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Dear Board Members,

Happy Holidays! In the next few weeks Lorna Byrne will be quite busy. Below are a few of the many things we are working on or looking forward to in December:

Our afterschool programs are well attended and a positive place for kids. SMILE club is meeting on a regular basis and have been working on projects helping students in Science and Math. Homework Help House has been well attended and is a great place for kids to be after school to get help with homework. The "Art Novas" have a very strong showing on Tuesdays and Wednesdays to practice dance and theater.

Kids are on the move. The 6th grade science students are getting ready for their annual Rogue River field trip to release the salmon smolts they have raised in class. Students who completed their reading and passed a test were able to attend a Library field trip to see the film "MockingJay". On Dec. 12, the class of 2020 (grade 7) will attend a career conference in Medford hosted and paid for by the "Big Idea", a program sponsored by the United Way.

One Lorna Byrne student has been selected to be honored as the Rotary Student of the Month and will be acknowledged at the next Illinois Valley Rotary Meeting in Cave Junction. Bradley Shaffer and his family are very excited about this opportunity and we are quite proud to be a part of his success.

Lorna Byrne Middle School artists will be busy the next three weeks with different activities. Mr. McKee's Band and Choir students will be performing in the gym on Dec. 17. The LBMS "Art Novas" along with performers from Evergreen Elementary and IVHS in conjunction with DanceFarm Players is producing their rendition of "A Christmas Carol" in the Cafeteria on Dec. 13 & 14.

LBMS athletes are amazing! Girls' volleyball had one of the most outstanding seasons in years. The football team was extremely competitive and a good example of our wonderful community. The boys' basketball 8th grade team has won all but one game and 7th grade has won all but two games!

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Polen
Principal