

# MEMORIES MADE

Squad members reflect on the highlights of their season.

"Meeting new people and getting a better bond with them."

-Makenzie Scurlock (7)

"I liked the little stunt at the end of the pep rally. That was fun."

-Ryenne Kozney (8)

"I REALLY LIKED JUST HANGING OUT WITH EVERYONE BECAUSE THEY ARE SO NICE."

-MATTIE KEHL (8)

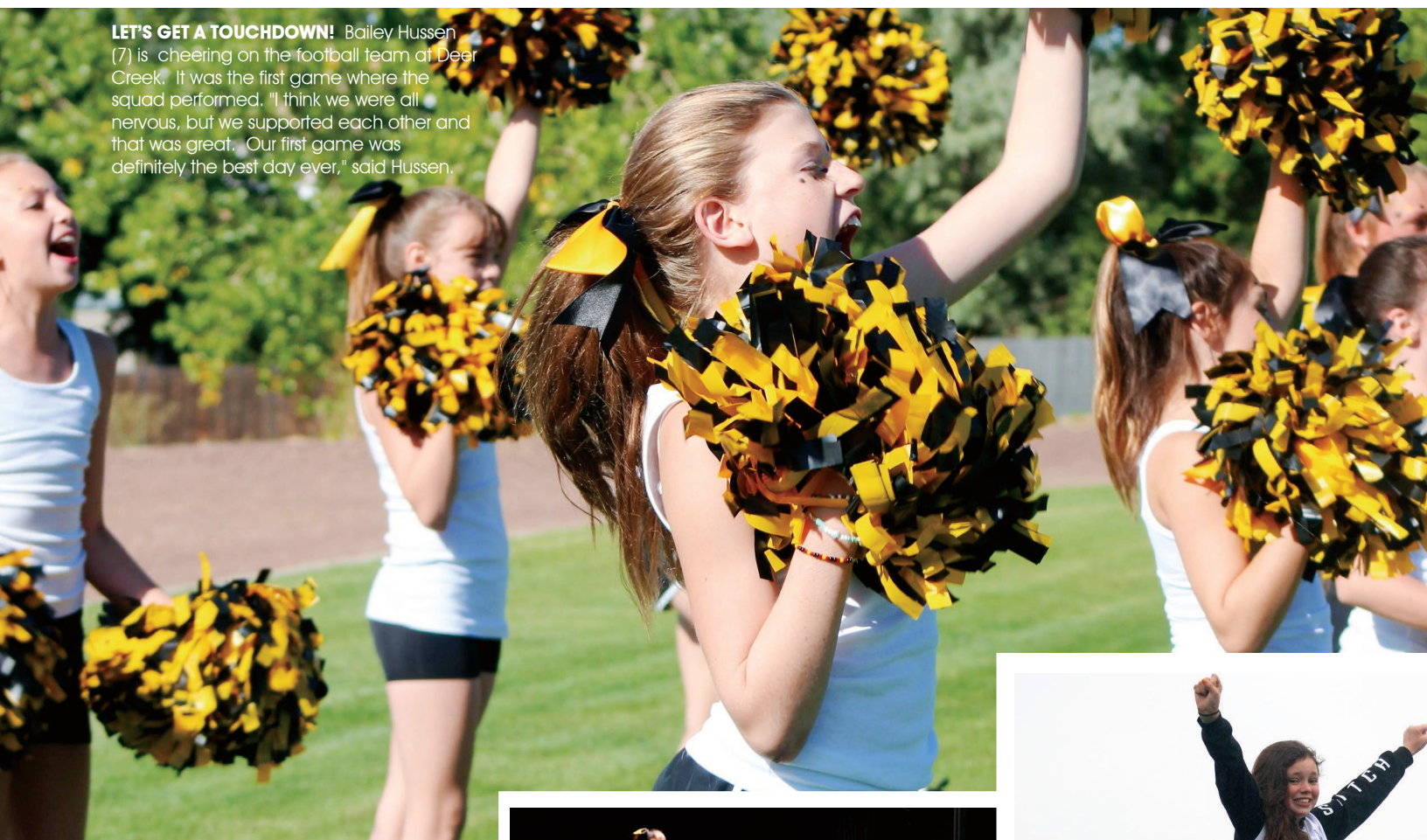
"Working with other people. It was really fun."

-Taylor Foss (8)

"I like being able to make people happy and pumped."

-Aislin Shannon (7)

**LET'S GET A TOUCHDOWN!** Bailey Hussen (7) is cheering on the football team at Deer Creek. It was the first game where the squad performed. "I think we were all nervous, but we supported each other and that was great. Our first game was definitely the best day ever," said Hussen.



**DRAGONS!** The squad cheers at an assembly to get the crowd pumped up. The girls were nervous to perform for the whole school, but their performance was well received. "They knew what they were doing like the back of their hand," said Tarik Wilder (7). **GO GO GET 'EM!** Cheering on the football team at Bell Middle School, Aislin Shannon (7) is up in the air. "Being a flyer gets really nerve racking sometimes because you feel like you're going to fall," says Shannon. The team withstood low temperatures and wore long sleeve shirts and leggings to protect themselves from the cold.



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**RED HOT!** Jailynn Ausman (7) concentrates on the game. For Ausman, "getting to interact with people I didn't know before" was the best part of the experience. **BRR...WHO WANTS COCOA?** Aislin Shannon (7), Joclyn Whithman (8), and Rynne Kozney (8) withstand the cold to cheer on the team. "It was fun to cheer in the rain," said Withman.



"My mom signed me up when I was like 8. Everyone on my team and in cheer is like a big family to me. I just like to challenge myself with tumbling and stunting."

-Maggie Hodson (8)  
on how she got started in the sport



# LOUD

The Spirit Squad was a cheertastic idea.

# AND PROUD

By Skyla Nguyen

Whether the sun is shining or the clouds are crying, we all know that Drake's spirit squad has got your back to bring the positive vibes. Cheering at games and at school assemblies, the Spirit Squad added a punch of school spirit wherever they performed.

The school hasn't had a cheer squad in over a decade. This year, seventh grader Dakota St.Clair introduced the idea. After hearing about the new sports program, she went to Principal Feir and asked, "Since we have a lot of sports, then why not have a cheer team for our school?" Turning her words into actions, St.Clair started her aim to get a spirit squad for Drake. After getting the approval, finding a staff sponsor, putting a team together, and ordering uniforms, Drake's spirit squad was born.

"They are such a fun group to work with," said Mrs. Wicke, their sponsor. "They are full of energy, really responsible, and cooperative. They create most of their own material, and I'm quite proud of them." There was a creative atmosphere at practices that were full of lively discussion, a few squabbles, and lots of giggles. "Even though we're unfocused sometimes, we work really well and get the job done," said member Makenzie Scurlock (7). To fulfill their intended purpose of spreading school spirit, they cheered at games and assemblies and decorated lockers for team players. "The spirit squad was very fun to work with. I liked being with the people on the team," stated Maggie Hodson (8). Everyone on the spirit squad can say that they don't regret being loud and proud to show off their school.