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UNICEF CLUB HOSTS FIRST WATER WALK TO RAISE WORLD AWARENESS AT CT

BE THE CHANGE YOU WISH TO SEE UNICEF Club went into its very first year with a mission- to raise awareness for rights we take for granted every day. Their inaugural Water Walk, a student-led educational fundraiser, gave students and members of the community the chance to experience the walk children all over the world must endure accessing water.

“Living here in the U.S., we always have access to clean water, whether it be through your own home or a public water fountain. It’s easy to forget that 633 million people around the world don’t have access to clean water and that 800 kids die every day from preventable diseases caused by poor water. UNICEF’s goal is to lower those numbers as much as possible and ensure that everyone can have access to the most basic right - water,” Emma Petersen (12) said.

In the end, UNICEF raised over \$1,500 that will contribute to UNICEF’s WASH (Water and Sanitation Hygiene) program in over 100 countries. Though the event was a success, club sponsor Mrs. McKay already has put thought into next year’s event. “I think learned a lot about how to set up an event. It would be great if we had it a little earlier so we could promote it better. Also, more stations and games,” McKay said.

Moving forward, UNICEF is excited for their upcoming projects and spreading further change in the community.



LEND A HAND Club officer Emma Whitaker (12) proudly displays the sponsors of UNICEF Water Walk Oct. 6 alongside her fellow officers.. “We’re excited to continue to find ways to educate people about global issues, even when they aren’t fun to address,” Whitaker said. PHOTO COURTESY OF E. WHITAKER



LITTLE GOES A LONG WAY “I learned how much of a difference everyone can make just by one simple act of giving,” Emarie Rodriguez (11) said. PHOTO BY M. BALLARD



WALK WITH A PURPOSE Bucket in hand, UNICEF sponsor Mrs. McKay strides alongside Dean Kenny at the UNICEF Water Walk on Oct. 6. “It’s really hard to take it (the walk) from an idea to a reality, especially the first time. When I saw what we had been talking about actually in operation, that was really exciting. I was very proud, especially of the executive committee, because they worked really hard,” McKay said. PHOTO BY M. BALLARD



honorary NHS MEETS TO PLAN UPCOMING PROJECTS

SERVE WITH PASSION National Honor Society president Sophia Blasco (12) introduces a volunteer opportunity during the Oct. 9 meeting accompanied by Sharyn Battula (12). “In NHS we are starting to get more involved with stuff like Wish Week and Trick-or-Treat Trail, but also expanding the service opportunities like going to soup kitchens, and kind of tailoring everybody’s community service to their interests. I believe that finding a passion and interest early on really helps people think ‘Hey, this isn’t something that feels required,’ it feels more natural,” Blasco said. PHOTO BY M. BALLARD

BETTER TOGETHER Post-meeting Oct. 9, Gabriella Johnson (11) groups with her fellow National Honor Society members Sarah Torline (11) and Olivia Campbell (11) to chat. “I’m the type of person that is most comfortable when I am with people I know, so it definitely makes it (NHS) more enjoyable having friends with me,” Johnson said. As a junior, this is Johnson’s first year being a member of National Honor Society. PHOTO BY M. BALLARD



link up for lunch LINK CREW WELCOMES NEW TRANSFER STUDENTS TO LUNCH

Q Why did you decide to get involved with this transfer student lunch?

A “When kids move to a new school, sometimes they isolate themselves, and I don’t want them to feel alone,” Neeka Mirfakhrai (11) said. PHOTO BY K. ELLINGER

Q What does being in Link Crew mean to you?

A “It allows me to connect with the freshmen class and guide them through their first year because I remember how scary it was,” Mirfakhrai (11) said.

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“An event like this is important to raise awareness about impoverished communities, Emma Reichert (10) said. PHOTO BY M. BALLARD

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