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Is the athletic system fair amongst girls and boys sports?

Laticia White Woman and Enola Running Hawk

There has been a lot of buzz about why girls are allowed to play football, yet boys cannot play volleyball. This issue is larger than Little Wound itself. It is a topic of debate across the United States. Juan Marrufo, Senior Class President, was asked to speak on the issue: "I don't see why girls can play football, but boys can't play volleyball, I think it's really unfair to me and others."

On the other hand, Acacia Witt, Junior, female football player, believes "boys should have their own volleyball team just as girls should have their own football team."

Ms. Witt continues to say, "Boys have more of an advantage over girls. They have better reflexes and I'd say five times stronger than a girl."

Traditionally, sports are segregated by gender.

Charles Cuny, Superintendent, says,

"While we've managed to eliminate sex and gender segregation across many different fronts within the last decade, there is still one place remaining where men and women are strictly kept apart: sports"

-Brittany Pratt



"Little Wound School is part of the South Dakota Activity Association and they have specific rules for the process."

Title IX is a federal act saying no matter your sex, you should be able to participate in any sport you choose.

"Our school is dictated by policy, we have to see how it's applied across the state of South Dakota," Mr. Cuny says.

Athletic Director, Mr. Arlo Provost, says according to policy, girls can play football because football isn't segregated by sex. Under the National Federation, boys can't play on the girls' volleyball team because of the net requirements. The net policy for the boys is six inches higher than the girls.

"So a boy playing girls' volleyball would have an unfair advantage," Mr. Provost says.

Policymakers keeps going back to the standard of the net being higher in boys' volleyball. That is why there has not been a boy to play on a girls' volleyball team.

"No one has broken that barrier yet," says Mr. Provost.

Playing with the Boys, authors, Eileen McDonagh and Laura Pappano, argue that there is no correlation between a person's gender and their ability to play sports. Rather, separating genders in sports only help shape an already sexist system in athletics. The New Zealand news organization Stuff says, "The argument that men are superior to women in sport is based only on statistical averages."

So the question remains, is the athletic system across the United States inherently sexist or is gender segregation necessary in sports?

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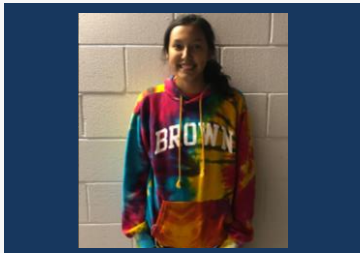
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Poem of the Week

Enola Running Hawk

Haiku Talaiah Bear Killer



Save the bees
Keep pollution out of seas
Don't cut trees

Ms. Talaiah Bear Killer, Junior, got her inspiration from current environmental issues.

Ms. Bear Killer says, "Always recycle and don't litter."

Her short Haiku poem speaks so much volume despite its length. It is an entire speech using only three lines.

Ms. Bear Killer calls for change. She says, "Don't burn trees or cut them."

When asked if she could speak for the turtles who are currently in danger from pollution, she would say, "Save us and don't let us go extinct."

Teacher of the Week:

Yvette Hernandez Mary Kate Martinez

Yvette Hernandez, 7th and 8th grade Math Teacher, has been working at Little Wound since 2001.

Ms. Hernandez's students have inspired her to start a middle school newspaper because of their enthusiasm towards creating a newspaper.

Ms. Hernandez attempted a newspaper last year, but was unsuccessful due to lack of motivation. She hopes that's not the case this year.

Ms. Hernandez is looking forward to the hardwork ahead and to read her students articles.

Hernandez asked not to be photographed, but rather represented by a butterfly



However, she has yet not verified if the newspaper will be available for the elementary and high school. To her students, Ms. Hernandez says, "Do what you love and everyday will bring you joy and happiness."

Chrispiracy: Why is it so hot?

My entire four years at Little Wound High School, during the warmer months we are released early because it is too hot in the building. My question is: Does the school purposely want the classrooms to be hot? Mrs. Sharei Ricketts, Principal, says, "My son went here and graduated in 2008 even then the school was still like this." Clearly, this has been an issue for years now. "The department doesn't have enough funds to fix the unit which could about \$20,000 to fix," Mrs. Ricketts continues to say. That amount was verified by maintenance. However, we have a newly renovated gym and field. Mr. Charles Cuny, Superintendent, shared how much the gym cost which was \$1,300,280 and the field was \$3.2 million. Mathematically, this is way more than the cost to fix the A/C. Mr. Cuny continues to say that our school has a national tragedy not a conspiracy theory because the BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs) does not take care of Indian Country schools and doesn't put money into maintenance of the schools. The BIA funds the projects and gave control of the project to the school board. So is the heating and cooling unit sentient or is the school making it hot on purpose?

Chris Cuny

Senior Spotlight

Laticia White Woman

This week, Kaleb Brave Eagle is the star for Senior Spotlight. Brave Eagle plays golf and basketball for Little Wound High School and wants to continue to play after graduation.

He plans to attend Stanford University where he wants to study environmental engineering.

As far as his Senior year, he just wants to "have fun." He intends to help fundraise so the Senior class can go somewhere interesting, unlike last year's seniors who only went to Rapid City.

Brave Eagle only wants success for himself and his classmates.

All Nations League

Antonio Rojas, Deryck Two Bulls, Martin One Horn, and Benjamin Mills

Mr. James Pratt, Special Education Teacher, Football Coach, was inspired by Lower Brule, who has a limited amount of football players, to start a nine man football team called the All Nations League. The League will have their own playoffs and championship. As foreign as the nine men aspect may seem, it is actually helping smaller schools start football programs. Mr. Pratt, says, "It is an exciting league. The kids are enjoying it and the practices are more intense."

"I know some people see it as a negative, but I see it as a positive as it's helping a lot of programs get started as well as giving kids a chance to play," Mr. Pratt says.

JV Mustangs Football

Cheyenne Whiting and Tyrell Whiting

Sept. 9

The Mustangs JV team faced the Todd County Falcons Monday night. It was an intense game. Our Mustangs were able to keep with the Falcons until their deep bench proved to be too much.

As the Falcons began to pull ahead, the Mustangs were becoming frustrated because of their will to win. James Pratt, Special Education Teacher, Football Coach says, "We want to get better each week. We keep playing together till the end."

Upcoming Events

Larae White Crane

Sept. 17

Golf meet Parkston Invite @ Mitchell 10 a.m.

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Volleyball vs Pineridge away 4:30 p.m.

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Yale Representative @ 9 a.m.

Sept. 19

Golf meet LNI @ Mission 10 a.m.

Sept. 19

Cross Country Custer Invite @ Custer 1:30pm

Sept. 19

Volleyball vs. Todd County 4:30 p.m.