La Center High School
April 18, 2013

Curriculum - Choir and Band attended the LCRMEA District Music Large Group Festival for the first time in eleven years. The band went to Mountain View HS and performed three selections that they had presented to our community in March. The judges were pleasantly pleased with the group, but were given incorrect rating sheets which caused our scores to reflect a 3A school instead of a 1A school. So our scores did not count, but the students had a wonderful workshop by a college professor following the performance.

The choir went to Skyview High School for their competition and Mr. Dell made sure that the judge's sheets represented our school size correctly. The choir did a fantastic job in the Skyview auditorium before three adjudicators. Following the performance they also had a workshop with one of the judges who gave great ideas of ways continue to work on singing techniques and expressing passion in their performances. The choir received Superior ratings from all three judges. This is the highest score a group can receive. Congratulations to our students and Mr. Dell.

Scheduling! – It's that time of the year again when incoming freshmen and our high school students are determining their Pathways and selecting classes that meet their needs for next year. We will begin running the possible schedules now that the student's data is entered into the system. Our goal is to have the building schedule complete by mid-May.

Athletics & Activities

Fast Pitch: Is currently holding on to 2nd place in the league. With 3 weeks left in the season. Regional playoffs are on May 15th at Fort Borst Park in Centralia.

Baseball: Is tied for the 3rd place position in our league with only 2 weeks left in the season. District playoffs are on May 7th in Castle Rock and Toledo/Winlock.

Track: has performed well in all the league meets so far. The league meet is in Stevenson on May 10th.

Boys Soccer: is battling to get in to the post season. They are a single game out of playoffs at this time with 5 games left in the league. The district play-in game is on May 4th.

Golf: the team scores are getting lower and lower as the season goes along with several players scoring in the 40's. District tournament is at 3 Rivers Golf Course in Kelso on May 13th and 14th.

Equestrian: Finished their last regular season competition on April 14th with the following students qualifying for state.
We got 1st place in our Drill for Team A So we will get the Gold medal for District.
(Heather Haasl, Ashlyn Perriman, Kristen Nye and Katelyn Eckert)
We got 1st place in Cow Sorting, So another Gold For District.For the second year in a row.
(Kristen Nye and Katelyn Eckert)
We got 3rd in Reining, so Bronze for District
(Ashlyn Perriman)
We will be going to State in Moses Lake May 16th to 19th.

Knowledge Bowl: Placed 8th at their State Tournament in Arlington last month.

Teachers- John Johnson is offering three 1 hour iPad training workshops to the high school staff. The next three Mondays he will share: Setting up shared folders in Drive and Dropbox, using Notability, Office HS, Showme & Educreations, Shlashtop 2, Apple TV to make your ipad free from the projector, and using Bluetooth keyboards. These mini workshop will help teachers expand the use of technology in their lesson plans, encourage students to use these tools for research, communication and presentations. We appreciate John's talents to share this knowledge with the staff.

M.J. Murdock Grant – As you know from our last Board Report, Teri Newman received a grant in the Partners in Science Program of the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust. Teri will be conducting research jointly over a period of two summers with Dr. Stephen Bollens of WSU-V. As part of this grant, Teri is expected to attend a National Conference on Partners in Science in San Diego, CA, to present a poster on the summer's research, January 17 and 18, 2014. She will also present a paper on both summers of research at the conference in January 2015.

After Teri has completed two years in the Program, Terid will be eligible to apply for funds to implement ideas in the classroom that resulted from this research experience. If Teri is successful in this competition, the Trust will provide $3, 000 outright ($1,000 for the project and $2,000 for travel for two additional years to the annual Partners in Science January conference) and up to an additional $4,000 if matched 1 to 2 by the school or school district. In other words, each additional $1 raised by the school district will be matched by $2 from the Trust up to a total of $4,000 of Trust dollars. This is an exciting possibility.

Students – The Music Department sponsored the **Jazz and Chili Fundraiser** this last weekend. Middle school jazz band opened the evening of music, followed by the high school jazz band. A third group ended the show, consisted of a small ensemble of students wanting to start their own group. They were very talented and creative. The Music Association helped with the silent auction and table decorations while Walter Hansen did a great job as the auctioneer for three gift baskets and a BBQ. The money from this fundraiser is going toward their tour that takes place this weekend.

FBLA Talent Show – The students involved in FBLA sponsored a Talent Show as a fundraiser to help defray the costs to their upcoming State Leadership Conference next week in Spokane. Eleven students participated in the Talent Show, ranging from several singers to a beat-box performer, to a student playing the cello. The judges for the show were Mayor Jim Irish, School Board Rep. Wendy Chord, and the new Chief of Police, Mark Denny. Josh McNeal and Christian Jamison were the MCs and they did a great job, including a short skit welcoming the new Chief of Police to town with a donut from our local bakery.

The winners in the FBLA Talent Show were: 1st – Colton Morgan, 2nd – Rachel Doty and 3rd – Emily Martin. Congratulations!

Green Mountain students visiting LCHS – Superintendent Joe Jones brought 10 students from Green Mountain middle school to tour our high school. Kristen Krem, counselor, and two other LCHS students conducted the tour. This is a larger number of students coming to us from Green Mountain than in years past. We are excited to welcome them.

Upcoming Events:

Phoenix Graduation – April 18 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commons

Choir/Band Tour to Seattle – April 20 – 21

Honor Society Induction – April 22 at 6:00 P.M. in the HS Library

Prom – April 27th from 8:00 – 11:00 P.M. at the Battle Ground Community Center

Respectfully submitted,

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