CHECK THESE DIGITS

The final 2023 results of remaining the top fundraising school in the nation.

107 SHAVED HEADS

$50,435 TOTAL RAISED THIS YEAR

48 CUT HAIR

28 STYLISTS

$637,233 TOTAL RAISED AFTER 16 YEARS

5 NEWS NETWORKS PRESENT

Faith in community. Celebrating her freshly shaved head, **Mrs. Tana Tornquist** receives loves from her students and peers. Tornquist made her decision to shave her head at last years Bald 4 Bucks assembly, and doesn't have any regrets. "For people who have to lose their hair because of their treatments, shaving your head helps them feel less alone... every day I think about that I did this out of choice, but there's people who don't have a choice, they don't have hair because of what they're going through," Tornquist said. After personally raising over $2,700, Tornquist believes that the people who deserve the attention are the ones who organized the event and the hero child. "All I did was shave my head, it's the people behind Bald 4 Bucks that really deserve the recognition, those people that poured their hearts into the assembly and the families that go through this... those are the real heroes," said Tornquist. She wasn't the only teacher to shave her head, as **Mr. Justin Abbott** finally buzzed his hair after years of pressure from his students. After he made a deal with his students, they raised enough money that he gave in and went bald. "[My students] raising the money was inspiring, our kids are super kindhearted and care about our community, so for them to support me to shave my hair and put money together just showed me the love they have for our community," Abbott said. *photos by: olivia alaska and devyn miranda*

inspired to INSPIRE

Two teachers share their story of their experiences at Bald 4 Bucks and how they've been inspired to create change.

Spread by: Olivia Alaska, Ashley Childs, Summer Childs, Dillon Cox, Roewyn Korwek, Devyn Miranda, Elizabeth Schechner, & Zoe Stahnke

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SIX- A SAURUS

Mr. Andersen and Ms. Darras share the story of six-year-old Keenan Rodriguez and what went into planning the fundraiser.

photos by: olivia alaska

Every year the Rampart community comes together to put on Bald 4 Bucks, a fundraiser to raise money and awareness for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Not only is money raised for LLS but each year Bald 4 Bucks chooses a hero child to support. This helps bring light to others' personal stories and experiences with cancer within our community.

"We usually try to find a local family if possible, with a child that has cancer because we feel like they've gone through especially difficult times… it's unfortunate that we need a hero family but we're also very grateful that we have a hero family," said **Mr. Greg Andersen**.

This year our hero child was six year old Keenan Rodriguez, a student at one of our sister schools, High Plains Elementary. In 2020, Keenan was diagnosed with Leukemia at just 3 years old. After 2 years of treatments Keenan went into remission.

Much preparation goes into making this assembly what it is, and this means a lot of time spent with the hero family. **Ms. Brittni Darras** was the main contact working for the Rodriguez family.

After spending a large amount of time with the hero family Darras said, "I've just learned that when you go through something like that you bond in a way that I don't think a lot of us do until we have an experience like that. They are the most loving, giving, compassionate family that I've ever interacted with. It's brought them closer in a strange way because they bonded together and overcame it... it showed me that they'll conquer anything... they're happy to be where they are at right now and to be moving forward and they want to pass on that gratitude."

March 10, 2023 was not only the long awaited Bald 4 Bucks assembly, but it was also Keenan's sixth birthday. Students gifted Keenan and his brother presents upon their arrival, one being a stuffed dinosaur, Keenan's favorite, which inspired the whole theme of this year's assembly.

Each year staff, students, and other members of the community shave or cut their hair as a donation to LLS, and this year, Keenan's older brother Koby was one of the first to shave his head.

Keenan's story is touching to so many and in future years Rampart aspires to continue to highlight and help others with similar stories.

Darras added, "I think just hearing their story and seeing how far they've come and being able to see him light up at the assembly and get excited with his brother shaving his head, it's powerful. Seeing those interactions and the smile on his face knowing that he's been through something that's so challenging that he dealt with before he was even five years old but he's still so positive and he still has such a great outlook on life."

story by: devyn miranda

SHOW YOUR SPIRIT

Students show their support for the hero child and Bald 4 Bucks by dressing up for spirit days.

CARINA RINEHART '24 | ISABELLE DUFTY '24 | LUCIAN ENSELL '24 | LILY BROWNELL '24 & ANNA CHARTIER '24 | MIKAYLA DEBRAMALETTA '24

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