

MOUNTAIN Kid Sports NEWS

Highlighting the Athletic Achievements of Loma Prieta & CTE Students

Girls Volleyball



The Cheetah volleyball teams are definitely making improvements in their games and starting to put the pieces together for playing a good match. The 6th-grade team had one of their best rallies to-date during their Fisher match, getting everyone on the court into the action as the teams battled it out back and forth. The scores were 15-25 and 19-25, with Eily Lane passing well, Rosie Gomez and Ella Plautz with nice hits. The team lost against Moreland (9-25, 6-25) and Monroe (15-25, 22-25), but as the score from the second Monroe game shows, the girls were very competitive. Chloe Barnard had a great save, scooping the ball out of the net for her teammate to return over for a point and Kimiko Milheim had three

service points in a row. With some nice passing by Lizzie Kinsella and a great angle shot over the net by Amanda Simmons, the girls won a game at Union, but unfortunately couldn't hold on in the third game for the win (20-25, 25-11, 6-15).

The 7th-grade girls are getting to be stronger players, and holding their own against the likes of Fisher (15-25, 16-25), Moreland (12-25, 11-25), and Union (14-25, 17-25). In each of these matches, the scores were neck-and-neck until about 10-10, when more consistent play by their opponents kicked in. Monica Moilanen and Anne-Marie Lacey have had some nice passes, Grace Longstreth, Anne-Marie, Brianna Ferris and Tatum Korb have been serving well. The Monroe match went to three games, with the team earning an exciting first game win that was all tied up until the very end when the girls' serving prevailed and they won 28-26. Grace had some very scrappy play, Eleanor Kinsella was the service point leader with 4, Bella DeMeo had some good passes and Tatum set up her hitters a few times for some nice points. In games two and three the team struggled to get some sideouts, and unfortunately Monroe won the match. Just one more week left for Cheetah volleyball!

Boys Soccer

The 6th-7th-grade soccer team is having a fun season. Coaches, Tony Bravo and Jack Miller, have pulled together a group of enthusiastic boys with a wide range of experience. With such a short season, it is hard to do too much to improve player skills and therefore the focus has been on playing together as a team. No match wins to-date, but the team looks better every game. CTE has had several strong shots on goal by several players and so far, goals have been scored by Glenn Grant-Richards and Martin "Tinmar" Molgaard. Goalie, Lance Pharand, is doing an admirable job keeping the games close. The team is ready for the last two games of the season!

The 8th-grade team won their first match (by forfeit!), but has been on the low end of the scoreboard since. With a small roster, it is difficult to matchup with the other larger teams in the league, but every Cheetah player is giving 100% out on the field. Some highlights include Campbell hustling in all areas of the field, Ivan's speed in defense keeping several goals at bay, and Rafael "Rafe" and Jacob making some amazing saves while sharing the goal keeper position. And, the squad recently got a big thumbs-up from their opponent's parents at Union, who said, despite the score the Cheetah boys showed excellent sportsmanship throughout the match.

