

because WE CAN, WE SHOULD

The Bald 4 Bucks community gathers for the 17th annual assembly in honor of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and hero child Dean Eckert.

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TOTAL MONEY RAISED

679 THOUSAND

TOTAL MONEY RAISED THIS YEAR

42 THOUSAND

TOTAL HEADS CUT & SHAVED

245

a CLOSER LOOK

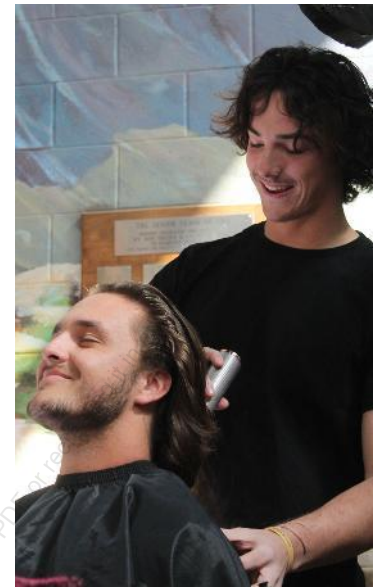
The statistics of this year's Bald 4 Bucks fundraiser.

More than a haircut. With tears rolling down her face, Sydney Hill ('25) holds her hair that was just chopped off by Mr. Greg Andersen. Having had Mr. Andersen for math, Hill values the impact he had on her education and wanted to show appreciation by involving him and making an impactful memory with him. "He's really made my love for math come back, so since he was doing Bald for Bucks I asked him to cut my hair, he said he's never done it before. I was really honored that he was able to cut it for me, and it was more of a memory with it being his last year," said Hill. photo by: naomi corby

Seven students shaved their heads early to work around their traveling sports schedules in support of Bald 4 Bucks.

BRAVE the SHAVE

During lunch on Tuesday, March 5th, **Liam Martin ('26)**, **Brayden Tester ('24)**, **Haydn Benoit ('24)**, **Sebastian Gorbea ('24)**, **Justus Derickson ('25)**, **Hunter Slay ('25)** and **Maddox Madrid ('24)** shaved their heads early for Bald 4 Bucks. The tradition of B4B is well known by the Rampart community and inspires many students to participate in the head-shaving and fundraising. "My freshman year, I told Miss Bailey I would do it when I was a senior, so this year came, and me and a bunch of baseball boys were like 'let's do it,'" said Benoit. While some were pushed to participate by surrounding community members, others had a different motivation. "Both my grandparents have had cancer before, so it's like an emotional pulling on the heartstrings for me," said Tester. Many other students gathered around to watch the head shaving, but the audience didn't stop participants from pushing through the jitters. "I was extremely nervous, it was a lot more people than I expected to watch, but I just decided to do it and go for it... It's a fun thing to participate in, especially to help the cause and the school," said Gorbea. *photos by: max kramer and bailey shepherd*



The founder of Bald 4 Bucks celebrates his last assembly before retirement.

FOUNDING father



Mr. Greg Andersen played a key role in creating the Bald 4 Bucks tradition. Seventeen years ago when a beloved teacher was diagnosed with cancer, students and staff raised money and held the first official B4B assembly. Over the years, Bald 4 Bucks has grown to be an event that impacts many and pulls people together. "It's really about our sense of community and bringing everyone together and the chance to support not only a great cause but the chance to realize something bigger than ourselves," said Andersen. As Andersen's teaching career comes to an end, he reflects on the years he has spent as a teacher participating in the event that holds a special place in his heart. Andersen said, "I was deeply honored to be a part of not just this assembly, but every assembly we've ever had." *photos by: max kramer*

"You get to watch a show and you get to support a great cause for it."

David Wayne Jr. ('24)



JAZZ & JAVA

Choir set up a performance and coffee night to raise money for Bald 4 Bucks.



forever STRONG

A student shared his personal and empowering story at the Bald 4 Bucks assembly.

Awin Schumacher ('24) told his personal story about his mother's battle with cancer at the Bald 4 Bucks assembly on March 8. Schumacher lost his mom in 2017 and has had many real life challenges because of cancer. Wanting to bring the community together, Schumacher explained the importance of hope and perseverance. "When I got up to speak, I was very adamant to bring everyone in and say that we're all in this together, no matter how big or small of a role you play in it," said Schumacher. *photos by: max kramer*