

Lincoln Savage Middle School

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Lincoln Savage has had a great start to the school year.

New Staff

LSMS added two new teachers, replaced one teacher aide and was fortunate to add a teacher aide. In the teaching field LSMS brought Mr. Adam Seable over from the Merlin Alternative Center (MAC) to teach a Language Arts Support Class, designed to target those students needing additional support and Mr. James Vermilya to teach two class of band and one class of choir. Mr. Vermilya replaces Mr. Ben Lawson who is now full time at HVHS. In the teacher aide field, Mr. Brian Fitzsimmons replaced Ms. Kane, while Mrs. Keri Lehman is the intramural and lunchtime supervisor.

PBIS

LSMS continues to use PBIS as a core in their student discipline and to establish a strong community. Throughout the year LSMS has used weekly grade level drawings, end of the month student/teacher luncheons, and end of the month all school rewards. In addition, LSMS will be taking students who have earned the privilege to attend to a movie of their choice for their exceptional behavior at the end of the first trimester. LSMS has had several parents volunteering their time to help in the organization of said events to ensure success.

Curriculum

LSMS, like the other middle schools, have implemented the Common core Math and Language Arts Standards as well as made the shift to the proficiency based learning system. The LSMS staff has utilized their Professional Learning Communities (PLC's) weekly to identify struggling students thus allowing those students to be placed in Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO) on a week-to-week basis. Finally, LSMS has started a voluntary After School Tutoring (AST) on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon's from 3:30-5:30 funded by the McKinney-Vento assistance.

Leadership

Student leadership is being headed up by Mr. Scott Zurhellen for the second year. Under Mr. Zurhellen's guidance the students have put together a successful spirit week, attended the middle school leadership workshop held at Talent Middle School, have organized a holiday canned food drive and Veteran's Day assembly. Furthermore, the leadership students mentor a total of 30 under classmen.

Family Advocate

With the support of Core Mark this year the LSMS Family Advocate has been able to assist families in need with food over the week-ends. In addition, school supplies, clothing and medical services have been provided.

Tiger Sports

Football

7th Grade Football had 28 students on the roster and finished the season with a 5-2 record. 8th Grade Football had 27 students and finished the season with a perfect 6-0 record.

Volleyball

7th Grade Volleyball had 13 students and finished the season 7-2. 8th Grade Volleyball had 12 students and finished the season 3-6.

Cross Country

The LSMS Girls Cross Country team became Southern Oregon Middle School Athletic Conference (SOMSAC) Champions for the second year in a row.

The LSMS Boys Cross Country team placed a respectful 3rd place at the SOMSAC Conference meet.

There were a total of 15 students out for Cross Country.

LSMS had 95 students out for fall sports, approximately 24% of the student body.

<u>Intramurals</u>

This school year LSMS went to three lunches and moved the intramurals from the morning to just prior to the start of lunch. The intramural program is used as an incentive opposite of the Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO). The three grade levels are currently finishing up Criss-Cross volleyball where a grade level classroom will be crowned champions. If a student chooses they may attend the computer lab or library to read and/or play educational games.