# HAWK REPORT: FEBRUARY 2013

As a child of the 80s, Friday nights were a good night as I got to watch the 'A Team'. One of the great lines that always occurred at the end of the show was when the leader 'Hannibal' would say, "I love it when a plan comes together." February was just like that where the hard work of our kids, teachers and community paid off big.

To have one team this year go undefeated with the girls' basketball was a thrill. However, the boys teams would not be denied. Three of the four teams went undefeated this year with the 7th grade and the white and blue teams victorious all season. The 8th grade team lost their two games by a total of five points and were a great role model for the younger teams. We will have to make some adjustments in our trophy case for the four new trophies. The key to the success was the depth of the teams where each team had ten determined young men who were supportive of each other and kept their grades up so that they could be solid contributors. The success of the teams must be very encouraging to the high school coaches and hopefully will continue the return of basketball glory at LCHS. Thanks to Coaches Rice, Hall, Johnson and Williamson. Not only did they keep their students accountable on the court but also off the court and I was impressed by the discipline that the boys showed throughout the season.

On February 11th, LCMS had their second annual Career Fair and the participants from the community were outstanding. We started with a speech from Jason Scukanec who is a former NFL player and is now the host of the sports radio show 'Prime Time' on 1080 The Fan. He talked about the importance of having realistic, achievable goals and having a plan and motivation to achieve those goals. Thank you to Todd Jones for inviting Jason to speak. After Jason spoke the students then attended three different sessions followed by a question and answer session. The different careers presented included a Secret Service Agent, Food Inspector, SWAT team member, author, businessman, engineer, Crime Scene Investigator and a biologist to name a few. It was clearly evident that the presenter invested a great deal of time into their presentations and the students were very impressed by the presenters' effort. Thanks to Mrs. Krem and Mrs. Kipp for putting on this event.

A thank you to the School board for meeting with our kids as part of their linkage day with the schools. The students freely expressed what is going well at LCMS and areas that we can work on. What I have learned over the years is that when the students are encouraged to express their opinions they will seize the opportunity to do so. I appreciate how invested the students are in their school.

Two events that occurred at the end of January that was not mentioned last month were the Martin Luther King performance from Mrs. Slinkard's drama class which also included a video tributed compiled by Mr.Westerberg. The theme of the performance was for students to understand what it is like to live in somebody else's shoes. The other significant event was our fundraiser for the Quinn Driscoll foundation in honor of Cody Sherrell. On January 28th we had a spirit day to kick off the boys basketball season. We held a moment of silence before the 8th grade game and then watched the boys play hard and win on the court. It was wonderful to see

Cody's mom attend the game. They will always hold a special place in our hearts. So far we have raised over $2,000 for the Quinn Driscoll foundation in honor of Cody.

Our annual Doernbecher Children's Hospital fundraiser will be held in March. We have raised over $25,000 in the last six years. The planning committee will be going to Doernbecher next week to see the hospital and see how their funding makes a difference. There are rumors that if the students raise $5,000 that the Australian version of Justin Bieber may be at school one day. I think I would rather wear a dress again but I have to keep telling myself that this annual humiliation is for the kids.

February was a great month. Looking forward to what March will bring.

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