

sticky situation. John Ivarone volunteers to be duct taped to the wall. His team had to tape him as fast as they could to win the race. "It was fun and different because I was stuck to the wall and I was with all my friends. It was difficult staying on the wall for so long," John said.

photo: liam randhawa



tricky trivia. Sofia Kissel and her friends compete in a teacher trivia competition. "I liked how we all got to work together and I got to spend time with my friends. It was a little hard guessing the answers since we didn't know much about the teachers," Sofia said. photo: madison silver



splash zone. Marcus Kallor is one of the last to break his water balloon. "It felt good because I knew my partner and I did a good job working as a team. They would pop if you caught them while they were moving quickly," Marcus said. photo: madison silver



hopping around. Sydney Bizzarro jumps to finish the potato sack race for her team. "It was exciting to participate in a race and be one of the first few teams to finish. I liked how everyone got a chance to do each race," Sydney said. photo: liam randhawa



building friendships

The middle schoolers started their year off by coming together and having a team building day. The purpose of the team building day was to make new friends and work together in different activities. Each grade was separated into groups with different color shirts. This year, the eighth graders wore black, seventh graders wore blue, and sixth graders wore red. Before the games began, however, the middle schoolers first went to serve the community at local parks. At the parks, the teachers had planned for the students to participate in different categories of events. "Every year is always a challenge because we are always trying to find exciting ways to bond as a grade. This year was unique because we had the opportunity to go off

campus and and participate in service learning projects," teacher Amanda Fursetzer said. Back at school, Rebecca Voigt cheered after a big win in tug of war. "My favorite part was that I got to meet and make friends. My reaction was being very excited about winning," Rebecca said. One of the eighth graders' activities was a duct taping race where they duct taped someone in their group onto a wall. Some of the other activities included potato sack racing across the football field and tie-dyeing shirts. Team building day was not a day to just have fun; it was an important way for the students to make new friends. The day ended with a popsicle party send off!

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royal crowning. Aaron Adler finds a box and receives a crown for his actions. "I was happy when I found the geo-cash box and I was very excited to win the crown. It was a fun experience because it was my first time winning," Aaron said. photo: marco arcelin



karaoke time. Zander Plotkin fights for the microphone to sing for his classmates. "It was fun because all my friends were there. My favorite part was singing spice cream with my friends," Zander said. photo: paul miller



speed racer. Aspen Drucker runs as fast as she can to finish the race before the other teams. "I was with my advisory group and it was a lot different than normal advisory. There was a lot of pressure because I was second to last and I felt like it was all up to me," Aspen said. photo: zac cohen



balloon bash. Michel Huyghe tosses his water balloon to his partner hoping to not break the balloon. "It was a really fun experience and I was constantly hoping that it wouldn't pop. My favorite part of the day was the sack race. It was great because we all had to work as a team to get across the field and win the race," Michel said. photo: zac cohen

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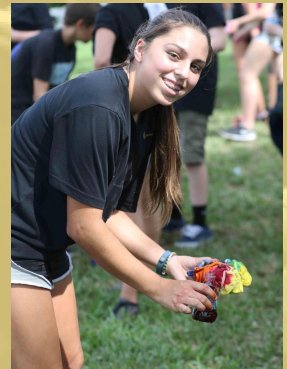
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fun in the sun



popsicle time! Yizhuo Tan enjoys his popsicle after a terrific day making new friendships. "The nature clean up was my favorite part of the day because I think it was a good way to improve my muscles. I enjoyed the popsicles because they were very good," Yizhuo said.
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tie-dye time. Mia Viau happily tie-dyes a shirt with her classmates. "I really enjoyed making the shirts and being able to interact with my friends. I liked this year better because I got to meet new people and do different activities," Mia said.
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