Hawks Report

May 2014

## March & April Students of the Month:

**6th grade:**

Max Muffett March
Amanda Lewis

Ryan Schlecht April
Alison Brown

**7th grade:**

Brayden Schlecht March
Sidney Mairose

Logan Reed April
Sierra Harris

**8th Grade:**

Jack Hall March
Emma Seavey

Jack Ossenkop April
Elizabeth Horton

Kristy Schneider earns a grant to travel internationally to study wind power technology in Germany, Denmark and the Netherlands. Control + Click to follow link below to the press release.

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## MSP Testing Completed

This year's state testing was completed in May, and a big thank you to Jan Richards for all of her coordinating work to help it be a smooth experience for our students. Our sixth grade students were tested in reading and math; our seventh grade students were tested in reading, writing and math; and our eighth grade students were tested in reading, science and math.

## Track season

We have 86 students participating in track and field this year! They are off to a really good start and the weather has cooperated more than not. It's fun to watch how excited the students get at the end of the day, when they know that it's practice time. The seventh grade boys have

gone undefeated this season, and the other teams have been very successful as well. Many school records have been broken, some even from over twenty years ago.

PE Waiver option

Starting next year, the middle school will be paralleling the high school practice of offering a PE waiver to students who participate in a school sport. The state requires an average of 100 minutes per week, and through practices and games, students will easily will meet this requirement. We will waive 1 semester of PE for 1 school sport completed. This will open up student schedules to pursue more elective options.

Scheduling for next year

We are busy collecting elective tallies from the students to begin finalizing our elective offerings for next year. The master schedule for next year should be done within the next couple of weeks so the final touches can be put in place. It's a large task and Jan will be very busy with it.

Focus School next year

Next year our middle school will be a focus school, as we did not meet AYP for the category of 'students with disabilities' in the area of math. In response, we have been given approval by Mark to post a part time math (and part time technology) position and offer a math assist class to the students who would most benefit from this opportunity, including general ed. and special ed. students. Math assist class will be on top of these student's regular math class.

Technology Electives

Along with the above math position, we will have a part time technology teacher available so we will be able to offer new technology courses as electives for our 7$^{th}$ and 8$^{th}$ grade students. Students will learn digital tools as well as how to effectively use a wide variety of software and web 2.0 applications. Students will learn that technology is a tool that can be used to collaborate, communicate, create research and help problem solve. Ethical and responsible digital citizenship will be taught as students explore the many applications to using technology in today's ever changing digital world.