

La Center Middle School Annual Report



2017-2018

Mission Statement:

La Center Middle School will provide for its family a safe place where nurturing, acceptance, understanding and respect go hand-in-hand with academic success and opportunities for personal growth.

Our School

La Center Middle School, serving students in grades six through eight, shares a 17-acre campus with La Center Elementary. Seen as a hub for the community, the facilities are consistently used after school, in the evenings, and on weekends by various local groups. Several local youth organizations meet at the school on a regular basis. Additionally, the La Center Community Education Program provides adult and youth activities at our facility. For information on any of these programs, please contact the middle school or district offices.

Condition of the Building

The La Center Middle School building was originally built as La Center High School in 1961. In July of 2003, the new construction and modernization project approved by the voters began. With the completion of the project in October 2004, students, staff and parents now have use of a modern facility for educational and community needs. Student and staff security was an important aspect of the project design that included 36,000 square feet of new construction, and modernization of 71,000 square feet of existing structures.

School Improvement Goals 2017-2018

LCMS is committed to assisting students to be self-reliant, lifelong learners, and does so by establishing and working towards it's three building goals. The 3 goals are to:

- Increase the number of students meeting promotion standards
- Raise the number of individual students increasing or maintaining state standards
- Culture--All students feel safe and welcome and are valued members of our school community.

New Staff

This year, the middle school hired 3 new employees: A full time counselor (Daniel Thiessen), a full time language arts teacher (Joe Manning) and a special education math teacher (Seth Holmes). They all come from quality accredited programs, and appear to be an excellent fit for our district and middle school. Joe comes to us from being a principal at St. Joseph's in Vancouver, as well as a previous language arts teacher.

Budget

Building resources are established and allocated according to the school board's ends policies.

State Assessments

All of our 6th, 7th & 8th grade students completed the Smarter Balanced State Assessments for both English & Language Arts (ELA) and Math. Our 8th grade students took the Washington Comprehensive Assessment in Science. Below are the percentages of our students who met the state standards in each of the tested areas compared to the state averages:

<u>6th Grade LCMS</u>		<u>State Average</u>
Math	42.4%	48.2%
ELA	48.7%	55.9%

<u>7th Grade LCMS</u>		<u>State Average</u>
Math	51.0%	49.0%
ELA	73.9%	59.6%

<u>8th Grade LCMS</u>		<u>State Average</u>
Math	52.7%	47.5%
ELA	66.6%	58.9%
Science	56.9%	52.9%

Hi Cap Courses Available for Hi Cap and Other Students

Algebra
 Art
 Band
 Choir
 Drama
 Drawing
 Ed. Tutors
 Electronics
 Geometry
 Leadership
 Robotics
 Technology

After School Activities for Hi Cap and Other Students

Knowledge Bowl
 Math is Cool!
 Robotics
 Yearbook

Student Demographics

Grade	American Indian	Asian	Black/African American	Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	White	Hispanic/Latino	Multi Racial	Total
6					123	4	5	132
7			1		105	12	5	123
8	2	1	2		106	11	8	130
Total	2	1	3		334	27	18	385

Students of the Month for 2017-2018

6th Grade

September/October	Sophia Johnson
September/October	Dore Kelley
September/October	Aidan McDaid
September/October	Trey Platt
November/December	Sophia Broten
November/December	Sofia Van Zant
November/December	Clayton Paso
November/December	Joe Walker
January/February	Mikaela Bright
January/February	Emily Percifield
January/February	Ben Goldinov
January/February	Jake Kiever
March/April	Shaela Bradley
March/April	Addison Crum
March/April	Casey Lindberg
March/April	Smith Stimmel
May	Kendi Bellikka

May	Dylan Warner
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7th Grade

September/October	Gianna D'Emilio
September/October	Reagan Boyse
September/October	"Frank" Francisco Cuervo Sanchez
September/October	Kyle Dunn
November/December	Skyler McKinney
November/December	Peyton Yoder
November/December	Clayton Muffett
November/December	Tyler Stinson
January/February	Grace Clinton
January/February	Sabrina Joner
January/February	Parker Ellson
January/February	George Hampton
March/April	Lorelei Herber
March/April	Jillian Pratt
March/April	Tommy Coffman
March/April	Logan Seaman
May	Aaliyah Rivers
May	Ben Brothers

8th Grade

September/October	Crystal Martin
September/October	Makena Campbell
September/October	Nicholas Hansen
September/October	Bryten Schmitz
November/December	Lauren Fox

November/December	Katie Boettcher
November/December	Conner Trull
November/December	Andrew McGavran
January/February	Skyler Kirschenmann
January/February	Trenton Rice
January/February	Savannah Dodson
January/February	Rowan Biancaniello
March/April	Myla Lobbestael
March/April	Viviann Lamkin
March/April	Kaden Bellikka
March/April	Chet Muonio
May	Natalie Schlecht
May	Kate Peterson

September 2017

Ed Tutors

Twenty four middle school students worked daily with 20 different elementary teachers to assist individual students, read with them, play with them, and be a helper in the classroom. This is a very positive program that allows our students to develop their leadership skills and to value education for all students.

New Beginnings: We welcomed about 400 students to the beginning of this school year with an opening assembly the morning of August 30. Students were introduced to their teachers and watched them play a competitive round of rock, paper, scissors. Students are generally nervous on the first day, so we talked about that nervousness and encouraged them to do something helpful for someone else during the day. This helps them feel better and it is part of a 'servant-leadership' concept we are exploring this year.

At the end of the assembly, our 25 new to the district students were split up and given tours of the building by our leadership students. We have transfer students from Nevada, California, Georgia, Oregon and various surrounding area schools.

Accountability Data: Here is the percent of students that did not meet promotion standards over the last 4 years. It is one of our building goals to reduce this number, and so we will continue to find ways to work with this population of students.

2017-2018	30/395 = 7.6% of students did not meet standards
2016-2017	20/394 = 5.1% of students did not meet standards
2015-2016	20/376 = 5.3% of students did not meet standards
2014-2015	23/378 = 6.0% of students did not meet standards
2013-2014	16/416 = 3.8% of students did not meet standards

Bullying Data: Last October 2016, our students took the Healthy Youth Survey. Our returned data showed that when compared to the 2014 data, our students report being “bullied in the last month” less. Sixth grade students reduced 2% and our 8th grade students reduced by 3%. Although our average is higher than the state average, we are trending in the right direction. An interesting statistic however, comes from our 2014 student survey where 77% of all students reported “I feel safe at this school”. I have to wonder if the difference in reported percentages have to do with how the question was asked or phrased on the questionnaire. We work very hard to embrace the whole child at our school and educate all students about bullying and how to best help or respond. We will continue to provide this support and have high hopes that our pilot of the CharacterStrong curriculum in homeroom and leadership classes will have a positive impact for our individual students and our overall culture.

CharacterStrong: In August, 11 teachers, 1 counselor and 2 administrators from the middle school attended a two day training on CharacterStrong. This in-depth training on servant-leadership and character development has given us the tools and direction to create a cultural shift in a more positive and caring direction. Our staff and students will be learning more throughout the year. Research shows that when a school takes time to cultivate a culture of character and develop social & emotional skills, grades go up and bad behavior goes down. When students learn the value of kindness, service and empathy, they don’t just walk out of school being competent at math and science. They walk away being capable, compassionate people.

October 2017

Cispus 2017 - In all, 165 people participated in this year’s week of outdoor school, including 117 sixth grade students (68 boys, 49 girls), 31 high school counselors (13 boys, 18 girls) and 21 adults (including 4 teachers, 1 MS counselor, 1 principal, 2 nurses). It’s a great leadership experience for our high school students, and our 6th graders get to experience learning stations such as survival skills in the woods, learning to build a fire, hiking, kitchen patrol, Native American artifacts and evening campfire.

Speaking of Positive Starts - "What you do Matters"

Our leadership students put together a bulletin board outside the gym in Hawk Highway, using multiple post-it notes to suggest different things a person can do to make a positive difference. It's beautiful, and many students stop daily and read the board, adults do too!

Courtyard Progress -

Thank you to both Addie Perrenoud and Jocelyn Darienzo, who spent an hour after school plucking weeds in the rain. The courtyard is bigger than we could tackle in 1 hour, yet great progress was made. We brainstormed how to get more hands to make a lighter load for our next efforts.

Project Success - This year, we have partnered with ESD112 and received a grant to assign a 'Student Assistance Professional' (SAP) part time to the middle school and part time for the high school. We welcome Paige Uhlemeyer (from Community Services Northwest), a prevention and intervention specialist, who will be running schoolwide prevention activities, classroom education, and intervention and guided support groups for coping skills, stress management and relationships/communication skills.

Full Time Counselor - Mr. Thiessen has been a great addition to our staff! He is energetic, responsible and fun with the students. His positive and proactive approach has been a breath of fresh air, and he is quickly establishing himself with both students and staff.

ASB Executive Council Finalized - Sixth grade elections were held this month and that completes the executive council for 2017-2018. Multiple ASB reps participate as homeroom reps, or members at large, so there is plenty of opportunity to be a part. The following students have been elected to the executive council this year:

Tyler Dixson, Sophia Broten, Blaine Joner - 6th grade

Gianna D'Emilio, Clayton Muffet, Aaliyah Rivers - 7th grade

Lauren Fox(President), Makena Campbell(Secretary), Adam Denney(Treasurer) - 8th gr

October 13th Inservice Day - Thanks to the day of inservice, the middle school teachers that went to the August training of CharacterStrong joined together and taught the program and mindset to the rest of our middle school teachers. It was a very positive reception, fitting in very well with our building culture goal to have all students feel safe and welcome, and valued members of our community. We are using the CharacterStrong curriculum in our homerooms to learn servant-leadership lessons, including empathy, kindness and compassion. It is a very positive addition to our already very strong culture at the middle school.

October Parent-Teacher Conferences:

Over the afternoons of four days and one evening, we were able to meet with 180 families for 189 students. This represents just over 48 % of our student body and families that we were able to make connections with throughout the week.

November 2017

Veterans Day Assemblies:

Once again, we were able to celebrate the service of our Veterans during an all school assembly, and the evening of November 9th, 2017. We work with our students to identify Veterans, and we send them a personal invitation to attend one of our celebrations. We always get a solid response of Veterans in attendance at both assemblies. Our 7th & 8th grade choir and band students performed beautifully, and contributed to a heartfelt celebration of service and sacrifice by our Veterans. Mr. Pritchett coordinated and emceed the assemblies, and produced a lovely event.

Stuff the Bus Competition:

For 2 weeks in November, our grade level homerooms competed against one another for top prize of gathering the most food for stuff the bus. Also this year, the middle school is in competition with both the elementary and high schools for the overall grand winner. Ultimately, it will be the families in our community who will be the winners, as the food gathered by our students and staff is donated and distributed to those needing assistance. Elementary donations will go to Share House, middle school to Clark County Food Bank and the high school to Lewis River Mobile Food Bank.

Stuff the Bus Final Outcome:

3rd place - LCHS 1600 pounds to the Lewis River Mobile Food Bank
2nd place - LCES 2180 pounds to the Share House
1st place - LCMS 3400 pounds to the Clark County Food Bank

A total of 7,180 pounds of food collected by our students and staff! A special thank you to KWRL who donated their buses and gas, and the bus drivers who volunteered to transport the food to each location! Thank you to everyone involved, and a special shout out to the middle school leadership class and Mrs. Broten for coordinating these efforts.

REAL Life Exhibit Visitation:

All of our 8th grade students participated in travelling to Tigard, Oregon to visit this visual, hands on museum that exhibits the work being done worldwide by the Medical Teams International organization. Whether a tragedy is made by humans or natural disaster, MTI sends relief aid all over the world. This is always such a great opportunity for our students to reflect on how different their own environment is compared to some of the more impoverished areas of the

world. Hopefully by expanding their world view a bit, the students will be more grateful for what they have at home.

Winter Sports:

This winter, we had 31 girls participating on 3 teams of girls basketball, and 29 students competing in wrestling.

MS Staff vs. 8th Grade Volleyball Game: On November 21, 2017 our spirit day theme was appropriately, “sports day”. Our annual staff vs. students proved to be a rousing match once again. The teachers took the first game and came from way behind to top the 8th grade girls in the second game. Our third game was interrupted by the ending bell, so we’ll never know if the girls would make their comeback or not.

2016-17 Second Semester Honor Roll Students: During the above game, 120 students were named and called out of the stands to receive their certificates from last school year for making the honor roll. This was only our current 7th & 8th grade students. The current 9th grade students received their certificates up at the high school on the same day. Overall, we had 180 students make honor roll!

Drama Performances: First semester drama classes held their first performances of the year in December. They had two plays: “The Christmas Snowman” is a story of orphans who melt the heart of a grumpy old man; and, “The Comeback Caper” tells the story of when a jewel is stolen on a TV studio set, everyone is a suspect and there is a big twist at the end. Fifty students took turns performing their roles for both evening and daytime showings. Multiple elementary classes were able to come and be the audience during the daytime showings, which lasted between 20-30 minutes. Hats off to our actors and actresses, and their dedicated director, Rhonda Slinkard. Drama is a place that some students can shine at times when they may not in a traditional class. It’s wonderful to see.

New MS Victory Bell: A big thank you to Jennifer Miller, who took on the project of replacing the victory bell at the middle school. The former victory bell was moved up to the high school. Jennifer felt it was important to replace it for the middle school. We are very appreciative of her efforts and thoughtfulness. She was most complimentary of working with Matt Cooke to complete the project.

Day of Silence Fundraiser: For the second year in a row, 8th grader Makena Campbell organized a ‘Day of Silence’ as a fundraiser through the “WE Village” organization. On Monday, December 18th, we had many students (with parent permission) be silent for the day and raise money to donate towards adopting a village in Haiti. This is a very mature fundraiser for our middle school students and has been very successful in the past.

January 2018

Band & Choir Winter Concerts

On December 11 and 13, the MS band and choir held their annual winter concerts, and once again gave outstanding performances. Thank you to Mr. Perry Calabrese and Ms. Rhonda Slinkard for their ongoing strong leadership and dedication to their programs.

Olympia Bound Field Trip

Band and Choir also had the opportunity to perform in our state capital on Tuesday, December 19. This all day event was a hit with our students and they loved seeing state buildings and performing for visitors and staffers alike.

Giving of Their Time

The elementary PTO opened their annual 'Holiday Shop' again this year, which is always a big hit. To help with the production and sales, over 70 time slots were filled by our middle school students. Giving of our time is always a reward and so many of our students loved working the shop and helping out the elementary students.

Student's Work for CharacterStrong

Through our homeroom curriculum on CharacterStrong, many students have made posters that are hanging throughout the building. These posters personalize the 8 characteristics that we are emphasizing this year, with daily positive quotes and challenges, character dares and with handing out character cards to students for positive actions. The 8 essentials are patience, kindness, honesty, respect, selflessness, forgiveness, humility and commitment.

Coat of Arms

Eighth grade students in Mr. Brother's history class have created their own individual heraldic achievements, as part of their unit study. Students learned about the role of knights in the feudal system. As part of the instruction, they learned the role that heraldry played. They learned about medieval symbolism and the heraldic color rules. Students then created their own heraldic achievements. These included the coat of arms, the supporters, crested helmets and a motto they would like to live their lives by.

Boys Basketball - We have 46 boys and 4 teams competing this school year!

February 2018

National Board Certified Teachers:

A special congratulations to Stephanie Holmes, because she is now a national board certified teacher! She joins Andrea Austad, Janice Broten, Todd Brothers, Miranda Brothers, Laurie Cripe and Lynn Cooke with this honor. This makes 7 out of 22 middle school teachers or 32% that are national board certified. It's an honor to work with professionals such as these teachers.

Math Is Cool:

At the end of January, our Math Is Cool! teams participated in the regional competition. We sent two 6th grade teams and one 7th grade team. Our 7th grade team took 2nd place in their division. Congratulations to team members Tyler Griffith, Luke Brothers, Raegan Boyse and Emily Johnson. The top two scorers for La Center were Sophia Broten (6th grade) and Tyler Griffith (7th grade). Tyler went on to earn 2nd place overall in the individual awards. Recently, we learned that our 7th grade team has qualified for the state competition to be held in Moses Lake, Washington.

WE Are Silent Fundraiser: By being silent for one day, our students earned over \$1,193 to contribute to WE Charity, which will purchase the following for third world families: 1 clean water purifier, 5 goats, 2 school kits, 11 bundles of baby chicks and primary education for 7 children. It's amazing what a group of middle school kids can accomplish when they want to make a positive difference. I'm very proud of our students!

Mid Level Regionals: The following 30 students were able to spend a day at Liberty MS in a student leadership training session. This is always a valuable experience for those attending:

8th (16)

Lauren Fox
Makena Campbell
Adam Denney
Sophia Piatti
Helen Dunlap
Keira Crocker
Bethany Deam
Daffiney Burke
Jordan Rehfeldt
Meagan Stabell
Kylee Stephens
Mya Ecklund
Nicholas Ehrich
Josie Uskoski
Rowan Biancaniello
Jared Mayolo

7th (10)

Gianna D'Emilio
Clayton Muffett
Aaliyah Rivers
Emily E Johnson
Olivia Koitch
Tyler Stinson
Abby Hendrickson
Matthew Pettit
Logan Seaman
Grace Clinton

6th (4)

Sophia Broten
Anthony Larkin

Sydney Sloniker
Mikaela Bright

Leos Club in Action Our Leos Club recently donated their time and labor at the LC Food Bank to help local families. Not only are they a giving group, they are fun and super great kids!

Student-School Board Linkage: On February 13, we had over 40 students (about 20 as Blue Crew reps, and the rest as leadership reps) meet with our school board members to discuss and share issues and concerns on their hearts. Students worked in groups and were well spoken and prepared to present their opinions and solutions to various topics. We are appreciative of the time given by the school board members to listen to our students, take them seriously and show they care!

Staff Development: Four MS teachers (Manning, Johnston, Slinkard, Hollopeter) were able to attend a one day workshop entitled "Kids at Hope." The focus was to look at assets rather than deficits of students, and help students have hope for their future. All 4 teachers complimented to value of this workshop, and how well it fits in with our current efforts with the CharacterStrong implementation. We were all challenged to think of who our student heroes are.

March 2018

Honor Roll and 4.0 students: First semester, we had 42 students receive a 4.0 GPA (6 in 8th grade, 21 in 7th grade, 15 in 6th grade). We also had 192 students make honor roll by earning a 3.25 GPA or higher (72 in 8th grade, 71 in 7th grade, 49 in 6th grade). Students were recognized at our last assembly, received a certificate, and had their group picture taken for the yearbook. Congratulations to these hard working students!

Academic Improvement Award: At the same assembly, 57 students (30 in 8th grade, 27 in 7th grade) were recognized for improving their GPA from last spring semester by .5 (half a letter grade) or better. These students also received a certificate and had their group photo taken for the yearbook. Kudos to the effort and focus given by these students!

Knowledge Bowl: We had 16 students participate this year, enough to field 3 teams. At the first home meet of the season, 2 of our LCMS teams tied for 2nd place out of 12 total teams from Kalama, Hockinson and Coweeman.

Solar Car Competition: On Saturday, March 10, we had 13 students participate in the Solar Car Competition held in Vancouver. These students worked with Mrs. Schneider after school leading up to the big day. A big congratulations to Jarom Rader who won 1st place in the solar car races, and a 3rd place trophy in the overall competition!

WMEA Junior All-State Band

To the right is a picture of Meagan Stabell, Cole Entenman and Jaren Tikka at the Washington Music Educators Association (WMEA) Junior All-State band. Seventh and eighth grade students from around the state submit audition tapes in the fall and these 3 were selected from our middle school. They gathered for a day-long rehearsal and concert in Yakima on Saturday, February 17. A job well done by all three students! Thank you to Mr. Calabrese for recording and submitting the materials.



WMEA Junior All-State Vocals: Also along the musical lines, we had three students selected for the WMEA Junior All-State Vocals event, which was also in Yakima. Congratulations to Mikaela Bright, Alyse Webberley and Makena Campbell.

March 14, 2018 at 10:00 AM: We had 5 students participate in the national student walkout for 17 minutes to remember each victim in the recent Florida shooting. Mrs. Landerholm had an excellent discussion with them outside about safety, drills, prevention options, etc. They are very thoughtful and creative in their thinking.

LCRMEA Band Festival: Our 7th & 8th grade band participated in this regional band festival held at Ridgefield High School on March 13. Twenty-two middle schools were present and once again, our band received superior ratings from the adjudicators, scoring the third highest score. Two of the adjudicators even stood for our students after their performance. Congratulations to our students and Mr. Calabrese for the excellent performance and recognition.

LCRMEA Choir Festival: Our 7th & 8th grade choir performed most excellent at their festival, impressing the judges. Students were complimented for their enthusiasm, strength in sound and attention to detail. Plus, our boys' section is very strong this year.

April 2018

Doernbecher Children's Hospital Fundraiser: Towards the end of March, we had our 13th annual, week-long drive to raise money for Doernbechers. The week was filled with copper-silver wars for filling money jugs, selling cookies at lunch time, selling 'Dollies for Doernbechers', and even the very scenic flocking of pink flamingos on some people's lawns. The week was capped off with a dance and the students had a blast. A big congratulations to Mrs. Broten and our leadership students who worked so hard to make this week a success, and in particular,

Gianna D'Emilio, Makena Campbell & Lauren Fox, who were our top fundraising students (raising over \$1,000 each)! The middle school raised \$10,369.06 for Doernbechers.

May 2018

Math Is Cool State Competition: Congratulations to our LCMS 7th grade team of Tyler Griffith, Raegan Boyse, Luke Brothers & Emily Johnson. This team placed 4th in our division at the state masters event in Moses Lake, WA. A big thank you to coaches Andrea Austad and Stephanie Holmes for their dedicated leadership with this up and coming after school club.

WE Day: WE Day is a celebration of students who serve others locally and around the world. Our students receive tickets because of all they do to make our world a better place. The day is filled with inspirational speakers and performances. This year, we received extra tickets and therefore could invite extra students who may serve others without being noticed or need that extra push to become positive leaders. We were able to take about 50 students total.

OMEA/ACDA Choral Evaluation: Our 7th & 8th grade choir was invited to attend this evaluative event in Clackamas, Oregon in early May. This event provided higher level of competition and expectations than earlier festival events, and was an honor to have our choir invited. Our students rocked their performance and earned a 1 from both of the ACDA certified adjudicators, earning the prestigious recognition called the "Gold Award". We are very proud of our students growth in skills and performance this year, and appreciate the guidance and leadership they receive from Ms. Rhonda Slinkard, our director. Congratulations to all!

Track and Field: We had 76 student-athletes participate in track this spring. There were many, many PR's (personal records) set throughout the season, and even a school record broken in the boys discus. Congratulations to 8th grader Andrew Kysar for throwing nearly 135' for the new record.

Watershed Congress: Between Mrs. Schneider's and Mrs. Brother's science classes, we had about 25 students represent LCMS this year at the annual Watershed Congress, held at WSU-V. This is always a great experience for students to publically speak about their particular project.

Drama Performances: This spring, our two sections of drama performed two plays, "The 13 Ghosts of the Gimme Mine" and "Trapped." Ghosts (recommended for grades 4 and up) is a fun western themed story where playing tricks on the tourists in an old mining town is amusing for a couple siblings, until the tables are turned and the joke's on them. Trapped (recommended for all ages), is what happens when 7 people, including an overly cheerful retired teacher, an obnoxious (and nauseous) kid, a chatty cell phone user, and a stinky fisherman get stuck in an elevator. With 16 performances scheduled, many elementary and middle school students are able to view the performances at different times. Ms Slinkard does a great job organizing this fun time for many folks.

June 2018

ASB Elections: Our 6th and 7th grade students recently heard speeches from each candidate running for ASB executive council, then were able to vote for their top 3 candidates electronically (incoming 6th grade votes for their council in the fall). The students chose the following to be their representatives:

Next year's 7th Grade:

Mikaela Bright
Anthony Larkin
Sophia Broten
Sydney Sloniker

Next year's 8th grade:

Aaliyah Rivers
Frank Cuervo-Sanchez
Clayton Muffett

Those elected to executive council are invited to attend summer leadership camp. Because there are nine spots reserved the following students have also been invited based on the number of votes received: Gianna D'Emilio and Ben Brothers.

We celebrate all of the students who ran. It is very difficult to put yourself in front of your peers, and all did a fantastic job speaking. Also, we have encouraged all of the candidates to be a part of leadership and ASB next year. We never turn anyone down for ASB.

Yearbook Superlative Votes The vote is in! All students had a chance to vote electronically in their homerooms for "the most likely to" or the "Best". Catch our results here! And a big shoutout to Myla Lobbestael, Hannah Ritola, and Jeana Schmeusser, who have spent countless hours working on this.

Group A			Group B		
	Future Broadway Star	Future Broadway Star		Class Clown	Class Clown
6th	Bethany Brown	Branson Castleberry	6th	Lynda Lambert	Colby Miller
7th	Mia Beutler	Levi Lucas	7th	Alivia Joyce	Christian Nedrow
8th	Kylee Stephens	Tagen Salyers	8th	Keira Crocker	Austin Kirk

	Most Artistic	Most Artistic		Future Astronaut	Future Astronaut
6th	Sara Brockway	Alex Luis	6th	Madisen Newbury	Eric Chisholm
7th	Brooklyn Cuthbert	Drew Homola	7th	Riley Bingham	Parker Ellson
8th	Alyse Osborn	Trenton Rice	8th	Rylie Arnsparger	Vincent Burgess
	Future Talk Show Host	Future Talk Show Host		Future President	Future President
6th	Jordan Crouse	Noah Bull	6th	Sophia Broten	Darren Brown
7th	Gianna D' Emilio	Frank Cuervo	7th	Grace Clinton	Benjamin Brothers
8th	Savannah Dodson	Cole Entenman	8th	Lauren Fox	Adam Denney
	Best Dressed	Best Dressed		Future Olympic Gold Medalist	Future Olympic Gold Medalist
6th	Hazel Allen	Logan Bewley	6th	Shaela Bradley	Bradon Daniels
7th	Layla Lee	Clayton Muffet	7th	Alyse Webberley	Joseph Blanshan
8th	Ivy Kangas	Nicholas Ehrich	8th	Mya Ecklund	Bryten Schmitz
	Future Millionaire	Future Millionaire		Internet Famous	Internet Famous
6th	Rylee Budke	Tyler Dixson	6th	Ashland Cochran	Benny Albarran
7th	Aaliyah Rivers	Gabriel France	7th	Skylar House	Jamal Gasaway
8th	Bethany Deam	Kaleb Hardin	8th	Emma Seter	Dillon Barboza
	Bookworm	Bookworm		Makes Kindness Normal	Makes Kindness Normal

6th	Mikaela Bright	Anthony Larkin	6th	Kendi Bellikka	Jake Kiever
7th	Taylor Crouse	Sean Barsness	7th	Reagan Boyse	Kyle Dunn
8th	Alanna Scrivens	Stephen Croskrey	8th	Makena Campbell	Aiden Denley

Welcome to Middle School: We had a great turnout for our 6th grade orientation night, with about 90 families present. We held 3 rotations for parents and students to learn more information regarding Cispus, Skyward & Web Pages, and Classes & General Information. Also, our leadership students and counselor Daniel Thiessen put together a middle school presentation, which they showed in all 5th grade classes. Lastly, an introduction video was produced by students to show 5th graders the middle school teachers and office staff.

Underwater Rover Competition: In Bremerton, Washington, Sabrina Joner won an award for the most items retrieved in the “Free for All” competition. Parker Ellson won an award for the best poster board demonstration. And Jarom and Landon Rader won first place in the overall competition. Congratulations to these students and to Mrs. Schneider for her guidance.

Spring Choir & Band Concerts: Our end of the year concerts were held for both band and choir, for our 6th grade and 7th/8th grade groups. All students demonstrated tremendous growth individually, and collectively as a group. Difficult selections were chosen by each group, and performed beautifully. I was very proud of all of our students, and grateful for the directorship of both Rhonda Slinkard and Perry Calabrese.

Time to Say Goodbye: As we wound down the school year, we celebrated our 8th grade students moving up to be high schoolers. We took the 8th grade students on a tour of the high school, had them participate in the ‘moving up assembly,’ and gave them a farewell celebration on the last day of school. At the end of our last assembly, we had a wonderful slideshow presentation, and then our staff formed a tunnel where the 8th graders exit, saying their ‘goodbyes’ and ‘thank-you’s, and our staff congratulating them.

Speaking of goodbyes, we wish to thank both Perry Calabrese (18 years) and Walt Shucka (40 years) for their amazing service to La Center School District’s students. We are grateful for their shared expertise, care and support for the many students who’ve passed their way throughout the years. We wish them both well in their future endeavors; they will be missed. Also, Janice Broten moved over to a new district to be closer to her family. Her hours of selfless, servant-leadership will be missed by many. And, Mary Johnston left for a position with a new district to be closer to her home as well. We wish them all the best.

End of the Year Plaque Awards (Given the last day of school):

6th grade student of the year - Clayton Paso, Sophia Broten
7th grade student of the year - Tyler Stinson, Gianna D’Emilio
8th grade student of the year - Nicholas Hansen, Lauren Fox

Principal's Award - Zackary Morrison, Vivian Lampkin
Duane Hamlin Choir Award - Makena Campbell
Duane Hamlin Band Award - Meagan Stabell
Faculty Award - Skyler Kirschenmann, Makena Campbell

Many department awards are given by teachers to students on the next to the last day, in the morning assembly that is held before we have our school-wide "Field Day". Field day is a large rotation of fun stations for each homeroom, that is an annual favorite of our students. It is coordinated and organized by our leadership students, and supervised by each homeroom teacher, who more times than not, participate in the games with the students. It is such a positive tradition!

La Center Middle School Staff

Mr. Holmes- Superintendent
Mrs. Landerholm- Principal
Mr. Bentson- Dean of Students/Technology Director
Mr. Cooke- Athletic Director
Mrs. Richards- Secretary
Mrs. Galster- Assistant Secretary
Mrs. Braaten- Special Ed. Secretary
Mrs. Austad- Math 8, Algebra, Pre-Algebra
Mrs. Bailey- Playground Monitor
Mrs. Bocchi- Aide
Mrs. Brightbill- Lang Arts/History 6, Ac. Prep/PE 6
Mrs. Broten- Lang Arts 7/8, Leadership
Mrs. Brothers- Lang. Arts 7/Science 8 Reading Assist
Mr. Brothers- History 7/8
Mrs. Brown- Custodian
Mr. Calabrese- Band/Technology
Mrs. Calnan- Library Technician
Mrs. Clegg- School Psychologist
Mrs. Cook- K-8 Lead Cook
Mrs. Cooke- Librarian
Mrs. Cripe- Science 7
Mr. Ecklund- PE /Health
Mrs. Edwards- Aide
Mrs. Flatt- ELL Instructor
Mrs. Gedenberg- Aide
Mr. Grotte- Math, Math Assist
Mrs. Hantho- Cafeteria Cashier
Mrs. Hendrix- Custodian
Mrs. Hollopeter- 7/8Lang Arts, Pop Lit.
Mrs. Holmes- Math/Technology
Mr. Holmes-Math

Mrs. Johnston- Resource Room
Mrs. Lindsey- Resource Room
Mr. Manning-7 Lang. Arts, Academic Prep
Mrs. Munger- Aide
Mr. Pritchett- History 7/8
Mr. Rice- Custodian
Mrs. Rivers- District Nurse
Mrs. Schneider- Sci.8, Electronics/Robotics
Mr. Shucka- Math 7/8
Mrs. Slinkard- Choir/Drama
Mr. Thiessen- School Counselor
Mr. Totten- Science 6
Mr. Westerberg- SS 6 / Art
Mrs. Whelchel- 6/7 Lang. Arts