

MAD CATS

THE EVENTS
PLANNED BY STUDENT
GOVERNMENT FOR MAD
WEEK RAISE \$25,000 FOR
SAVE THE RAINFOREST

As MAD Week approached, Student Government and sponsor Mr. Matt Tisser began to prepare. Every year during MAD Week, students and staff come together to help a common cause. This year, that cause is Save The Rainforest (STR).

Save The Rainforest aims to help reduce global warming and climate change, not only in the rainforest, but all over the world. Bruce Calhoun, the president of Save The Rainforest, has many goals for his charity.

"STR is now primarily focused on mitigating climate change by initiating nature-based climate solution projects, primarily REDD+ projects (Reducing Deforestation and Forest Degradation)," Calhoun said.

MAD Week is something that Student Government looks forward to planning every year.

"We have an awesome charity this year that we hope people are excited to donate money for," Tisser said.

For MAD Week, there are many ways to donate, including buying shirts and stickers, participating in MAD minutes and attending events.

"There are lots of ways to participate. Students can buy the MAD Week Bundle, which includes a MAD Week shirt, sticker and admission to all events. Shirt and stickers can be purchased individually, too," Tisser said. During school, students can participate in or pay two dollars to attend the dodgeball tournament during Advisement each day. Many teachers do donation stalls to raise money, and we have MAD minutes every day."

In addition, there were extra events during the week. The money raised for admission to those events went towards the school's total money raised for Save The Rainforest.

"There will hopefully be a food truck night. And we will definitely have a

Unified vs. Varsity basketball game and a talent show," Tisser said.

As a school, CV usually raises \$20,000 to \$30,000 for MAD Week and there is always a goal. This year, we raised \$25,000.

"We do have a schoolwide goal and a goal for each academy," Tisser said.

MAD Week is not only a fun event for CV, but it is also extremely important. By donating money for MAD Week, students are helping a charity that strives to help the world around them.



During the opening assembly for MAD Week, Ms. Jennifer Dallman and President of Save the Rainforest, Mr. Bruce Calhoun, inform CV about the charity Save the Rainforest. During the opening assembly on Feb. 3, Dallman explained her connection to Save the Rainforest. "I've been working with Save the Rainforest for almost 20 years to help protect and save our rainforest. When I was just a little older than you guys [CV students], I visited the rainforest in Ecuador and saw that we're losing our rainforest," Dallman said.

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MAD WEEK

STUDENTS RAISE MONEY FOR THIS YEAR'S CHARITY, SAVE THE RAINFOREST

Student Government prepared for Make a Difference Week for a while, and they think it turned out great. All of the money donated this year went to the charity Save the Rainforest. Castle View's goal was to raise \$40,000, and we ended up raising \$25,000. Senior vice president Marisa Bracke spent time planning events for weeks.

"Some of the in-school events we planned are donation stalls, MAD minute, an Advisement dodgeball tournament and selling pancakes in first period," Bracke said.

Marisa Bracke hoped these events would get people excited about the charity and result in more donations.

"The events we're planning for outside of school are the Unified basketball game with the varsity basketball players, the CV/DC dodgeball tournament, food trucks at elementary schools

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and food nights. For food nights, there will be a new restaurant every night and a portion of the money spent will go towards saving the rainforest," Bracke said.

Students are hoping this year's MAD Week is super fun. Sophomore Madison Johnston is very excited about it.

"School events are always super fun and get me really hyped. I am hoping that the

sophomores will raise the most money this year so we can keep our winning streak going after Showdown," said Johnston.



Senior Marisa Bracke speaks at the MAD Week opening assembly on Feb 3. As senior vice president, she helped plan the MAD Week events. "Some of the in-school events we planned are donation stalls, MAD minute, an Advisement dodgeball tournament and selling pancakes in first period," Bracke said.