

MOUNTAIN Kid Sports NEWS

Highlighting the Athletic Achievements of Loma Prieta & CTE Students

Girls and Boys Cross-country

The Cheetahs finished their season at the WVAL championships where CTE had 13 runners qualify to run at the county championships. While none of the CTE "teams" qualified for the county meet, several individual runners qualified -- congrats to AvaBella, Maryclare, Ashley, Liz, Kurt, Dawson, Matt, Samantha, Mike, Cooper, Lizzie, Anna, and Crystal. Some of the race highlights include:

- AvaBella Almaneih finished 12th and MaryClare Kinsella finished 14th in the 6th-grade girls race.
- Kurt Beckmann finished 13th in the 7th-grade boys race.
- Mike Ramsay placed 9th in the 8th-grade boys race and Cooper Bowen placed 12th.
- Lizzie Kinsella placed 12th in the 8th-grade girls race.

Finally, at the Santa Clara County cross-country championships, on a grueling course, CTE qualifiers ran some good races, including a couple of top-ten finishes:



- Mike placed 7th overall in the 8th-grade boys race and Cooper placed 11th.
- Dawson Xuan placed 11th in the 7th-grade boys race and Kurt placed 16th.
- Ava Bella placed 5th overall in the 6th-grade girls race.
- In the 8th-grade girls race Lizzie placed 17th, Crystal Huang placed 23rd, and Anna Leith was 24th.

Boys Volleyball

The CTE junior varsity team was comprised of entirely of 6th-graders who had never played on a volleyball team before, but made vast improvements over the season. With extremely knowledgeable coaches who worked closely with them on the basic fundamentals the boys had much to learn, and as a result, team spirit quickly took shape. Throughout the season, notable contributions were made by Michael Perez and Theo Fowler, with consistent dependable serves, Tom Lithgow as a unstoppable defensive specialist, and effective work at the net from Mason Draper and Harris Campbell. Whist the boys struggled to gain wins against many of the A teams they did have some landslide set wins against the B teams.

The varsity team of 8th-graders also had several students who had never played volleyball before, but thanks to their participation CTE was able to represent! The new CTE coaches did a nice job teaching the boys about how to play like a team, and made the experience fun and engaging. Some player highlights for the season included Sina Demoubed, who had an amazing serve; the athletic Sam Fulton, who would never give up on a play; Glenn Grant-Richards who was a very consistent player in both his setting and serving this year; and Daniel Fichthorn, who played well at the net, working together nicely with his teammate, Sina. The boys enjoyed a great season, with two victories against A teams, and many against the B teams.

