

Hawks Report
La Center Middle School
December 2014/January 2015

Students of the month for November and December:

6th Grade:
Deanna Baher
Eli Johnson
Elise Little
James Hallstrom

7th Grade:
Amanda Lewis
Wyatt Webberley
Natasha Lewis
Jason Osborne

8th Grade:
Mackenzie Hallstrom
Sarah Hoppe
Nils Gedenberg
Logan Reed

Published Poets: Each year through our Language Arts classes, the teachers submit student poetry works for publication. The Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans, a national competition, has selected the following students for this year's publication:

Aaron Sundahl	Abbie Heriford	Aimee Gatter
Alex Muonio	Alison England	Hunter Ball
Hailey Grotte	Drew Kangas	Beau Castleberry
Audrey Freeman	Ashlyn Macho	Alyvia Rubadue
Katie Nelson	Abigail Banholzer	Aaron Blanshan
Zoe Kinney	Wyatt Webberley	Timothy Paris
Sidney Schmidt	Shelby Kysar	Rebekah Skufca
Natasha Lewis	Katie Leslie	Kalyn Flatt
Kaitlin Boyle	Mia Edwards	Amanda Lewis

Poetic Power, a regional competition, has selected the following students to be published:

Alyssa Lincoln	Jayde Foster	Hunter Haugen
Ceanna Johnston	Isabella Abott	Eliesia Ahola
Abigail Banholzer	Kaitlin Boyle	Noah Denley

Jordanne Fox	Lydia Heidegger	Bobby Jimenez
Zoe Kinney	Shelby Kysar	Katie Leslie
Amanda Lewis	Natasha Lewis	Sierra Little
Consuelo Martinez	Isaac Moore	Alex Muonio
Alyvia Rubadue	Sidney Schmidt	Wyatt Webberly
Tristan York		

Congratulations to all of these selected students. It's neat to have a diverse student population to be acknowledged in this competition. Thank you to our teachers for supporting the students in this endeavor.

Girls Basketball: We had a total of 29 girls participate in our three teams this year. All teams saw improvement throughout the season, and our eighth grade girls finished with an 8-2 overall record.

Wrestling: Although we fielded a smaller team this year (9 boys, 1 girl), the benefits gained by these student-athletes includes life lessons of hard work and perseverance. I am always impressed by the efforts produced by each athlete to do their best during a match.

Art & Engineering Show: Mr. Westerberg and Mrs. Schneider combined efforts in January to display student work from each of their classes. All three grade levels were represented in this show, and it was an impressive amount of quality work on hand for parents and community members to enjoy.

Parent Math Night: Our math department held their monthly parent night to assist parents with the technology available with our new math materials adopted. In January, we had seven new parents attend, and they were appreciative of the time to learn how to help their students.

Language Arts & Math: As we continue to learn what we can in preparation for this spring's Smarter Balanced State Exams, both of our core classes of Language Arts and Math are coordinating efforts to give students the opportunity to practice for the new format and expectations of Smarter Balance.

National History Bee: We had about 30 sixth grade students and about 30 seventh & eighth grade students take the first round of written exams for this competition. The top 5 students from each grade category will advance to take the electronic exam. Based on their electronic scores, our students may have the chance to advance to the regional round of this national competition. We don't have our results yet but we're pleased to have 60 students show such an interest in history.