

## MS Bulldogs Finish Season in Grinnell

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Middle School football team finished their season in Grinnell on October 16 with a 34-20 win over the Thunderhawks.

The Bulldogs hold a 5-2 record for the 2014 season after winning their first four games before losing two to Triplains/Brewster and Northern Valley but finished at full strength over the 'Hawks. This is one of the best seasons for the middle school squad in the past several years.

"We had a great season," said AJ Camacho, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade running back for the Bulldogs. "We worked a lot on tackling and had a great offense. It was great scoring a lot of touchdowns."

Jacob Ritter, who served the team as quarterback most of the season, and Dylan Spresser, who contributed on both offense and defense, also enjoyed getting into the end zone. He felt the team's greatest strength was their teamwork. They were missing a player for a couple of games due to injury and Ritter felt that was a challenge for the team because they were so short of players—often hitting the field with only 8 boys.

Nolan Ritter, the team's center, enjoyed the opportunity to score a touchdown in one of the games. He felt their offense was their greatest strength but that the team had to work on catching passes. He was pleased that the team did better this year than they did last year.

Most of the 8th grade boys are looking forward to playing football in high school next year. "I am proud of how hard the boys worked throughout the season," said Coach Russ Aumiller, "especially how they stepped up when we had an injury to finish the season with a win. The 8th graders are ready to contribute to the team in high school next season."