and informative websites available for people to browse and research. Along with the Billions of helpful sites there are an equal number of sites that inappropriate, vulgar, explicit and possibly scary (especially for students at the middle school level). Talk with your children about what is acceptable and what isn't. Most importantly encourage your kids to confide in you. If you have questions a website or questions about someone trying to communicate with your son/daughter contact law enforcement immediately.

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The Caleb Renno Wrestling Invitational

**Sponsored by
Lorna Byrne Middle School
&
Illinois Valley Youth Wrestling**



**Participating Teams:
Lorna Byrne M.S.
Lincoln Savage M.S.
Fleming M.S.
North M.S.
South M.S.**

Where: Illinois Valley H.S.
625 E. River Street
Cave Junction, Oregon

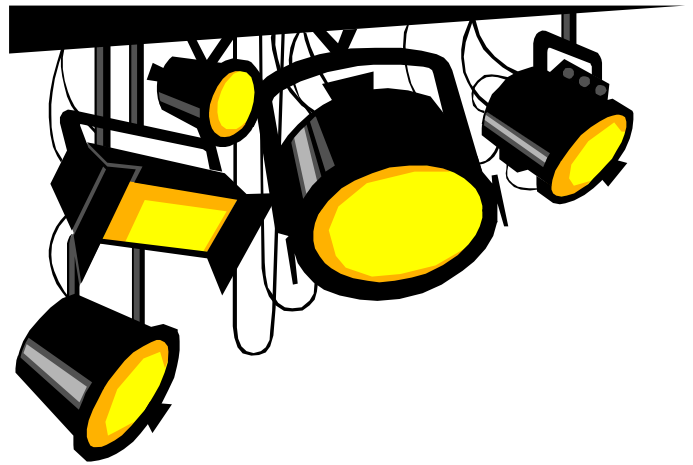
When: Sat., February 7, 2009

Time: 10:00 AM

There is NO admission fee.

**IV Youth Wrestling Club will be serving
breakfast as well as staffing a snack bar.
All proceeds to benefit the IV Youth
Wrestling Club. Donations will be
accepted & appreciated.**

*For more information, please call LBMS office, or you may
contact LBMS Wrestling Coach, Matthew Miller - 592-3946*



**LBMS DRAMA PRESENTS
TWO PERFORMANCES FOR
THE COMMUNITY....**

**"SKID MARKS"
&
"THE BULLY
GAME"**

**PUBLIC PERFORMANCE
WILL BE
FEBRUARY 11TH &
FEBRUARY 12TH
SHOW TIME IS 7:00 PM
BOTH NIGHTS**

**There will not be an admission fee.
However, all donations will be appreciated.**

**Proceeds will go towards supplies and
materials used to put this production
together.**

*We ask that you show courtesy and respect for our
performers, as well as others around you while watching
this performance.*

**Thank you for your support and
cooperation.**



LBMS 2008-2009 Honor Society

The meeting on January 16 went very well. Several items were discussed.

The students voted on what time of day they wanted the Annual Induction Ceremony.

~~~~Here is the result~~~~

**Monday, April 13, 2009, 2:15 – 3:00 PM**

The students who wanted to participate in the Induction Ceremony were able to sign up.

I will be sending home a letter soon with Induction Ceremony information to every parent, so you may make your plans. I realize this makes it more difficult for families to attend, but hope that this advanced notice will help.

At the March meeting, we will be refining the plans for Induction and having the sixth graders who made Honor Society joining us. We will also start practicing.

There are still a few students who need their five hours community service for the first trimester. Then second trimester will end March 10, so they need five more. If your student has done community service, please send a note stating how many hours, doing what, and sign it.

Our next meeting is ***February 13<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>d</sup> period.*** They will be able to go to lunch early, and we have a fun activity planned.

Ms. Bemis baked wonderful cookies for the students. Thank you again Ms. Bemis.

Thanks so much for your support. If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to call me at 592-2163 ext. 3057.

Charlotte Baker  
Advisor

## Sports briefing.....



**GIRLS BASKETBALL** – Remaining games are:

1/26 - @ EPMS ~ 1/28 - @ Hanby  
2/2 – @ White Mtn. ~ 2/4 – vs Grace Christian  
2/9 - @ LSMS ~ 2/11 – vs RRMS  
2/17 – vs Fleming MS ~ 2/18 – vs EPMS



**WRESTLING** – Remaining meets are:

1/27 - @ Fleming MS (FMS, LSMS, SMS)  
1/29 - @ Hanby MS (Hanby, NMS)  
2/3 - @ Talent MS (Talent, Ashland, Scenic)  
2/7 - @ Caleb Renno Invitational (held @ IVHS)  
~ FMS, LSMS, NMS, SMS ~  
2/17 - @ Ponderosa MS, Klamath Falls, OR  
~ Ponderosa, Brixner, Henley  
2/21 – SOMSAC District Conference Tournament  
@ Scenic MS, Central Pt, OR

## **TRACK**

1. Track season will begin during the first week of March. First track meet will be around the 18<sup>th</sup>. More information will go out as it becomes available.

2. In the mean time, if your student is interested in participating, he/she must have all of their paperwork completed before the first practice. Participation payment must be made or arranged before they can compete.

3. Remember, sports physicals are good for two years. If your child is in need of a physical, please contact your physician plenty of time before the sport begins. You may also contact the Student-Based Health Center to set up an appointment.

# LORNABYRNE MIDDLE SCHOOL CAREER DAY 2009

Wednesday, March 18 2009  
8:50 A.M. to 11:10 A.M.

Each year, Lorna Byrne Middle School organizes a Career Day to provide an opportunity for our students to become better informed about possible careers for the future. We invite volunteers from ours and surrounding communities to share their knowledge about the education, skills, and training needed for a particular interest or career. We also ask that they share their feelings regarding job satisfaction, intrinsic fulfillment and the extrinsic rewards that may provide meaningful insights to our young adolescents. We feel that the more a student can see the relevance between student work today and their future, the more motivated they will become. Please contact Joann Snook - Career Day I& GEAR UP Coordinator at 592-2163 ext. 3010 for more information.

~~~~~ Some of the careers to be presented this year are ~~~~~

Artisan
Counseling
EMT
Fire Department
Massage Therapy
Pharmacist
Postmaster
Professional Sports
Welding

Banking
Medicine
Teaching
Game Warden
Nursing
Physical Therapy
Radio DJ
TV News Reporting
Zookeeper

Construction
Food Service/Chef
Optometry
Manicurist
Pet Grooming
Plumbing
Engineering
Veterinarian

BMS Music Department

*Annual Festival Concert
March 18th, 7:00 PM in the Cafeteria*

We invite you and the community to this annual event. The music featured contains a variety of styles and eras, and is meant as a practice for any off-campus music festivals the groups may be attending.

Music festivals generally host several different performing ensembles and feature a final score given by professional judges.

The competition can be fierce at these events, so the Lorna Byrne music students are working very hard at the moment!

Mark this date on your calendar. Come and see the rewards of their hard work and efforts.

TRSD/LBMS SCHOOL - PARENT COMPACT

This compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students of Lorna Byrne Middle School will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the State's high standards.

This school-parent compact is in effect during school year 2008-2009.

School Responsibilities

Lorna Byrne Middle School will:

1. Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet the State's student academic achievement standards.
 - Quality instruction and programs in reading and mathematics
 - Appropriate and effective remedial programs in basic skills
 - Individualized assessment and instruction as necessary
 - A staff committed to meeting the needs of the whole child
2. Hold parent-teacher conferences during which this compact will be discussed, as it relates to the individual child's achievement. Specifically, those conferences will be held:
 - October 16, 2008
 - January 23, 2009
 - April 24, 2009
3. Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress. Specifically, the school will provide reports as follows:
 - Trimester Progress Reports.
 - School Newsletters
 - Periodical Classroom Progress Reports (as requested by parent or teacher)
4. Provide parents reasonable access to staff. Specifically, staff will be available for consultation with parents as follows:
 - Voice mail is accessible to all teachers, who will return your calls promptly.
 - Parent/Teacher staffings are usually held on Mondays & Wednesdays, 8:00 – 8:30 AM. Parents may call to schedule appointments at any time.
 - Class hours are 8:30AM until 3:05 PM Monday through Friday.
 - Office hours are 7:15 AM until 3:30 PM Monday through Friday.
5. Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities, as follows:

Parents are encouraged to volunteer and be active members of the Lorna Byrne MS community. Please call your child's teacher to find out about how you may best offer your time and services.

Parent Responsibilities

We, as parents, will support our children's learning in the following ways:

- Monitoring attendance.
- Making sure that homework is completed.
- Staying informed about my child's education and communicating with the school by promptly reading all notices from the school or the school district either received by my child or by mail and responding, as appropriate.

Student Responsibilities

We, as students, will share the responsibility to improve our academic achievement and achieve the State's high standards. Specifically, we will:

- Do our homework every day and ask for help when we need to. Give to our parents, or the adult who is responsible for our welfare, all notices and information received by us from our school every day.
- Follow PBS protocol – ***Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible***



PBS in LBMS

The 2008-2009 school year is almost two-thirds complete, and LBMS students are showing themselves to be Responsible, Respectful, and Safe.

As a staff, we focus on those students making good choices. The result is a positive climate where everyone is looking for students doing well.

Currently, over 75% of our students have Gold Cards. What does it mean to have a Gold Card? Gold Cards are the ticket to participation in special activities that occur daily, weekly, and by trimester. Students are encouraged to keep their Gold Card on their person at all times. Gold Cards are needed for admission to the gym during free time. Some of the upcoming Gold Card events include: Cocoa, popcorn, snow cones, cotton candy, and spontaneous treats for Gold Card students during lunch break.

Our students enjoy the Electronic Lunch, which is bringing games, phones, etc. to the library during noon break, if they have a Gold Card. Each trimester, the Gold Card students are awarded a special event, such as swimming at the YMCA, going to a movie, bowling, Family Fun Center, or a barbeque at the beach. We will choose from one of these each trimester to award those students who strive to make Lorna Byrne a positive place to get an education.

In addition, we have "Lorna Byrne Idol" contests. Students sign up to compete with one another during lunch break using a karaoke song of their choice. We narrow down the field to semifinals, and then finals, which are held in front of the student body. This has been a great way for our students to demonstrate their amazing musical talents. We are looking at expanding our lunch competitions to dance, talent show, or possibly a Rock Band competition. All of these activities provide our students with a variety of ways to explore their creativity.

The positive climate, which grows as a result of these activities, builds team spirit and a sense of belonging.

We are proud of the students and staff at LBMS, who work so hard to make this a great place to be.



LBMS Student-Based Health Center

Due to the Student-Based Health Center facilities at all of the Illinois Valley Schools, the hours of operation at LBMS will be as follows (for the time being):

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| <i>Monday:</i> | <i>10:30 - 3:30</i> |
| <i>Tuesday:</i> | <i>7:00 - 3:30</i> |
| <i>Wednesday:</i> | <i>10:30 - 3:30</i> |
| <i>Thursday:</i> | <i>7:00 - 3:30</i> |
| <i>Friday:</i> | <i>7:00 - 3:30</i> |

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call our office at:

LBMS - 592-2163 x 3030
LB SBHC DIRECT - 592-6978
LB SBHC DIRECT FAX - 592-6702

TITLE 1 PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS AT LBMS

Our school receives federal funds for Title One programs that are part of the No Child Left Behind Act. Under this law, you have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s). If you request this information, the district will provide you with this information in a timely manner. You have the right to request the following information:

- If the teacher has met state licensing requirements for the grade level and subjects in which the teacher is providing instruction
- If the teacher is teaching under an emergency status for which state licensing requirements have been waived
- The type of college degree major of the teacher and the field of discipline for any graduate degrees and certificates
- If your child is receiving Title One services from paraprofessionals and if so, his/her qualifications

If you would like this information, please contact Lorna Byrne Middle School.

TAG - Parents of TAG students with questions or concerns are encouraged to contact Julie Barnes who will be coordinating, mentoring and supporting TAG students at Lorna Byrne.



**Book Share Program partners
LBMS & OregonBooks**

Oregon Books, Grants Pass, OR, is encouraging children to read by providing a partnership program which gives direct credit to LBMS Library, which can be used at any time.

Here's how it works: Any supporter who mentions LORNA BYRNE when purchasing books, triggers a donation of 5% of the total purchase to the Lorna Byrne account. When Lorna Byrne supporters order books online at oregonbooks.com, just add the schools name in the comments section, or mention it when picking up the books.

As an example of how all this works, if we have 50 supporters buying \$10.00 worth of books each month, our library would have \$300.00 during the year to spend.

Spread the word!!!

Thank you for your support &
HAPPY READING



UPDATE 1/2009 – PROCEEDS FROM YOUR DEDICATION AND EFFORT HAS BENEFITED LBMS WITH A CHECK FOR **\$152.00**, WHICH WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE MORE LIBRARY MATERIALS. THANK YOU, Ms. Snook

If you would like to help the Lorna Byrne library, it's easy!

- Step 1: Clip Box Tops.**
- Step 2: Send them to school with your student.**
- Step 3: Each Box Top is worth 10¢ towards library books!**

Where do you find Box Tops?
Hundreds of brands of items you know and trust have made a commitment to education by joining the Box Tops for Education family. And as many of you may have noticed, Box Tops are no longer limited to foods. Storage bags and containers, tissues and paper towels, disposable tableware and waste bags are just a few of the products for families that are now available.

Thank you for your continued support!
Joann Snook
Library Manager

Words from Mr. Crowson..... (cont. from front page).....

Tip #4: Know Who Your Children Talk To Online..... And How

Would you care who your kids were hanging out with at school? What about after school? Why stop caring when they are communicating online or with their phone? Some parents have adopted the philosophy "Don't talk to people online you don't know in real life." Help your children evaluate who is a good friend choice and who isn't. Limit this type of communication to those people both you and your son/daughter consider good friend choices.

Tip #5: Learn To Set Parental Controls and Filters

Most mainstream web browsers have web filtering capabilities as do many brands of computers and computer programs. If they don't you can also purchase or download filters to help limit access to certain types of websites. All the filters in the world cannot stop your children from accessing poor websites away from home too. Along with all of these tools it is important to educate your kids about safe, unsafe, appropriate and inappropriate uses of technology.

Tip #6: Educate Yourself

Have you ever wondered how MySpace works? What about Facebook? Instead of wondering about these websites educate yourself! Sometimes the best teachers are your kids. There is nothing wrong with sitting down at the computer with them and having them show you what they know or exploring the website together. Chances are you will be very impressed with what their level of technological expertise. In just a few sessions you will have a greater understanding of what these website hold and how they can be beneficial in their life if they continue to use it properly.

Good luck with these tips and I want to give a special thanks to Detective Micah Smith for the tips and the wisdom to make me be a better parent to my kids and the ability to pass on this information to my Lorna Byrne family.

Sincerely,

Damian Crowson
Principal
LBMS

Go Vikings!!!!



**2008-2009 Yearbooks are in the making.
They will be available at the end of the school
year. Cost will be \$20.00.
Reserve yours now and beat the rush!!**

J Students

J.JED Student Absences and Excuses

Policy: JED

Three Rivers School District

8550 New Hope Rd \$ PO Box 160 \$ Murphy, OR 97533

STUDENT ABSENCES AND EXCUSES

Daily attendance and punctuality are absolutely necessary for a student to gain maximum benefits from his/her educational experience.

Oregon school law supports the Board's view, and restricts excused absences to illness of the student, student medical or dental appointments (confirmation of appointments may be required), illness in the immediate family which requires the student's presence at home, when the tenets of the student's religion require an absence for religious observance of a holiday or emergency situations that require the student's absence. All other absences must meet the approval of the school officials or be treated as unexcused absences. An absence that does not meet the criteria of an excused absence but has been confirmed by the parent will be marked as a "verified" absence.

Absences will only be excused or verified if a phone call is received from the parent/guardian the day the student is absent or a note received in the school office not more than 3 days after the child returned to school.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 109.056
ORS 339.030
ORS 339.065
ORS 339.420

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