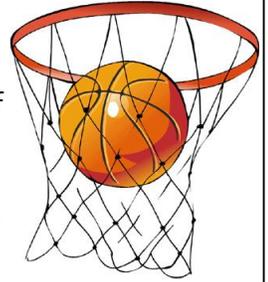


MOUNTAIN Kid Sports NEWS

Highlighting the Athletic Achievements of Loma Prieta & CTE Students

Boys Basketball

Before the holiday break, the 8th-grade boys team finished their season with an exciting win by 25 points over Campbell Middle School. The 6th-grade team also ended their season on a high note, winning their last game against Campbell, 49-21. The 5th/6th-grade boys started off the match looking strong and by halftime had scored 22 points. CTE took advantage of Campbell's failed 3-point attempts, got the rebounds and made some long passes down court followed by nice layups. By the end of the game each CTE player had made a basket, with the high scorer, Gabe McKay, putting in 10 points. Other player point totals included Steven Taylor with 7 points, Matthew Fehr, Theo Lohrer, Harris Campbell, and Kurt Beckmann each with 6 points, Ethan Jeffery scored 4 points and Andrew Rogers and Eli Stephens each scored 2 points.



Girls Basketball

The girls basketball program is now in full swing and the three teams are working hard, despite having to practice mostly outside and frequently in the rain! The 6th-grade team, filled with nearly all players who are brand-new to the sport, had a tough first match of the season against Dartmouth, getting blanked on the scoreboard, but in their very next match there were already nice signs of improvement, with the girls scoring and working a bit more like a team to bring the ball up the court. The final score against Fisher was 6-40, with baskets scored by Catherine Candelaria, Nicole York and Nadya Klug. Nadya also pulled down at least 5 rebounds during the game.

The 7th-grade team also lost to Dartmouth in their first match, but their second game was a nail-biter against Fisher. The match was tied at halftime, 7-7, and the second half proved to be a real battle. Thanks to some nice steals and rebounds by Rosie Gomez and some scrappy play by Anna Leith, the Cheetahs kept things close on the scoreboard until the end when Fisher pulled away, winning 15-23. Cheetah points were scored by Rosie (6 points), Chloe Barnard (5 points) and Kimiko Milheim (4 points). After the game, Coach McGraw said, "In the past two years, I have never seen the girls play at this level. They played super today and I could not have asked them to play any better. I'm very proud of them!"



The 8th-grade squad has had two very close matches so far this season, barely losing to both Dartmouth (19-24) and Fisher (13-16). Against Dartmouth, Tatum Korb (10 points) and Sara Whiltshire (7 points) were the top scorers, with Yazmin Sebastiany also getting her first basket of the year. Naia Wilcox and Eleanor Kinsella contributed with some nice rebounds and steals. In the Fisher match, Grace Longstreth, Eleanor and Naia scored their first baskets of the season, with Tatum putting in 8 points too. Yazmin hustled on defense, pulling down three rebounds and making a steal.