

MANDY FLEETWOOD, 12

"I was selected for Colorado Zone team for swimming over the summer, and it was my final zone team. It was a big accomplishment for me to be ranked in such a tough swimming state. Though I train several hours a day, I still have the opportunity to spend time with my friends and family."

JACOB BARNUM, 11

"I am proud of managing five AP classes, getting into four honor societies, and still having time for work each week. This year has been quite stressful, especially this last semester with finals. I am really proud that I was able to study hard enough to end with all A's in my classes, despite my grades prior to that point."

THERESA FLETCHER, 11

"I have all A's so far. I'm taking two AP classes, have a job and am still able to do other things outside of school. Also, I won the library's summer reading contest for the second time in a row this year. This year I have put myself out of my comfort zone by going to more school events and talking to new people, so I'm proud of being more socially active in school as well."

I'VE GOT THIS

WHAT ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF? WHY?

NIKKI BERNUY HERQUINIGO, 12

"I am honored to be Legend's TSA President this year. I know I'm making a difference for members to have the chance to express their STEM passions while in high school. With that experience, it gives them a clear path of what they want to pursue after high school. Go TSA!"

SUDARSHAN DAMODHARAN, 10

"I am proud that I am the only sophomore in my AP Calculus BC class because I am the youngest. I am also proud that I am in a lot of clubs and activities, because I like being involved in meeting new people."

TYLER SEELEY, 11

"I'm most proud of my success in bowling this year, because I have made a name for myself in the bowling community as a result. On top of this, I have made lots of friends in the bowling community, and they have pushed me to be my best. Bowling has taught me many valuable lessons as well, and I am very grateful."

DANIEL OLSON, 12

"I am most proud of joining the Army, because it gives me the chance to fight for my country and those who can't fight. I believe it is a great honor for one to serve their country, and something to be proud of. I am a very proud American, and I strongly believe this country is something worth fighting for."

1. THE BIG FRIENDLY GIANT

Principal Mr. Jason Jacob high fives LINK crew leaders before the freshmen come into the coliseum during freshman orientation day on Aug. 9. He gave his annual speech to the freshmen when they entered the coliseum for the first time. PHOTO BY KAYLIN MCRAE **2. PARTY DON'T START TILL I WALK IN** Atanas Dimitrov, 9, along with the rest of the freshman class, high five and walk through the tunnel of upperclassmen during the freshman orientation day on Aug. 9. The upperclassmen LINK leaders welcome the freshmen this way every year. PHOTO BY ANNIE WILSON **3. WHAT'S POPPIN'** Caleb Stubbings, 12, participates in a balloon game as a LINK leader with Amy Jenkins, 9, on Aug. 9. This was his first year being a LINK leader. "The point of this activity was to show the freshmen that the upperclassmen aren't so scary," Stubbings said. PHOTO BY ANNIE WILSON



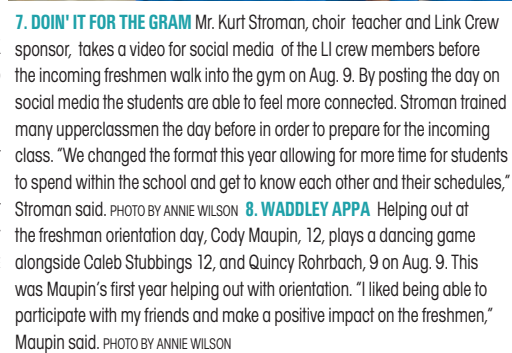
4. A HUG FROM ME TO YOU

Choir teacher Mr. Kurt Stroman gives science teacher Mr. Jay Zimmerman a hug after talking to the freshmen at orientation day on Aug. 9. "We train junior and senior LINK Crew leaders with games and activities that are designed to help students get to know each other and feel comfortable coming to Legend," Stroman said. PHOTO BY ANNIE WILSON **5. RIDE THE WAVE** Luke Rohlwing, 12 and James Hier, 11, get the freshmen excited by starting the wave on Aug. 9. The upperclassmen led cheers and activities to get the freshmen comfortable. "We were trying to make their first day less scary and more fun," Rohlwing said. PHOTO BY ANNIE WILSON **6. HEY, WHAT'S UP, HELLO** Chemistry and AVID teacher Mr. Jay Zimmerman waves to some of the LINK leaders as the freshmen finish coming into the coliseum on freshman orientation day on Aug. 9. Zimmerman led this year's freshman orientation day with choir teacher Mr. Kurt Stroman. Both Stroman and Zimmerman have been teaching at the school since it opened, and have been LINK sponsors ever since then. PHOTO BY KAYLIN MCRAE



7. DOIN' IT FOR THE GRAM

Mr. Kurt Stroman, choir teacher and Link Crew sponsor, takes a video for social media of the LI crew members before the incoming freshmen walk into the gym on Aug. 9. By posting the day on social media the students are able to feel more connected. Stroman trained many upperclassmen the day before in order to prepare for the incoming class. "We changed the format this year allowing for more time for students to spend within the school and get to know each other and their schedules," Stroman said. PHOTO BY ANNIE WILSON **8. WADDLEY APPA** Helping out at the freshman orientation day, Cody Maupin, 12, plays a dancing game alongside Caleb Stubbings 12, and Quincy Rohrbach, 9 on Aug. 9. This was Maupin's first year helping out with orientation. "I liked being able to participate with my friends and make a positive impact on the freshmen," Maupin said. PHOTO BY ANNIE WILSON



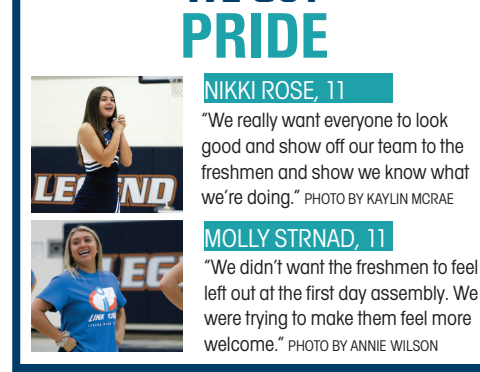
WE GOT PRIDE

NIKKI ROSE, 11

"We really want everyone to look good and show off our team to the freshmen and show we know what we're doing." PHOTO BY KAYLIN MCRAE

MOLLY STRNAD, 11

"We didn't want the freshmen to feel left out at the first day assembly. We were trying to make them feel more welcome." PHOTO BY ANNIE WILSON



SENIOR LUKE ROHLWING SHARES HIS LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE WITH FRESHMAN ORIENTATION DAY BY ANNIE WILSON

WELCOME TO THE COLISEUM



Freshmen gather in the cafeteria waiting to enter the coliseum. Little do they know that juniors and seniors are waiting behind large closed doors for their arrival. Behind those doors are senior Luke Rohlwing and junior James Hier ready to pump up the anxious freshmen.

Freshman orientation day is operated by trained upperclassmen who represent the school through leadership with the help of Mr. Jay Zimmerman and Mr. Kurt Stroman. One way upperclassmen get the freshmen excited is dressing up in costumes and handing out candy throughout the day. The

costumes also help LINK leaders keep track of their groups.

"We were trying to make their first day less scary and more fun," Rohlwing said. "It starts their high school career off well and makes their future and other years go better."

Rohlwing helped out during freshman orientation day for the second time with Hier. They kicked off the day with the wave to loosen up the freshmen.

"We were trying to get the freshmen excited, because they were being really quiet," Rohlwing said. "Last year, it was more games in the classrooms. This year they got to go to their classes more and experience their schedules."

"WE TRAIN LINK CREW LEADERS TO HELP STUDENTS FEEL COMFORTABLE COMING TO LEGEND."



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