

**ONLY TIME WILL TELL**

**NEW SCHOOL, NEW EXPERIENCES**

HOW WAS THE FIRST DAY OF MIDDLE SCHOOL DIFFERENT THAN EXPECTED?



**BRODY SIECK, 06**

"The first day was different than I expected because it was less stressful and easier than I thought it would be."

*photo by I. Wilson*



**ANNALISE COTE, 06**

"The first day of middle school was different than I expected because the teachers were a lot less strict than I thought they would be. They were really helpful."

*photo by I. Wilson*



**SAMUEL MOORHEAD, 06**

"The first day of middle school was different than I expected because the lockers were really tall; I expected really short lockers."

*photo by I. Wilson*

**1. FELLOW PRIDE LEADERS.** Isabella Caranna, Ryan Fisher and Lynae Lambert, 08, engage in a cooperation enhancing activity. Later that week, the leaders played games with 6th graders in order to welcome them into the school. "We just had to work on teamwork," Lambert said. *photo courtesy of k. blake* **2. JUMPING INTO TEAM BONDING ACTIVITIES.** Chloe Kalkofen, Alyssa Roe, 08, Grace Pepe, Sydney Gentala, Christopher Hathaway and Alexander Alcalá, 06, play a game of Princess, Dragon, Night, a larger scale version of Rock, Paper, Scissors. "It kind of gives you an idea of what you are going to do at Powell," Pepe said. *photo courtesy of k. blake* **3. PREPPING FOR PRIDE DAY.** Kaiden Hamilton, Madison Holbrook, Weston Andrews and Avery Adams, 08, participate in team building activities. "I just tried to be the best PRIDE Leader I could," Adams said. *photo courtesy of k. blake* **4. HUDDLING UP.** Hailey Kellams-Morris, Riley Burge, Caden Hanke, Jackson Pumphrey, Warren Dix, Caden Kalkofen, Annalyse Brenzikofer, Kambria Nolton, Mischa White, Karalyn Dail, Logan Wilson and Kelsey Moore, 08, try to touch the ball in the center of the circle. "PRIDE Day was really fun because you got to meet the incoming sixth graders," Hanke said. *photo courtesy of k. blake*



**5. WORKING OUT THE KINKS.** Brayden Polick, Rylan Bushel, Catherine Marlin, Ryley David, 06, Kambria Nolton, 08, and Joshua Gilson, 06, participate in a team building exercise during PRIDE Day. Marlin met new people and learned crucial skills for middle school. "I thought PRIDE Day was fun," Marlin said. *photo by m. white* **6. AT THE ALL DAY SOURCES OF STRENGTH TRAINING.** Taylor Severson, 06, decorates a poster for her CORE Plus and PRIDE group. All 6th graders participated in the training to promote positive mental health activities. "I enjoyed it because we got to learn more about Powell and our strengths," Severson said. *photo by d. mize*

**IDENTIFYING OUR SOURCES OF STRENGTH**



**1. AT THE SOURCES OF STRENGTH TRAINING.** Colin Lovett and Tate Mitchell, 08, record the day's events, taking photos and video of the incoming 6th grade class. Sources of Strength is a program that stressed resiliency and assisted students in determining areas of strength in their own lives. "I thoroughly enjoyed capturing the 6th graders learning about all the types of Sources of Strength," Mitchell said. *photo by p. prince* **2. ROLLING DOWN THE HILL.** Riley Sissom and Henry Scott, 06, participate in an activity during the Sources of Strength training. *photo by c. kalkofen* **3. DURING A Q&A SESSION.** Josephine Tiner and Talia Sturtz, 06, describe their favorite hobbies to Mr. Daniel Adams in the gymnasium. "It was a little intense," Sturtz said. *photo by p. prince*

**UNITED TOGETHER**

**THE LEADERS OF THE PRIDE**

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WHILE INCOMING 6TH GRADERS may have been nervous to begin the adventure of middle school, their 8th grade PRIDE Leaders provided them with a sense of comfort and validation on the first day of school. PRIDE Leaders prepared the newbies for the challenges that lay ahead.

"It was so fun to meet the 6th graders and talk to them about the school, play games with them and answer their questions," Alexandra Trauernicht, 08, said.

For Sydney Gentala, 06, the first day of orientation eased her stress about the transition.

"I was excited to meet new friends and get comfortable with the idea of being in middle school," Gentala said.

However, the 6th graders weren't the only ones filled

with emotions. Several PRIDE Leaders, like Benjamin Scelza, could not wait for the new experience either.

"I was more excited than nervous," Scelza said.

Each PRIDE Leader was matched with a small group of 6th graders so they could assist them in acclimating to the middle school experience. They also interacted with those groups throughout the year during CORE Plus time.

In addition, PRIDE Leaders had the opportunity to work with individual students who needed more one-on-one assistance throughout the year.

Spearheading the PRIDE program since its inception, Mrs. Kendy Blake, science, trained the PRIDE Leaders.

"I love working with a group of students who truly desire to make a difference for Powell," Blake said.

WE'RE GOING STRONG STUDENT LIFE

WHAT WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF AUGUST?

"In August, I got to meet new friends and then got a locker." ALEXANDER ALCALA, 06

"Seeing the people you know that I saw from last year that I didn't have contact with." TRISTAN EARLY, 07

"The highlight was I got to hang out with my friends after the long summer." KELLAN DREILING, 08

"I love seeing my older students and I love meeting my new 6th graders, and starting with them on their musical journeys." MRS. MARIE WATKINS, BAND

"Seeing all my friends again and meeting all my new teachers." KEIRA BARKER, 06

"The highlight was making new friends; it was especially fun." IZABELLE ELDER, 07

"Starting the new year and seeing all my new teachers." HAILEY KELLAMS-MORRIS, 08

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