

VHS Winter Sports Report

Girls Basketball-The Vernonia Lady Loggers clinched first place and the Northwest League championship with their 49-40 win over Riverdale on Saturday February 2, 2013. It was the sixteenth win in a row for head coach Steve Whiteman and the Vernonia girls. The win guarantees the Lady Loggers a spot in the first round of the State Playoffs.

Against Riverdale Vernonia trailed by nine points with just five minutes left in the game but came storming back to overtake the Mustangs.

"These girls are gritty and they'll go to the floor and fight," said Whiteman.

On Friday night February 1, the Lady Loggers defeated Faith Bible 32-23. Vernonia won both games without Maina Martin, a key player on the team.

Vernonia also had a 39-33 win

over Knappa and back-to-back wins over Delphian.

The Lady Loggers play their final regular season game at home against Nestucca on Friday February 8, which will also be Senior night.

Boys Basketball-The Loggers Boys lost to Riverdale 42-40, on Saturday February 2, 2013 but remain in third place in the Northwest League with a 9-5 record.

The game against Riverdale was a close battle that came down to the final shot of the game which the Loggers were unable to convert.

The Loggers had previously won five straight games including league wins over Delphian (twice) 50-46 and 51-36, Knappa 62-42 and Faith Bible 58-46. They also defeated Warrenton in a non-league game 48-36.

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season game will be Senior Night at home against Nestucca on February 8.

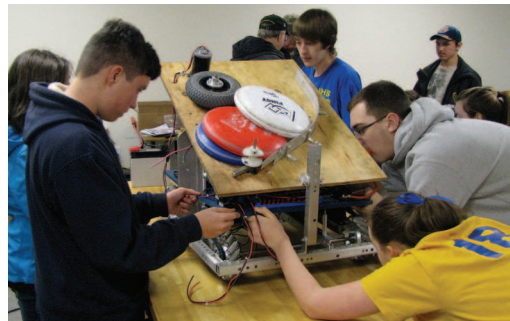
Wrestling-The Vernonia Wrestlers continued on their road to the District Tournament with mixed results.

At the Oregon Wrestling Classic on January 18-19 the Loggers went head-to-head in dual meets and defeated Grant Union 54-21 and Oakridge 42-33 before falling to Central Linn 46-24, Knappa 42-24 and Crater JV 45-36.

In dual league meets the Loggers defeated Nestucca 52-12 and also defeated Waldport on January 24 and then split a pair of meets on January 30, defeating Neah-Kah-Nie 40-26 and losing a heartbreaker to Knappa 39-34.

The Loggers host a home meet on February 7 as they prepare for the District Meet on February 15-16, which will also be hosted by Vernonia.

Logger Bots Hard at Work



The Vernonia Logger Bots, the robotics team from VHS, are hard at work preparing for their upcoming First Robotics competition in March. The team has been meeting every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday and building their robot. Their task this year, to build a robot that can throw a frisbee through a target. This is the second year VHS has competed in the FIRST Robotics program. Once again the team has a committed team of mentors who are assisting the students with the project. The team is also looking for sponsors to help them fund the project. The team has a website designed and created by a team member; go to www.loggerbots.org to see more about the current status of the project and what the team is working on.

PTA PRESS

By Melissa Zavales

Hello fellow Vernonians. We hope this issue of PTA press finds everyone in good health and spirits.

Speaking of spirit, I read the article that Mr Laird printed in the last issue of the "Voice" and I have to say "KUDOS". Well said Scott!! Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, we have this new amazing school and fantastic gym where we can hold sporting events, band concerts, programs, and etc. Please come support your Vernonia schools. Our students work so hard and our community showing spirit really makes them shine.

We are happy to report that we

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have some new memberships to PTA and we hope to continue to grow. Please remember that your local PTA strives to provide a successful environment for our students. Our goal is to make a student's school career the best it can be.

We held an assembly on Monday January 31st to present the new rock climbing wall to the schools. The rock wall was purchased by Vernonia Community PTA with funds that students help to raise.

These were the first students to climb the new indoor rock wall after it's installation by volunteers on November 3rd. Solidad Sanchez was the only student who helped install the rock wall so she got to climb first.

The other students had turned in their permission slips and were doing well in all other areas so they were nominated by teachers.

Students are again trying to raise funds, but for outdoor play equipment.

Please support VES Students with their Believe Kids Fundraiser by purchasing cookie dough and other useful items. The school will keep approximately half of the cost of each item sold for about a 50% profit to be used towards developing the new playground. The fundraiser ends February 13th.

Over the holiday season at school we held a teacher giving tree. This is in place as a special token to our terrific staff. Teachers received gifts for their classrooms such as crayons, Kleenex, markers, blue tape for displaying art work, and other various items. We appreciate the involvement from parents. THANK YOU. We also held our candy gram station again this year. We changed it a little and added more than 1 item... This seemed to be a hit with the students. We were able to profit \$108.00 for our PTA. Over the

holidays PTA also donated their time and decorations for band concerts and programs. We hope you enjoyed the festivities.

We have some upcoming events that we would like you to know about and volunteer your time if possible.

School Bus Driver Appreciation Week-Feb 11-15th. Please help us thank our school bus drivers for their dedication, and keeping our kids safe. I am willing to bet "TREATS WILL NOT BE SENT BACK." (hint, hint!)

Take Your Family to School Week-Feb 19th-22nd. Schedules of

events will be sent home with students.

Valentine's Day Candy Grams-will be available Tuesday Feb 5-Tuesday Feb 12 before and after school. Cost will be 0.25, 0.75, and 1.00\$. Help us reach our goal of 500 candy grams.

Next Meeting: Thursday February 2 at 7:00 PM. Hope to see you there.

If you have any questions regarding PTA please call PTA president Camrin Eyrrick at 503-429-9205, or Vice President, Melissa Zavales, 503-329-3173.



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