

MOUNTAIN Kid Sports NEWS

Highlighting the Athletic Achievements of Loma Prieta & CTE Students

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Girls Basketball

6th Grade: The Cheetah girls 6th-grade basketball team is enjoying their time on the court. The girls bring a lot of energy and competitive spirit to every game. When the season began, the squad of 13 had virtually no prior competitive basketball experience. According to Coach McGraw, "Over the past five weeks they have demonstrated tremendous courage and initiative and have taken their excitement for basketball and translated that into learning very quickly in practices, as well as in the games. The way they are playing now is very strong. They have learned and are adopting all the defensive and offensive fundamentals and putting them into game play!" While the team has yet to win a match, most of their games were within a few points, with one game going into overtime play due to a tie-score at the end of regulation.



The members of the 6th-grade squad include Chloe Barnard, Chaya Defilippo-Fry, Rosie Gomez, Siara Hauck, Crystal Huang, Lizzie Kinsella, Anna Leith, Aaliyah McGraw, Kimiko Milheim, Casey Parker, Sofia Rossi, Amanda Simmons, and Hailey Swanson. Team high-scorers to date: Chloe, Rosie, Sofia, Amanda, Anna, and Kimiko.

7th Grade: Down a few players from last year, this year's 7th-grade Cheetah girls are improving as a team in each game they play. While they have yet to win a match, the highlights during the season have included Eleanor Kinsella's great hustle, Ann Marie Lacey's awesome defense and Briana Ferris' speed. Yasmin Sebastiany has shown good ball handling, Naia Wilcox had some great rebounds, Jasmine Watson moved the ball well, and Sarah Wiltshire is the team's top scorer. The lack of extra players on the bench has made the season challenging, with most of the girls having to play the entire game without much of a break. But, more playing time = more practice in game situations, which is helping to develop each of the player's game skills.

One more thing...

If you know about a local student-athlete that has excelled in their sport – whether it's mountain biking, skiing, equestrian events, gymnastics, you name it! – please send an email to mtnkid_sportsnews@yahoo.com. We'll be highlighting the extracurricular sporting achievements of Loma Prieta and CTE students in future editions.

