Classic XXXIV and battled with Hermiston for the top spot on Saturday. The Panthers prevailed over the Bulldogs 199.5 – 172.5, to Claim their 2nd consecutive WIAA 3A State Wrestling Championship! and it took a total team effort! Coach Phil McLean’s team had 3 semifinalists, won important matches on the consolation side of the brackets and 9 Mead wrestlers made the podium including State Champion, Josh Neiwert at 132 lbs.

**STATE PLACERS:**
- 106 - Kaysic Lundquist - 5th
- 113 - Billy Weisgerber - 3rd
- 120 - James Mason - 5th
- 126 - Josh Neiwert - 1st
- 132 - Braxton Smith - 6th
- 138 - Sam Arai - 7th
- 160 - Austen Justice - 3rd
- 195 - Braeden Harvey - 6th
- 220 - Chris Grosse - 3rd

CONGRATULATIONS PANthers!

**Mat Classic XXXIV:** Mead Places Nine Wrestlers En Route to 3A Team Title Defense

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**GYMNASTICS** – Panther Gymnasts earned a trip to this week’s State Meet at Sammamish High School by winning Wednesday’s District 8 Regional Meet. Dezlyn Lundquist was the All-Around Champion winning the Bars and Floor. Mead outscored 2nd place Ridgeline, 172.250 – 153.500. Mead competes Thursday & Friday. Good Luck Girls!

**DISTRICT 8 GIRLS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS** – Mead defeated Walla Walla at Home on Saturday, 68-31 and traveled to Kennewick Tuesday for the District 8 Basketball Championship. After a close 1st quarter, the Panthers pulled away in the 4th quarter, outscoing the Lions 22-8 and won, 74-48. Teryn Gardner (26 points) and Natalie Braun (19 points) led the Panther offense. Mead is seeded 4th in the WIAA 3A State Basketball Tournament and will play Lincoln (Tacoma) in a rematch of last year’s 1st-round game. Game time is Saturday, 4:00 pm @ West Valley High School.

**DANCE TEAM** – Our Girls competed at Lewis & Clark on Saturday and improved on last week’s performances in Moses Lake. The Panthers placed 1st in Hip Hop, 2nd in Dance and 3rd in Pom, again qualifying for Districts in Pasco on March 11th. Delaney Utigard was 1st in Advanced Drilldown and Audrey Loft was first in the Fish Drilldown.

**CHEER** – Mead Cheer travels to Anaheim, California on Thursday to compete at the USA Spirit Nationals Friday and Saturday. Good Luck Panthers!