

Friday, Feb 10<sup>th</sup>

The Ranchers squared off against Wiregrass Elementary School staff team on Friday night. Nursing an 0 – 3 record the Ranchers were all but desperate for their first win. The game was close and back and forth for the first few innings, but the Ranchers exploded in the 5<sup>th</sup> inning, and finally realized the offensive potential Coach Klauka had been hinting at the past several weeks. “The bats came alive. What else can I say? I mean that and incredible base running.” Coach Klauka looked upbeat and positive as he hoisted his son into the air much like Rafiki did Simba.

Every Rancher reached a base on Friday night, and Ms. Joyce blistered a frozen rope down the third base line that left a certain videographer reeling with low-grade whiplash. Mrs. Giammalvo also reached on a hit, and made solid contact each time at the plate. “Listen, it’s all about the practice. All the time we’ve spent this season practicing has made a huge difference. Let that be a lesson to all you kids out there,” Mrs. Giammalvo said.

The real show stealer was Mr. Giammalvo with a monstrous blast over the left fielders head, that ended up as an inside-the-park homerun. The final score was DBES 15, Wiregrass 5.

The Ranchers face league powerhouse John Long Middle School this Friday. The Ranchers have never defeated JLMS in league play, and look to pull off the upset Friday night. So remember, GOOOOO RANCHERS!!!!