

MOUNTAIN Kid Sports NEWS

Highlighting the Athletic Achievements of Loma Prieta & CTE Students

Wrestling

The CTE Cheetahs recently took 1st place at the Graveyard Grappler's Tournament, the first tournament team win for the Cheetahs in many years (point totals = CTE 245, Miller 237, Union 205, Fisher 200, etc.). Coach Kissner said, "We are starting off the 2018 season showing continued competitive growth. To put this in perspective, we were competing against nine schools (all of our league plus some), where every school has a student population many times that of CTE." At the event there were 17 CTE athletes who had their first taste of competition on the mat, and they made a strong showing. Nicolas B., Matthew H., and Kevin R. all went undefeated. Coach Kissner gave kudos to William S., a Loma 4th-grade student at 61lbs, who wrestled the same 6th-grade opponent three times (only other person in his weight bracket), "Even though outmatched, William had the grit to go back and face this opponent three times over, improving each time." Other tournament highlights included:

- Tyce B., Kyara V. and Frank P. competed in both JV and Varsity brackets and wrestled as many as seven matches – often back-to-back – earning many points for the team.
- Kevin R. came back for some intense wrestling after having his first-ever match the night before.
- Three year team veterans, and now 7th-graders, Cody W., Corin S., and Teddy S. are helping to carry the team through tough tournaments.
- Team Captains Tom L. and Peter B. had impressive undefeated showings.
- Sam D. held his own in a very tough bracket, earning the team countless points.



Girls Basketball



The CTE Cheetah girls have started their season and the teams look to be competitive in the new "small school" league division this year. Both the 7th and 8th-grade teams began by facing the traditionally strong Redwood Griffins, and lost their matches 13-31 (7th) and 14-35 (8th). The 7th-graders had scoring from Rachel, Sydney and Claire, while 8th-grade baskets came from Maia, Holly Samantha and Alexis. The 8th-graders' next game against Latimer was a real nail biter: tied at half-time and throughout much of the second half as well. Due to the game being played on the CTE school holiday, the team was missing a few players, which made things interesting late in the game after two Cheetahs fouled out! At that time, girls who had never played point guard stepped up and did a good job getting the ball down the court, and if just one more nice shot from Maia, Monica or Sam had found its way through the net in the last minute, they would have won! Final score was 14-15, with Alexis getting 9 points, Sam with 2 points and MaryClare scoring 3 points. Holly was a real contributor defensively in the game, pulling down seven rebounds and picking-off at least three steals.

One more thing...

If you know about a local student-athlete that has excelled in their sport – whether it's mountain biking, swimming, 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.

