



BMS HITS THE BEACH FOR THE WAVE RAVE DANCE



By Stella Rogers

SPLASH! On March 8, 2024, Bexley Middle School's student council hosted a summer-themed dance, which took place in the high school gymnasium. The dance was called the "Wave Rave" on account of the theme which was beachy and Hawaii.

According to Mr. Price, the Bexley Middle School Principal, the dance was organized by our student council, and "led by advisors Ms. Rice and Mr. Gardner." Mr. Price adds, it "was a huge success! Students got a chance to enjoy time with their friends and student body outside of class."

To help decorate, the student council met after school on the day of the dance outside the high school gym (due to other high school students having a sports meet inside the gym). Their hard work really paid off.

Students attended the dance for a variety of reasons. Mia Shankle, a sixth grader, said she attended

because, "my friends were going." Numerous students enjoyed the music at the dance. Violet Eshelbrenner, a seventh grader on the student council, says, "I think it was sometimes good but a bit loud."

Something that could also be improved is the lack of food. The dance had no snacks; however, it did provide juice boxes, which ran out very fast. According to sixth grader Penelope Hickman Filipow, she says, "I got hungry, and there was no food." However, there are some more positive aspects of the dance, such as the leis, the super chic dance outfits, and don't forget the ice cream!

The dance was also a great way to hang out with some friends. It was a very fun experience. There were some dance battles and yelling of song lyrics, but mostly it was just groups of students hanging out together having a good time!

MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS CELEBRATE ALL BIRTHDAYS

By: Mia Shankle and Violet Eshelbrenner

Imagine it is your birthday, but you are stuck in school. How does your birthday get celebrated? What happens if your birthday is not during the school year?

Students at Bexley Middle School get their birthdays celebrated on the BMS announcements on their birthday.

Penelope Hickman-Filipow, a sixth grader, who has a summer birthday, says "I like having a summer birthday because it is nice temperature and we don't have to go to school. However, school birthdays get to have their birthday mentioned that day and for me, they just say it in the last month of school and it doesn't feel as special."

Seventh grader Arya Gorsuch, who also has a sum-



The kids that have birthdays on weekends still get their birthdays announced, but they don't say if it's on Saturday or Sunday.

Mr. Sidel, an eighth grader teacher said birthdays are his favorite part of the announcements every day. "I always try to note if any of my students have a birthday that day. Sometimes, I will rewind the announcements if miss that part, and I make my whole class watch announcements again!"

Students over break may not even get announced at all, especially summer break. Weekend, break, or any other forgotten birthday don't get celebrated nearly as much as some would like.

mer birthday, says "I feel like since there isn't school, there is no good way to announce a birthday." This year, however, the last week's announcements featured a long list of summer birthdays!

Even if your birthday is announced, how is your birthday celebrated throughout the day? Seventh grader, Shoshanna Bricker says, "students wished me happy birthday and some teachers. My Spanish teacher gave me a card, and the guidance counselor gave me a pencil that says 'happy birthday' on it."

Birthdays have some big pros and cons depending on the day of the week and whether school is in session or not, but whatever the case, all BMS students should have an awesome birthday!

SEVENTH GRADE COMPETES FOR SOUTH SUDAN CAUSE



By Maya Hernandez-Romito

It's another year, and another competition has started to unfold. It is the thirteenth year that the South Sudan Project has come to Bexley Middle School, and the project is already in the middle of the competition. There are many different students and teachers working on this project, and they each have their own unique opinions about what is going on.

A student in fourth period, Nora Cahill states that, "I don't really think the competition does much for the students because the only thing we get if we win, and only if we win, is a pizza party." On the other hand, some students are more happy about the project. Violet Eshelbrenner states, "I'm pretty excited, and I'm excited we get to help. We have brought in a lot of money from stuff we have done outside of class." There are also many other different opinions on the pro-

ject, but almost everyone can agree it is great for helping people.

The teachers running the project also have many facts about how the project is helpful. Mrs Jax-one of the three seventh grade social studies teachers- states that, "100% of our funds will be directly donated to our friend and former refugee from South Sudan, Bol Aweng's non profit organization found here: www.buckeyeclinic.org.

You can read how this clinic serves people in an IDP camp in South Sudan." All of the funds being raised are extremely helpful to helping Bol's cause. When asked how much money was raised, Mrs. Jax stated, "We have not recently counted our total, and our fundraiser ends the last week of school, but we estimate to have over \$1,500 at this point."

The project is still not over, and is still helping the Buckeye Clinic. With all the money that is being raised, and still counting, we are hopeful that we are able to do the best we can for Bol and his clinic.

HOME OR AWAY THE APRIL ECLIPSE AMAZED ALMOST ALL

By Violet Eshelbrenner and Penelope Hickman-Filipow

On April 8, North America witnessed a total solar eclipse, and it passed through Ohio, earning a half day. Some students at our middle school traveled to see a total solar eclipse and some stayed to watch Bexley 's 99% partial eclipse.

It seems like students were split between staying in Bexley for the eclipse and leaving town.

Many of the students who left Bexley went to destinations such as Marysville, Delaware, and Dublin, all cities in Ohio that were in the totality.

One student who traveled out of town was eighth grader, Leo Battisti. Leo said, "I went to Cleveland to go see the Guardians home opener, but the field opened an hour early, and I got to watch the solar eclipse from right field."

Instead of heading north, another eighth grader, Andrew Skoog, went west to Indian Lake. Andrew

said, "we went there at four pm on Sunday and then came back at eight pm Monday." One drawback that Andrew and many other travelers faced was traffic. "The traffic on the way there was okay, but the way back was horrible."

Despite traffic issues, seventh grader Stella Rogers-Bowen still had a great time. She says, "I went to Dayton. It got really dark and I could see something amazing when I took my glasses off. I loved it!"

However, not all students left town. Eighth grader Ella Meyer said, "I went to Jeffrey Mansion with my family and friends to watch the eclipse. There were a lot of people there, and many people were already looking at the eclipse."

Another eighth grader, Jackson Brandt, barely left his house to see the eclipse. "I went home and watched the eclipse from there. I got sodas from my fridge and took them on the roof with me. I also took two pillows and made a pad to sit on."

No matter where they were, students took note of the effects of the eclipse. Hannah Cordle, an eighth grader, said "When the moon was almost fully covering the sun, the air grew colder and the area around me lost most of its light." She also notes that "birds were chirping crazily".

Ryder Swartzel, an eighth grader, recalled, "it was cool to see how dark it was, but the best part was how long it

lasted and what it was like to see the sun wasn't orange, but in fact it was white.

Almost all students witnessed this rare sight. Whether you traveled or stayed home, the eclipse wowed almost everyone!

