

Joy in the BATTLE

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FUN WAYS TO BE QUIZZED



Yet another library activity, Battle of the Books meets every week to discuss the book and play fun games. "Battle of the Books is a district wide book trivia competition. So the librarians pick ten books and kids who like to read, get together to read the books, talk about the books, and then eventually we compete in May, to see which school knows the

most trivia about the ten books," Mrs. Leu said. Books are unique and you can learn the story without reading. "I just listen in," Colton Cassidy (8) said. People have different opinions on books. "Books are meant to be social, you're not supposed to read in a quiet corner, so anything that I can do to allow you guys to meet new friends, and be around other kids who like reading. Especially now with technology and stuff is really important to me," Mrs. Leu said. Photos by Catherine Bartels



1. TAKE THE CHANCE The Geography Bee participants line up in front of the judges waiting for the questions to begin, Jan. 26. Son Mai (7) chose to participate in the Geography Bee. "It gives me a chance to do something at Cresthill, so I don't slack off," Mai said. Photo by Reagan Picone. **2. SPELL IT** Abigail Kidd (7) braves her nerves at the Spelling Bee, Jan. 25. The pressure of the competition got to Kidd. "I kept studying, but then forgetting to study," Kidd said. "I would practice spelling all the other words in my head," Kidd said. Photo by Reagan Picone. **3. VALUABLE OCCASION** Big opportunities can lead to big success. The Spelling Bee is bigger than spelling a word correctly, it can give participants a real feeling of accomplishment. Russel Wong (7) came runner up in the Spelling Bee. "I feel pretty good," Wong said. Photo by Reagan Picone.

On the edge of your seat as participants answer geographical questions or spell a word, first-hand account of how the competitions unfold. You feel the pressure, and so do the contestants. They prepare in various ways. Son Mai (7) competed in the Geography and Spelling Bee competitions. He was eliminated in the 8th round of the Geography Bee and the 14th round of the Spelling Bee. "It was a bummer cause I did study, I studied hard. I was learning geographical facts for the Geography Bee, and Ms. Ewart gave us a list for the Spelling Bee," Mai said. Competitors don't know if they will win or lose; yet they dare to try. There are two stages to the geography competition, the first stage in in the classroom where the teacher asks every student questions. Whoever answers the most questions correctly goes to the school-wide competition. "I felt happy to participate because I like geography. I just look at maps sometimes," Battaglioli said. Luca Battaglioli (8) came in first place in the Geography Bee. The pressure around participating in the Geography and Spelling Bee can affect the contestants. "Just trust that you know what you're doing. I guess I hoped for the best," Battaglioli said.

have the GUTS

STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN COMPETITIONS

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4. SHOWCASE SKILLS Participants of the Geography Bee focus on answering the competition questions correctly, Jan. 26. "You get to test yourself with what you know," Battaglioli said. Photo by Kacie Miranda. **5. MIXED EMOTIONS** Determined to come up with an answer, Jack Barlow (8) writes his thoughts down. "It was nerve racking because I didn't know if the next question was going to be hard or not," Barlow said. Barlow came in second place in the Geography Bee, Jan. 26. Photo by Kacie Miranda.

We are EQUAL

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In the process of celebrating our differences on Mar. 6, Team Pinon, team Blue Spruce, StuCo and POMs came together to cheer for the unified basketball team. "I enjoyed having my coaches cheer me on," Emma Ahlgrim (8) said. The whole week of Feb. 29- Mar. 6 was inclusion week to celebrate unique qualities. "What I like about inclusion is that you are being nice to people and spreading kindness," Julian Blicharski (7) said. We set a school record by raising over \$2,000 for Spread the Word week.



fun to COMPETE

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Spectators run to the stage as a fun competition takes place. On Feb. 2 students had the opportunity to

represent their team in the cup challenge where you have to grab the cup first. "It looked fun and I wanted to represent my team," Nolan Cooke (8) said. Success means different things. "I think it's more important to compete and have fun because if you win, good for you. You did your best and if you

lose, you did your best and you had fun," Payton Fellet (8) said. Competition is not about if you win or lose, you can have fun. "Winning is not always the best thing, it's better to have fun," Fellet said. Photos by Catherine Bartels