

yeah, **WE KNOW THIS MISSION'S ACCOMPLISHED**

Classes get hyped for yearly Powder Puff and Peach Fuzz Homecoming games

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THE BATTLE WAS SET FOR EACH GRADE TO COMPETE TO BE CALLED BULLDOG CHAMPIONS

at the Homecoming Powder Puff and Peach Fuzz Tournaments that took place on Sept. 5 and 6.

For two weeks prior, all classes met with their teams to practice football and volleyball with teachers volunteering as coaches.

“I felt empowered with school spirit to play, and I knew it would be a great opportunity to be super fun,” Hayden Peterson '25 said.

On Tuesday, the girls decorated their jerseys and met on the football field for Powder Puff. The freshmen and sophomore teams went

first with the sophomores winning 21-7.

The juniors and seniors were up next and by the first half, the score was tied. By the end of the game, the juniors were victorious.

“It was super fun because of the first touchdown I scored. I thought that someone was right behind me but then I realized there wasn't,” Graciella Eisman '25 said. “The game meant that I was getting payback to the seniors and I wanted to show them up so badly. We did.”

The boys met the next night in the Bill Gamble Gymnasium for Peach Fuzz. The freshmen and sophomores were up first with the sophomores taking

the win. Then, the juniors and seniors faced one another with the seniors winning.

“I felt very nervous but excited to play some volleyball with my boys because they were the biggest supporters on the court for me and they kept me from letting my nerves get to me,” James Power '26 said.

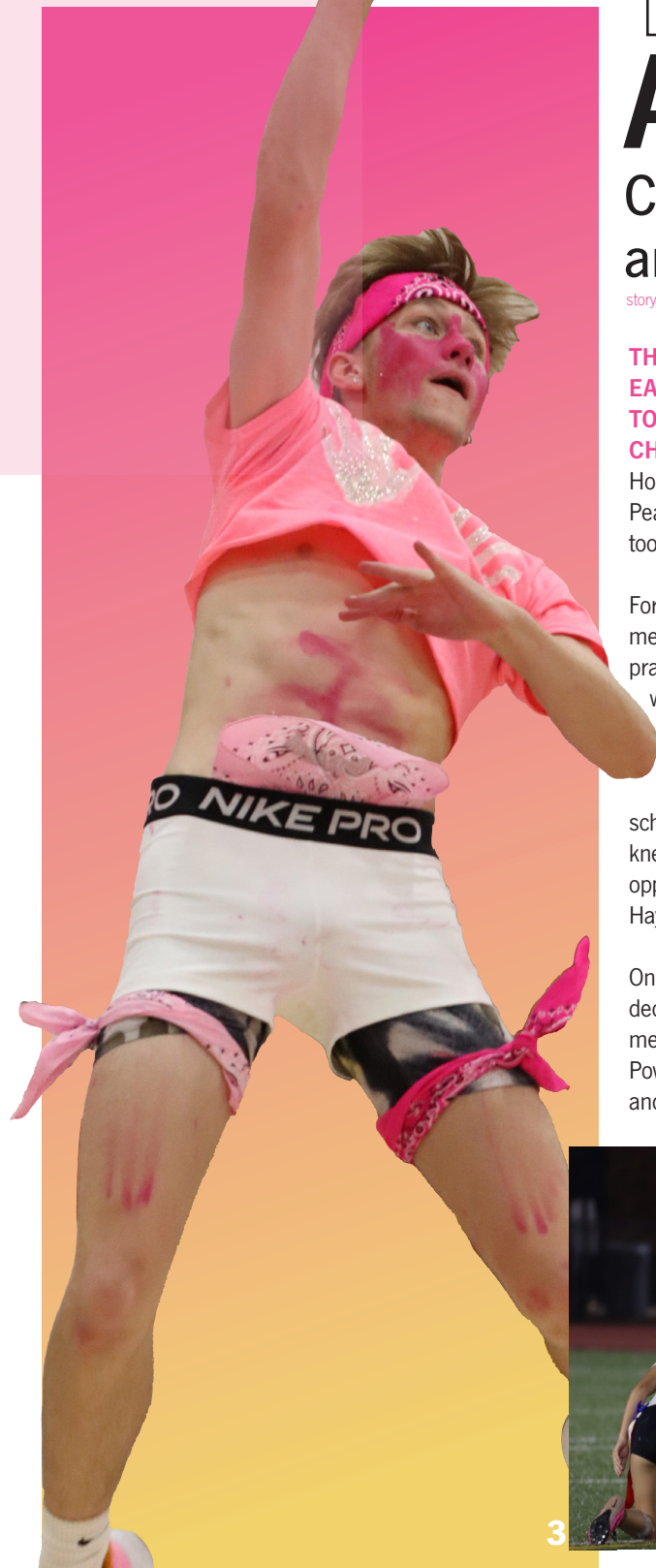
The sophomores and seniors played two matches with the seniors winning both sets. For the final set, the seniors went up against a group of teachers, but beat them as well.

“We came into the night knowing we were going to win it all,” Brandon Waltemath '24 said. “I enjoyed playing the game with my boys and winning our senior year.”

1. THE AIR UP THERE. Kaishi Hue '24 tips the volleyball over the net to score a point for the seniors in the junior vs. senior Peach Fuzz match. “Tipping the ball over was so rewarding because seeing a small 5'3” Asian kid up there actually doing some work against taller guys is just one of the funniest rewards imaginable,” Hue said. **2. THE EXTRA POINT.** Kamryn Villalobos '25 kicks a field goal after the juniors scored a touchdown in the first half of the Powder Puff game against the seniors. **3. BLOCK THIS.** Derrick Hand '25 jumps up to block the volleyball as the freshmen try to score a point in the consolation round of Peach Fuzz. photos by n.duran



1. WE WON. After defeating the seniors in Powder Puff, Makenna Keyes '25 and Madeline McGuire-Beauman '25 hug while celebrating with their team. photo by a.flancher **2. THROW THE BALL.** Powder Puff student coach Dominic Schroder '25 calls out a play to the junior quarterback in the first half of the senior vs. junior game as Blake George '25 kneels down beside him. photo by a.flancher **3. HEAR ME ROAR.** Cameron Stoskopf '26 screams toward the freshmen team after the sophomores score a point in the first round of Peach Fuzz. photo by s.granado **4. IN THE ZONE.** After catching the football, Taylor Madsen '24 heads down the field about to score a touchdown in the second half of the Powder Puff game. “It was so sad that the seniors took a loss, but honestly there was no better way to start Homecoming Week,” Madsen said. photo by n.duran



1. ON A MISSION. MacKenzie Stinnett '26 runs toward the right of the field to get the first down for her team in the freshmen vs. sophomore Powder Puff game. The sophomores beat the freshmen. “It was easier than I expected. I already knew a lot about football so it was really just memorizing the play book that was kind of confusing,” Stinnett said. photo by a.flancher **2. T-SHIRT TIME.** Colten Barber '25 points toward his shirt that he made for his Peach Fuzz team that says, “Barber Shop.” “We all got to create our own shirts, and I thought mine was kind of funny,” Barber said. “Even though our team didn't win any of the matches we played, we definitely had a great time.” photo by s.granado **3. LET'S FOCUS.** Cristobal Gonzalez Zapien '25 kneels in position as he stares at the senior team getting ready to serve in the senior vs. junior Peach Fuzz match. The seniors ended up winning the round. “I had a good time playing volleyball with my team and getting to take part in a Homecoming game,” Gonzalez Zapien said. photo by s.granado **4. CAPTURE THE FLAG.** Mckenna Harris '27 runs down the field with the football as a sophomore grabs her flag. “I wanted to play because a bunch of my friends were playing and it just seemed like fun,” Harris said. photo by a.flancher

oh yeah, **WE SPY THE NEXT SECRET AGENTS**

Students search school for teacher twins on spirit day

story by r.doherty & photos by kearton



WHO: Stephanie Bushnell, agriculture, and Abrelia Archuleta, family consumer studies

TWIN: Copy and Paste

WHY: “Abrelia is one of my really good friends here at school.

We hang out and go to teacher meetings together because it's our first year. Our costume was just fun.” Bushnell said.



WHO: Family and Consumer teachers Ellen Huemann and Annick Niitenbach

TWIN: Bacon and Eggs

WHY: “Well, Chef Huemann has been a great mentor to me because I switched

from being a French teacher to a ProStart teacher. Our outfit really fit what we teach,” Niitenbach said.

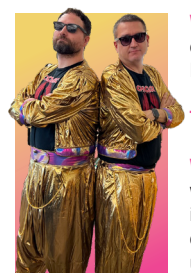


WHO: Jane Archuleta, theatre, and Jenelle Weaver, instructional coach

TWIN: Things 1 and 2 from “Suessical”

WHY: “Mrs. Arch has been one of my best friends for 27 years, and she has

held a special place in my heart. I admire everything about her,” Weaver said. “Our outfit was inspired by a play she directed.”



WHO: John Young, choir, and Justin Daigle, English

TWIN: M.C. Hammer

WHY: “We thought it would be fun to see if kids could figure out who twinned with us since we are on different sides of the

building,” Young said. “Mr. Daigle had this outfit already, so I ordered one for myself.”

"THE BONFIRE BRINGS STUDENTS TOGETHER TO WATCH THE FIRE, DANCE AND HANG OUT WITH THEIR FRIENDS WHICH IS NICE." LEX POWELL '25

BLINDFOLD RACE



photo by l.pippin

TASK: The blindfold race consisted of two partners who stood at each side of the field. One partner was blindfolded and the other partner was on the other side of the field leading their partner with their voice only. The partner that was blindfolded had to listen and make their

way through the chairs and obstacles on the ground.

WHO: "I was kind of nervous that I would trip on the chair just running down the field, but I was fine," Amanda Poole '25 said. "You had to listen very closely to your partner so you could meet them."



photos by l.pippin

MUSICAL CHAIRS

TASK: As the music played, students would circle the chairs. Once the music stopped, students had to sit in a chair near them or be eliminated, like Dasia Hunt '27. Chairs were removed each round until Marin Helwick '27 and Sal Rivas '24 were left. Rivas was the champion.

FIRST ELIMINATED: Mateah Archuleta '25 was eliminated first due to Jayla Shedeed '24 pushing her off a seat in round one.

"I sat in that chair but Jayla was determined to win. I'm not the most competitive person so afterward I just laughed," Archuleta said.

TASK: The five-legged race consisted of five people from each class who tied their left foot together with Velcro. The team had to walk together the fastest to the finish line.

EXPERIENCE: "We just couldn't keep ourselves tied together and kept falling. It was funny though," Deon Patton '27 said.

photos by l.pippin



FIVE-LEGGED RACE

DREAM TEAM: "It was tough but we brought the win. Joseph [Morrison '25] and I carried the team," Cristobal Gonzalez Zapien '25 said.

TASK: One of the first tasks was for each class to select two students to represent them in the food eating contest. Each person had to eat a pack of fruit roll ups, marshmallows, a bowl of cereal with milk and then drink a whole bottle of water.

THE FRUIT ROLLUP: Each player like Gage Chadwick '24 unrolled each of the fruit rollups and then used their tongue to roll it up to their mouth to eat it. Vicky Lopez Padilla '24 cheered him on as she was waiting to eat the marshmallows.

THE CEREAL: Representing the freshmen class, Sara Cespedes '27 took the bowl of cereal to her mouth so she could just eat the cereal and drink the milk as fast as she could before tackling the water bottle.

"People may think that it is easy, but when you are in a competition, it takes some time. It was hard to eat the fruit rollup quickly," Chadwick said.

THE WINNERS: After finishing his water bottle, Blake Andrews '26 threw his hands in the air as the sophomores won the eating contest.

"The moment that our team was finished, we couldn't help but celebrate the victory and to hear Ski [Tyler Andrzejewski] say on the microphone that we had won," Andrews said.

"I was trying to win. That's all that was in my head. You always have to win. I didn't care that milk was running down my face because I just wanted to see the sophomores win," Cespedes said. "We unfortunately didn't take the win in this one."



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FOOD EATING CONTEST

yeah, WE CAN SPARK ALL THE FUN
Students begin day competing in Class Games while ending the evening at Bonfire

TIMELINE: At 7 p.m., the high school gathered at the dirt parking lot near Vikan Middle School as the band performed music with the cheerleaders and poms teams performing in the background. At sunset, the city firefighters lit the wood on fire as music played in the background.

THE VIEW: "It was an awesome evening. I loved just sitting in front of the bonfire and watching it light up. I also had the opportunity to bond and have fun with my friends," Mason Connely '26 said. "It was a nice way to get us ready for the parade and football game."

IT TAKES TWO: Levi Johnson '25 put friend Arianna Wiser '25 on his shoulders as they watched the fire fighters light the wood.

"It was a fun evening. I wanted to be able to see what was happening since everyone gathered around the bonfire," Wiser said. "It was a really upbeat kind of crazy night with the music and dancing that happened afterward."



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BONFIRE



MUSIC TIME: Ricardo Hinojosa '24 puts his saxophone in the air after the band finished their performance of "Hey Baby."

"It just felt right because I was just pumped to be there. I love performing in front of our school," Hinojosa said.

TUG OF WAR



photos by n.duran

TASK: Classes stood on each side tugging the rope after Tyler Andrzejewski, social studies teacher, yelled, "Go." The sophomores won round one against the freshmen and seniors won against the juniors, despite students like Reese Siroway '26 who tried to bring the win.

HEIST



photos by s.conca

TASK: In pairs, students played "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes." When the announcer said, "Heist," the students had to grab the object on the ground. Skylar Hurley '24 celebrated when Seth Bracy '24 brought the win home for the senior class.



photo by n.duran

WHEELBARROW RACE

TASK: Four people from each grade partnered up into teams of two to race the other grades. Person one would use their hands as their feet while their partner, person two, would hold their legs as they both ran to one side of the field.

Once that pair made it,

they switched off with the next pair of the same team. Though seniors started strong with Jackson Quammie '24 and Isaiah Schoepp '24, the sophomores won the race.

"I told Quammie I was gonna run, so he better keep going," Schoepp said.

"THE HOMECOMING PARADE IS ALWAYS A HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR AS IT BRINGS OUR WHOLE COMMUNITY TOGETHER." SHELLY GENEUREUX, PRINCIPAL

1. PAINT THE TOWN RED. With his paintbrush, Blake Mettenbrink '25 paints one of the wooden poles on the Trap float as the team prepares for the Homecoming Parade. "I joined Trap because I enjoy the atmosphere for competing with others and it is fun," Mettenbrink said. "Our Trap float came out real good because we all worked together."

2. WATCH ME DO A TRICK. Vance Martinez '25 runs by the basketball float with a ball in his hands as he walks in the Homecoming Parade on Egbert Street. "Though it was pretty hot outside, it was fun being able to see the smiles and the excitement of all the kids lined up on the streets cheering for us," Martinez said. **3. LET'S DANCE.** Melanie Ramirez '24 and Aleida Juarez Guerra '25 perform a traditional Mexican dance Folklorico down Egbert Street in front of Vikan Middle School students. "I think it is important that we share our culture with the community. When I was dancing and performing for the kids, they were smiling at us and got happy and excited. I saw little girls like me cheering, and I hope one day they'll be in the Homecoming Parade," Juarez Guerra said. *photos by a.cervera*



4. IN THE MOMENT. Wearing his sunglasses and cowboy hat, Scott Chavez '25 gets comfortable on the Trap float in the student parking lot as all the floats lined up to get the Homecoming Parade started. "I have always enjoyed shooting and when I saw Brighton had a Trap team as a freshman, I knew I had to join," Chavez said. "I thought we had one of the best floats." *photo by n.duran*

5. ADD SOME RED. Tyler Cholas '26 adds some red streamers to a pole while decorating the Trap float in the morning on Sept. 7 in the student parking lot. "I was excited to put our float together because when I saw that we were riding on a Kenworth truck, I knew our float was going to stand out among all the others," Cholas said. *photo by a.cervera*

6. DOWN THE STREET. Rylie Shea '24 and Grayson Levens '24 holds up the FCCLA sign as they lead their club walking on foot toward the end of the Homecoming Parade on Bulldog Avenue. "I loved that we got to represent a club that I am really passionate about. It was really hot though to walk, but seeing all the little kids cheering made it worth it," Shea said. *photo by a.cervera*

2. ALL SMILES. Ethan Piper '24 walks dressed up in a bow tie and safety vest with the DECA float to match the "Mission Impossible" Homecoming Parade theme. "We got a really nice car that my dad got from work. We all dressed up nicely, not only because of the theme of the parade but since that's what DECA is all about. It's about dressing up nice and being professional," Piper said.

4. SHOW THOSE MUSCLES. Blake Andrews '26 and Dominic Petrocco '27 flex for the cameras and students on the street in the parade on the football float. *photos by a.cervera*



1. GETTING CRAFTY. Emily Chivotti-Shifty '24 kneels down near the fence to create some posters with markers for people to hold while they are on the HOSA float. "It was amazing how everyone worked together to make sure everything got done for our float for the parade," Chivotti-Shifty said. "People dressed up in medical coats and scrubs, too, which added to our float." *photo by n.duran*

yeah, WE LOVE TO DANCE IN THE STREET

Community shuts down to cheer on floats in Homecoming Parade Sept. 7



THE DOCTOR IS IN. Dressed in a medical coat, Daniel Shonk '24 prepares to throw candy into the crowd of elementary students while walking with the HOSA float down South 5th Street. *photo by l.carmichael*

7:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. FLOAT BUILDING

Students and staff reported to designated areas around the school to work on Homecoming Floats for either their grade level or extra-curricular. The floats needed to fit the theme, "Mission Impossible."

"TSA decided to follow the theme by creating a vault scene from 'Mission Impossible,'" Dylan Gorsenger '25 said. "We used yarn as lasers to prevent me from 'stealing the gold'."

12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M. PARADE LINE-UP:

Before starting the parade each group's floats lined up in the student parking lot based off an order set by Student Government.

"We met in the morning, talked about what we wanted the HOSA float to be and then everybody helped out with individual things. I worked on cut-outs and balloons," Denisse Gutierrez '24 said. "When it was time to line up, we basically were just adding little things and just waiting for the parade

to begin. We all got together and took pictures."

1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. HOMECOMING PARADE

The parade began on Ron Cox Street and traveled down Egbert Street, South 5th Street, West Bridge Street and South 10th Street before returning to the student parking lot. It was led by Homecoming Parade Grand Marshal Patrick Sandoval, science teacher.

Students riding on the floats or walking next to them threw candy to the

elementary and middle school students and the adults lined up along the street on the parade path.

"This is the first time the drama department has had a float that we decorated rather than just walking in it," Abby Flancher '24 said. "Our float stopped so that everyone in the musical could perform the 'Footloose' dance in front of the truck. We got to bring kids up to dance with us. I brought this little girl up next to me, and we just got to dance together."



7. ASK YOUR QUESTION. Firefighter and alumni Daniel Prickett '17 speaks with elementary students before his crew rides in the Homecoming Parade. "I love coming back to my community," Prickett said. "Lots of good memories here." *photo by n.duran*



1. ON A MISSION. With Coltyn Buck '25 in the cardboard car ahead of him, Dylan Gorsenger '25 lays down staring at the crowd while on the Technology Student Association (TSA) float. *photo by l.carmichael* **2. A GIRLS BEST FRIEND.** Siena Rizzo '26 holds up the face of Johnna Steven's '25 dog Bandit while sitting in the student parking lot waiting for people to arrive to start building the floats for the parade. *photo by a.cervera* **3. THE CANDY MAN.** Haver George '25 stops by the elementary students on the side of the street to give them a piece of candy during the parade. "My mom works at the high school, so it was cool to see her smiling at me while I was handing out candy to the kids," George said. *photo by l.carmichael* **4. FULL OF AIR.** Jackson Burke '26 blows air into the inflatable basketball next to Austin Sickler '26 as they start to set up the boys basketball Homecoming float. *photo by n.duran* **5. MARCH ALONG.** Alyssa Trail '27 plays the flute while reading her sheet music as she marches with the band as the Homecoming Parade begins down Egbert Street. **6. ALL ABOUT TEAMWORK.** Yithzel Sanchez '24, Codi Jackson '26 and Emilie Stoskopf '24 add balloons and ribbon to the volleyball float before the parade. "We created our own playlist while throwing candy," Jackson said. *photo by a.cervera*