

TAKIN' THE TIME

Before the first bell rings, a variety of clubs allow members to explore all kinds of passions and interests.

CHECKMATES

Players tell us why they like chess club and how friends get them through it.

Story by Charlotte Nations

On any given Monday you may find yourself in the midst of kings and queens and (Drake) dragons. Every week 19 students joined together to experience the challenging and exciting game of chess. Some joined to learn and improve; others wanted to make friends. Sixth grader Amelia Sucher says, "I like chess club because I get to play against people that are better than me, and I get to make new friends."

Other participants, like Brody Savoie (7), love chess club because of the community. "My favorite part about chess club is meeting new friends because when you have new friends it makes life better," said Savoie.

Savoie and Sucher both show that wanting to sharpen skills and get better at chess while making new friends and relationships is the best of both worlds. For them, that world was chess club.



CHECKMATE! During a chess match with his friend, Van Johnson (6) is having a blast using strategy to beat his opponent. "I like that in chess club we get to sit down and play who ever we want. I also like when we do puzzles and try to solve them," Johnson said

THINK! While trying to figure out his next move, Cole Nemeč (8) concentrates on what he will play next. "I really like chess club because I have learned the best strategy to protect the king, which helps me in game," Nemeč said.



JAZZ IT UP

Musicians in jazz band share their favorite parts about the club.



ABBY SHECK(6)

"The best parts of jazz band is getting to hang out with my friends and everyone is chill. We also get to play more advanced music, so it's just super fun."



HYRUM LARA(7)

"The best parts of jazz band is my friends that are in jazz band and that sometimes in concerts I get to play a solo. I joined because the rest of my family likes music, and I really like it too."

IT'S JUST YOGA

Participants in Yoga Club discuss their participation and experience in the club.

Story by Abigail Hopkins

On Thursday mornings, members of the yoga club joined Ms. Schmelzer in learning fun new poses and relaxing before starting the school day. Some joined to exercise and get better at yoga, but 6th grader Alina Aguiar joined because it gives her a break.

"It just kind of relieves the stress of going to school," Aguiar said. Other students are also stressed before school but they say that going to Yoga Club can help.

Something that also helped with stress were the fun activities done in Yoga Club. Some students have favorite poses. "I like partner poses because it's fun to talk to my friends while I'm doing them," Mya Mullen (7) said.

Eighth grader Taylor Roman likes learning the fun poses. "My favorite pose right now is down dog or shavasana. They are both really great," Roman said. Yoga club was a great place to hang out with friends and learn new things. "I would definitely do it again," Alina Aguiar said.



STRETCH IT OUT In Yoga Club, Sterling Dade (6), Mya Mullen (7), and Claire Allen (7) sit on yoga balls they use to stretch. "We were doing stuff like downward dog to stretch our backs," Allen said. She thought other people should join the club because she enjoyed it so much.

STAGED

Many performances happened this year and though you only see the actors there is a whole another world outside of just the stage and that is stage crew. Now students tell us about their favorite part of stage crew and why they joined.



"My favorite part about stage crew is painting the sets because I love painting. I joined because didn't get into the musical, so it is fun to still be apart of the production."
-Amelie Rodgers (6)



"My favorite part about stage crew is just getting to have fun with friends and the artwork. I joined because I like doing artwork and hanging out with my friends,"
-Taylor Nickel (7)



"My favorite part is just hanging out with my friends and the run crew. I joined because I did it last year, and I wanted to do it again this year, and my job is to build the sets."
-Jack Mason (8)



"My favorite part about stage crew is getting to help make the sets for the musical. I joined because I wanted to help do that."
-Emmalyn Tandberg (7)