

MOUNTAIN Kid Sports NEWS

Highlighting the Athletic Achievements of Loma Prieta & CTE Students

Wrestling End-of-Season Recap

The CTE wrestling team recently wrapped up a fantastic season. The program has grown dramatically, and this year, CTE had the largest squad in the league, despite being the smallest school by far. It is a young team, as well, with plenty of room for growth as the 4th through 7th graders prepare to “hit the mat running” next year.

Coach Kissner lauded, “Cheetah wrestlers were very competitive this season, taking 3rd place at the Graveyard Grapplers Dual Meet and 5th place at League Finals. It is great to see the tournaments awash in Cheetah purple! Our athletes worked hard, with long practices, intense workouts, and all-day weekend competitions. We played hard, with a beach bbq workout, pizza and movie night after a workout and ultimate frisbee, and a great end of season party. The growth in character is unavoidable. It takes courage, persistence, grit, and self-confidence to compete on the mat, one-on-one, with an opponent that wants to put you into submission in front of crowds of screaming spectators. The season is full of inspiring stories of young athletes overcoming challenge and rising to the occasion. We are proud of every one of our wrestlers for the growth they achieved this season, their successes on the mat, and the character they displayed by taking on this challenge.”

CTE varsity athletes competed in the League Finals in December and performed admirably. Under the strong leadership of team captains, Marcella Jones and Kurt Beckmann, Cheetah Wrestlers earned more than 100 team points for the first time in distant CTE history, claiming 5th place in the league. Earning 4th place in their brackets were Cody Watson, Dalton Murphree, Daniel Philipp, Brenden Jones, and Andrew Rogers. Max Roskow, a first-year wrestler, and Tom Lithgow both earned 3rd place. Jack Gray earned 2nd place, even while wrestling in a bracket heavier than his own weight. Peter Bowen and Matthew Lithgow both won their weight brackets at League Finals. CTE had six wrestlers compete in the Section Championships. Brenden, Max and Jack all placed 5th. Tom placed 4th. Peter Bowen and Matthew Lithgow placed 2nd in section and went on to take 4th place in the entire county at the championships in Gilroy!

The Cheetah JV wrestlers dominated the end of season tournament in December – there was more purple on the mats than any other school in league! Third-place finishers were Morgan Murphree, Maxwell Jones, Corin Stammers, Henry Jensen, and Matt Choice. Second-place finishers were Tyce Bowen, Jake Runyun, Zahara Ismael, Cameron Thompson, Sebastian Buller, Spencer Ollman, Aydan Celinski, and Alex Denman. Winning their JV brackets were Fintan Stevens, Teddy Smith, and Eli Stephens. Congratulations to all the CTE wrestlers!

