Red Ribbon Week promotes a drug-free campus

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Oct. 24 was the first day of our school’s annual Red Ribbon Week. On the first day, Monday, Oct. 24, ASB members visited all classrooms during fifth period to distribute red bracelets. The bracelets read, “I show good character by being drug free!”

Along with this distribution, the ASB members shared some facts about the negative effects of drugs on people. The schedule for the rest of the week was announced to inform everyone about the activities that will be taking place soon.

The following day, Tuesday, Oct. 25, was a game in the quad. In this entertaining game, the participants demonstrated how a drunk person sees. Students were required to walk along a line as accurately as possible. It was a great opportunity to take part in, and the participants benefited by being able to experience first-hand how drugs and alcohol harm us.

Wednesday, Oct. 26, was Red Dress-Up Day. Each class dressed in their class color by wearing something red. Students could be seen wearing red all around campus, and this was a pleasing sight because it helped boost our school spirit. The winning class showed its class spirit by wearing something red. Students could vote on their class throughout the day, and the winning class for the rest of the week was announced to inform everyone about our school spirit.

Thursday, Oct. 27, was another game in the quad. This game also included questions and answers about the negative effects of drugs. The winners of this class competition are to be announced today, Friday, Oct. 28, which concludes the end of Red Ribbon Week.

The daily bulletin announcers have been sharing more facts about the interaction of drugs during homeroom announcements.

The school was decorated with red ribbons all around poles and trees. Posters promoting to be drug free were being around the school. Many clubs on campus put together a lot of these posters. The ASB members put together various activities for each day of the week to demonstrate the positive attitude of being drug free.

Through all these informative efforts, our school hopes to keep preventing drug-free behavior among our students.

Everyone should take into consideration all the harmful things that drugs cause and use those to stay away from these dangerous substances. Red Ribbon Week ends today, but the overall message of drug prevention should remain.

Mix-It-Up Day supports diversity among students

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Mix-It-Up Day took place from Oct. 18-20 in the East Gym where students were given the opportunity to build new relationships with different kinds of people through various activities, games, and food.

The purpose of this year’s Mix-It-Up Day was to create a unified picture of puzzles signifying how students with different interests can still be united as one student body. “Our main focus for Mix-It-Up Day was to put together the puzzle pieces by telling each participant that they are a part of a bigger picture,” said Co-Commissioner of Multicultural Affairs Nicole Hayaishi.

On the first day, students were randomly assigned into groups of eight. Two ASB members were at each table to work as one. It was really exciting and spontaneous to get people laughing and smiling and I think everyone got along really well,” said April Shin. “I really hope that everyone enjoyed the event and wish that next year’s participants will enjoy it as well.”

Each participant was given a puzzle piece along with a survey based on similar interests. This survey was later used on the third day so that students of similar interests would be grouped together.

On the second day of Mix-It-Up, participants were more social and began conversations with one another as they grew more accustomed to the atmosphere. Participants were fully engaged into the games, such as Zip Zap Zop and Mr. Hit. Towards the end of the day, students were given the opportunity to match their puzzle pieces within their larger group of 16 to make a more unified picture.

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Rally reveals fall sports

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The Fall Girls’ Volleyball and Boys’ Water Polo Rally on Sept. 14 had the basics of any other sports rally. It had the two fall sports teams come out, and the Dance Drill Team showed us some of its great moves along with the Vanity Song. Unique to this particular rally was that it had a Hawaiian/Summer Luau theme, because of the “summer” sports ASB was showcasing. The Gym was decorated with Hawaiian flowers, palm trees, and other characteristic images of the islands and summer time.

“Performing this rally didn’t really take that long,” said Junior ASB Class President Emily Navia. “This rally took us more than a week to get together. What really takes long is the key events like school assemblies and the annual Gala rally. For other sports rallies, we just have to worry about getting and putting up the decorations, setting up the schedule, and finding the theme of each rally. It is up to the individual performance groups such as Vanity Yell and the Dance Drill Team to practice their routines on their own, and the different Vanity sports teams to decide how they will come out and present themselves to the school.”

To go along with the theme, ASB, Vanity Yell, the CHS school mascot, Senior Geeta Kim, and Vanity Song sported Hawaiian tuxes and cargo shorts. Likewise, the Boys’ Vanity Water Polo team came out with similar outfits.

The most exciting and hilarious part of the rally was when the Girls’ Volleyball team came out. They all dressed up like the Sunnyside soda girl, with her trademark long wavy hair, goatee, green shirt, and headband, and broke out in a “San” commercial from the Sunnyside commercials.

To help better transition between each event, Geeta and Emily asked each other some hard to回答 questions to help introduce the next group.

The Dance Drill Team came out with a same routine as they had shown in last rally, but it still got the same effect and wow that it did the first time.

Yet, before anyone could leave, Cheerleading coach Ms. Dorothy reminded everyone that they had to sing the school’s Alma Mater to the beat of the school band in the Freshmen stands, putting each other’s arms over the other’s shoulder, yelling out our state name “California” and stamping their feet at the end of each stanza.