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PIONEER PRIDE SHINES AT WELCOME WEEK RALLY



On August 23rd, MWHS kicked off the year with an electrifying Welcome Week Rally.

The event was a vibrant showcase of VAPA talent, featuring performances by our Band, Cheer, Dance, Choir teams, and Cadet Core, all led by ASB. Special recognition goes to our hardworking ASB Executive Board, ASB Director Mrs. Johnson, and the many others who contributed behind the scenes to make the rally a success.

We're excited to build on this strong start and proudly show everyone that we are truly Pioneer Strong!

WELCOME BACK WEEK BRINGS SPIRIT AND FUN TO CAMPUS

Welcome Back Week kicked off on August 19th, bringing a burst of school spirit and excitement. Throughout the week, staff and students were encouraged to dress up according to daily themes.

Each day celebrated a unique theme, leading up to the grand finale: a class color day inspired by the Inside Out feature film. One of the highlights was Twin Day, where creativity was on full display.

The winning vote for best look went to Coach Chamberlain and his helmet-wearing ensemble.

Behavioral Intervention Tech. David Kilson Spreads Positivity with Daily Greetings

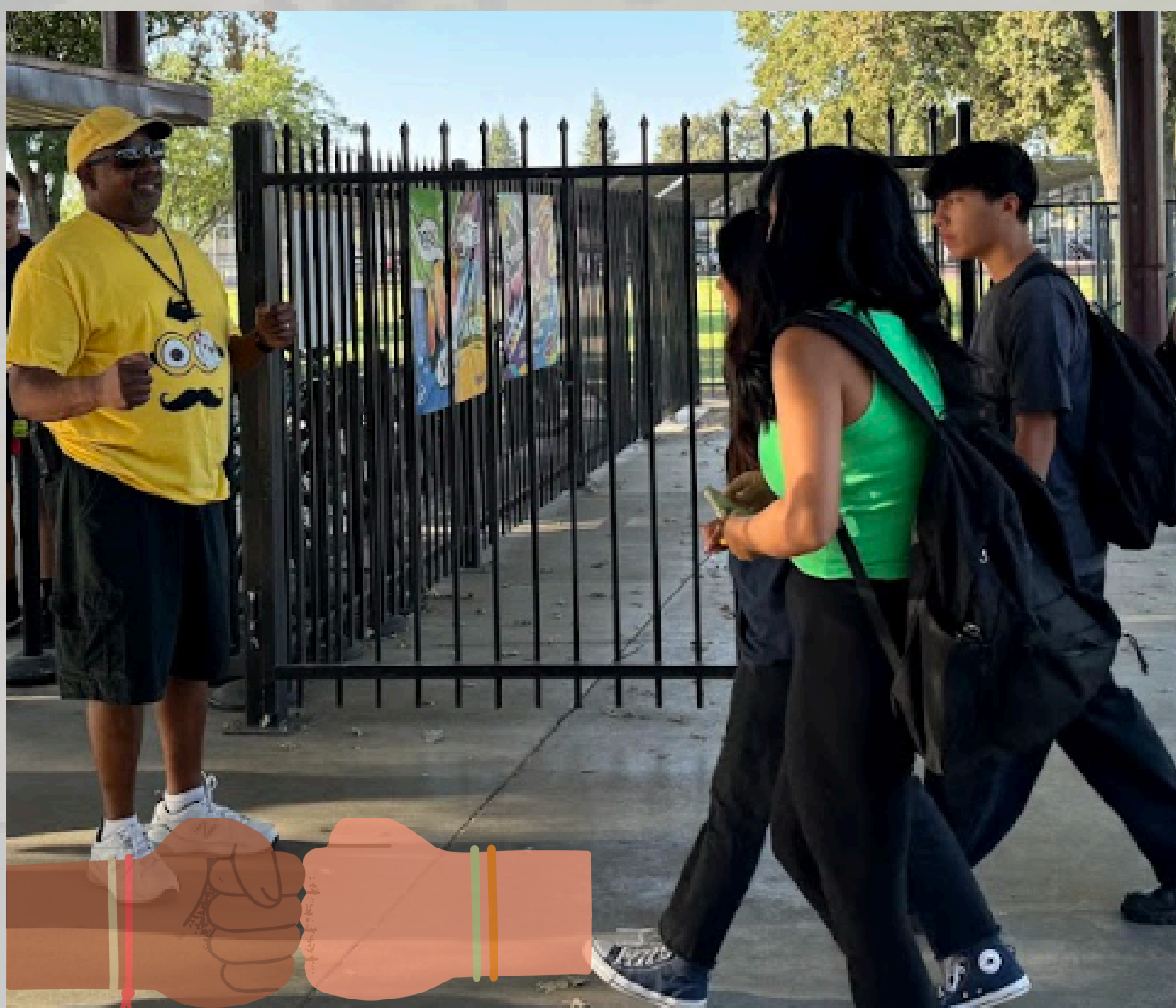
Behavioral Intervention Tech David Kilson has made it a daily habit to greet and fist bump students as they enter MWHS and the school lunch hall.

When asked about this routine, Kilson shared, "I do it because we never know what students go through at night. Students need to know they are special and that they matter."

For the past eight years, Mr. Kilson has consistently offered these small acts of kindness, making a positive impact on students' days.

Regarding his presence in the lunch line, he mentioned, "It's my opportunity to have fun and see students in a different light. I wish more staff on campus would catch on and offer every student they pass a smile—it would go a long way for our students."

Mr. Kilson's commitment to creating a welcoming environment has become a valued part of the school culture, demonstrating how small gestures can have a big impact.





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MRS. BRANDT'S "BOOK TASTING" EVENT SPARKS STUDENT ENGAGEMENT IN READING

In Mrs. Brandt's English 1 class, students recently participated in a "Book Tasting" event designed to spark interest in reading and foster a sense of community. The classroom was transformed into a cozy café setting with treats and drinks available for students as they sampled various books.

During the event, Mrs. Brandt gave each student five minutes to preview a book and fill out a "menu" to note their interest and reserve a copy for future reading. After each session, students rotated to different tables to explore new titles, with a total of four rotations.

Reflecting on the event, Mrs. Brandt shared a memorable moment: "One student was so captivated by a book that she didn't want to leave it behind. She politely asked if she could take the book immediately because she was worried someone else might grab it during the rotations."

When asked about the overall experience, Mrs. Brandt said, "Nothing brings me more joy than seeing students engaged in reading and exploring new stories."

The Book Tasting event was a success, leaving students excited to dive into their newly discovered books.



"TOO LEGIT TO QUIT" & "WRECKERS" COMPETE IN LEADING VI TEACHER SPIRIT COMPETITION

As part of the Leading 6 competition aimed at boosting teacher spirit, the "Too Legit to Quit" teacher group and the Wreckers have submitted their finalized logo design.

The competition pits six teacher teams against one another in a head-to-head logo design challenge.

The winning team will be determined by student votes, with the announcement taking place at the MWS staff meeting on September 16th.

Teacher teams have until September 6th to submit their designs, making this a spirited and creative race to the finish!



Mr. Salinas wears a
custom Too Legit shirt!

THEY DON'T PLAY!