La Center Middle School Hawks Report

November 2013

College Night was Thursday, November 14 from 6:30-8:30. We invited students and families in grades 6-12 to come discuss college entrance requirements, talk to college representatives, discuss ways to pay for college, know how to prepare in middle school, and explore pathways in high school and beyond. This early information can help families to start now to make college a reality for their student.

Our Counseling Groups have started up. We have Girls Group and Boys Group for friendship, social skill, and confidence building. We have Changing Families for students who are coping with a change in their family or missing a loved one. We also have Career Exploration group coming up in January for 8th grade students. Mrs. Krem is keeping plenty busy with our students.

September's students of the month, as selected by the staff were: Anet Martin, Rhett Muonio, Laynie Erickson, Nils Gedenberg, Austin Sweringen and Bethany Whitten.

October's students of the month were: Consuelo Martinez, Noah Denley, Catherine Peterson, Calvin Robinson, Jace Abernathy and Taylor Peters.

We held another successful week of parent teacher conferences at the end of October, where we had 255 families participate that represented almost 300 of our students. On Monday we held scheduled conferences with students identified by teachers as most needing the communication with home, followed by open arena style conferences the rest of the week. We held conferences late on Wednesday night to accommodate working parents, and had a steady stream of parents with little waiting time.

We held our first dance of the year, with 222 students attending the after school fun. Students could choose dancing in the gym or playing Mariokart or Kinnects in another classroom. Students were well behaved and it was a positive experience for all. A big kudos to Janice Broten and our leadership students for their planning and organization, as well as a big thank you to our many parent volunteers to chaperone.

Our Veterans Day assembly was another successful production for our community. The evening program had a full gym of community patrons, including veterans, and our morning program saw 35 veterans and their families participate and be recognized as well. Our choir and band students produced a stellar performance for both sessions, and felt really proud of their accomplishments. Mr. Calabrese conducted our band in his full marine uniform. Mr. Pritchett shared that this was the 14th year of producing a Veterans Day assembly for the community, and he gave a heartfelt thank you to our veterans.