

La Crescent Middle School/BCLC Board Report

To: La Crescent –Hokah School Board and Superintendent Wilke
From: Steve Smith – MS School Principal – Bluff Country Principal
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Middle School:

- As part of our theme of “Citizenship” this month our advisories will be choosing a variety of activities to support that around the school and in our community. We heard from Sandy Graves at our last student recognition assembly about “Neighbor’s Day” and what opportunities exist for us to get involved.
- Our Choir students completed their large group festivals in March and our Band students will be participating in their festivals in the next week.
- Several of our students recently competed at the state level for the science fair. There were 500 students involved in the competition at the state level and we were represented by:
Nyah Brooks - The Power of Fruits and Vegetables
Ryan Masterson - Shoot, Score ... And Get Sick?
Luke Schwartzhoff - What Color Attracts birds?
Kilee Sipusich - Got Apples?
Julia Motl - Germ off
Hannah Wold - Stop the Text; Stop the Wrecks

Hannah Wold was awarded the Bronze medal as her project was judged to be in the top 30% of all competitors. This included High School students as well. Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the fair and those that qualified to go on to the state level.

Testing:

- **Planning continues related to the initial state wide ACT testing for all Juniors in Minnesota. We are developing a schedule, training proctors and organizing materials to ensure a smooth roll out for La Crescent High School.**
- **We began our MCA testing at all three sites this week. With the new test vendor at the state level there have been some changes from the past. We are completely online and have had to work through some challenges in the early sessions but have had those problems resolved. In the future there is a real possibility that these tests will be available on personal platforms. This will change the testing schedule significantly for the better without having to rely on the computer labs for mass testing.**