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Spirit Week As Seen By an 8th Grader



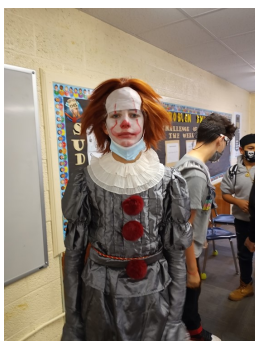
**By Evelyn Aronoff
Tusker Tribune Staff**

Spirit week is supposed to make kids show their school spirit. This past week, Monday was USA day, where you are supposed to wear blue, white and red to show American pride and all that.

Tuesday was Hawaiian day, where you dressed in your favorite tacky Hawaiian style shirt.

Wednesday was color wars, where each grade was going to try to win by wearing the colors assigned. 6th grade got white, 7th grade got black, and 8th grade got red.

I do not think 8th grade won because there were few people wearing red but 7th and 6th grade had a good chance at winning.



Thursday, which personally is my favorite day, was pajama day where we got to wear your pajamas to school, which is fun.

And finally, there was Friday, where people got to wear their Halloween costumes (if you celebrate Halloween) to school, but there were no masks or anything too inappropriate because that is not allowed.

This week was also "Look at me, I'm drug free" week, where we show support for not doing drugs. That's is good because drugs can damage your body and can damage the mind of a 10- to 14-year-old because the brain is still growing at that age.

This week was about showing school spirit and showing how cool your Halloween costume is.

My First SMS Spirit Week



**By Ruby Mc Dowell
Tusker Tribune Staff**

I personally loved my first SMS spirit week.

It started on Monday, USA day. It was so fun seeing everyone in there own representation of the theme, "Red, White, and Blue!" So many people were wearing costumes. Some went all out, others expressed it in their own unique way.

Tuesday was Hawaiian day. I



loved seeing everyone in "Beach Attitire" Again, evryone put there own spin on the theme. I loved walking in the halls, and hearing the occasional "Oh yeah, This is my dad's shirt." I got the impression that everyone enjoyed it!

On Wednesday it was color wars. It was a literal sea of white. Seriously.

Kids were streaming out to recess, and it was all one white blob.

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Sometimes, Showing Spirit Means Simply Being Who You Are

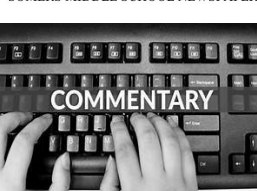


**By Xavier Tejeda
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Hello! Spirit Week just ended. For today, I am going to tell you about what people go through for being a part of the LGBTQ+ community and what happens to them.

So, you might not know about the LGBTQ, but it stands for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer or questioning, and it is a group of people who have different pronouns, genders, and sexualities.

Sometimes people do not like others either because of religion or opinion, but sometimes, peo-



ple part of LGBTQ get harassed, assaulted, and killed for being who they are.

Everyday, someone gets bullied or killed for being who they are, and this community is not the only one. It happens to African-Americans, Asians and Hispanic who must go through this, and it is not OK.

Fortunately, lots of people are not against these communities and are allies.

Spirit Week is about coming together. So, don't hate yourself for being you or do not hate yourself because others do. Like they always say, be who you are.



Spirit Week

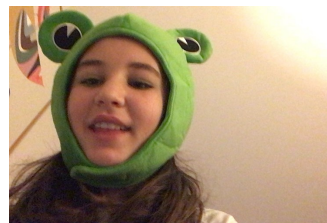
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It was so fun seeing everyone's white outfits! I think sixth grade won color wars *hehehe*...

Oh my favorite day. Thursday. Pajama day. Everyone looked like they were ready to fall asleep right then and there. In Orchestra, someone said, "Yeah, I think I'm just gonna fall asleep." I think everyone had a great time on Thursday. And yeah, it was fun seeing the teachers in pajamas...

Halloween day! Friday! I was Katniss Everdeen from the Hunger Games. Everyone had great costumes. I loved the language teachers as dwarves, and the sixth grade teachers were Expo markers! I also thought Mr. Arnett was a crayon when he really was The Man in the Yellow Hat from Curious George.

Overall, Spirit week was amazing! Everyone had so much fun! (At least I hope so...) Now, what is the school doing for Christmas? (Just kidding!!!!)



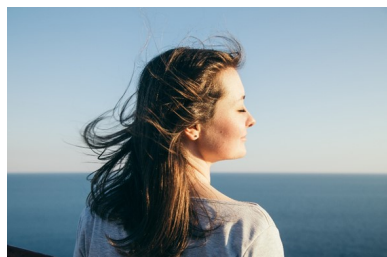
A Flashback to When We All Went Remote!



By Akosua Adobea-Wiredu
Tusker Tribune Staff

Hey y'all, it's Akosua again. I want to bring a flashback to when you all got the announcement that we would be online for school.

"I hope you all are doing well and are passing all of your classes. I have a very important announcement to make today which is why I brought you all here today. This may seem astounding, but due to the rise of COVID 19, which we all have heard is a contagious painful disease, school will be closed."



"We will no longer be coming to the building. We will be trying an online school where you will all go onto your daily classes on Zoom. I know this is very tragic but we will have to adjust to this. Zoom is a software company that allows 1,000 people on a call who are able to turn their camera on, unmute, raise their hands, and engage in many more activities similar to being in-person."

"When you all go back to your classes, you will get more details about what Zoom is like and more about this turning situation. Thank you for listening and you are dismissed."

Remember this? Seemed like decades ago, lol!



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