

# RAIDER READER

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WYLIE EAST HIGH SCHOOL

## Singing celebrations

Musical programs open holiday season with concerts  
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## Lifting UP

Caroline May  
Reporter

Interact Club has really opened my eyes to the importance of youth involvement in community service, and also given me the opportunity to lead and work with students eager to better their community.

Kaleb Mulugeta  
Senior

The Interact Club has continued to act as a helping hand to the school and community with their focus on aiding others. Making mums, visiting nursing homes and cleaning up the community are just a few things that the Interact Club is notorious for. This year, the club has added several new events to their list, right on time for the holiday season.

Several members of the club have been going to visit Zachary Tye for the past few months. Tye is a former student who is now homeschooled due to medical reasons.

"Zach being homeschooled makes it difficult to have interaction between friends, which is essential to a teenager's mental health," club president Kaleb

Mulugeta said.

These students have created two groups who go twice a month to play games, talk and eat with Tye. The purpose of going is to allow Tye to have the same social opportunities as any other student.

"The feedback has been great! Zach loves it and is always telling his mother how eager he is to see us," Mulugeta said. "We, as a club, are extremely happy to see that we could make such a difference in someone's life."

With Christmas time right around the corner, Interact Club members have also reached out in helping not only Tye, but the Salvation Army and two families in need as well.

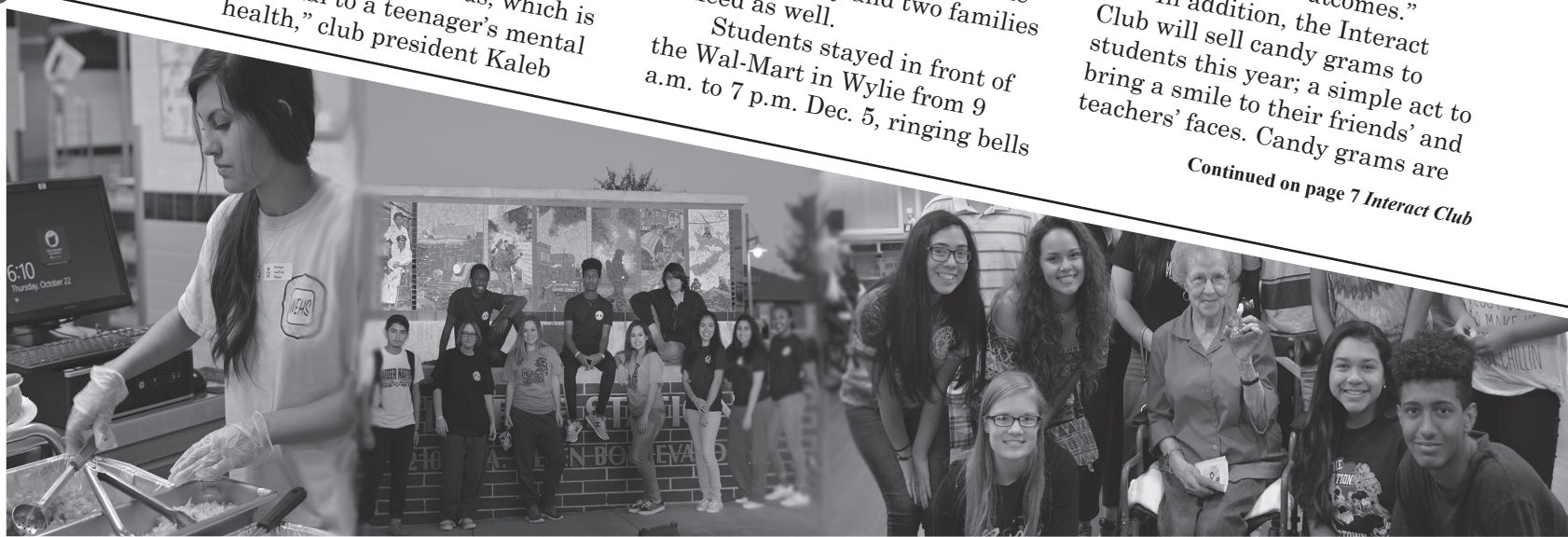
Students stayed in front of the Wal-Mart in Wylie from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 5, ringing bells

for Salvation Army donations. The Interact club was able to gather a large amount of donations by interacting with shoppers and even singing Christmas songs. The club will also be helping out two Raider families who are in need by making donations.

"I think being involved [in the Interact Club], especially around the holidays, has definitely helped some people realize the importance of giving back to our community," member Jimmy Phan said. "I love the feeling that comes from helping others and seeing the great outcomes."

In addition, the Interact Club will sell candy grams to students this year; a simple act to bring a smile to their friends' and teachers' faces. Candy grams are

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## The height of fashion

### Spanish IV students host fashion show

Tristan Eckert  
Reporter

Flashing lights, posing models. Sights displayed at a fashion show were seen in room 821 when Mrs. Isbell's Spanish IV class hosted a fashion show Nov. 5-6.

"The project is more cultural. It is about where the people in the Latino Oscars come from," Spanish teacher Katharine Isbell said.

Spanish students split up into three groups; designers, models and the fashion police. The designers had to create the clothes using newspaper and then write and give a speech selling the strong points of the clothing in Spanish.

"I had to be more creative and resourceful than normal because we were so limited in time and supplies," junior Samantha Knackstadt said.

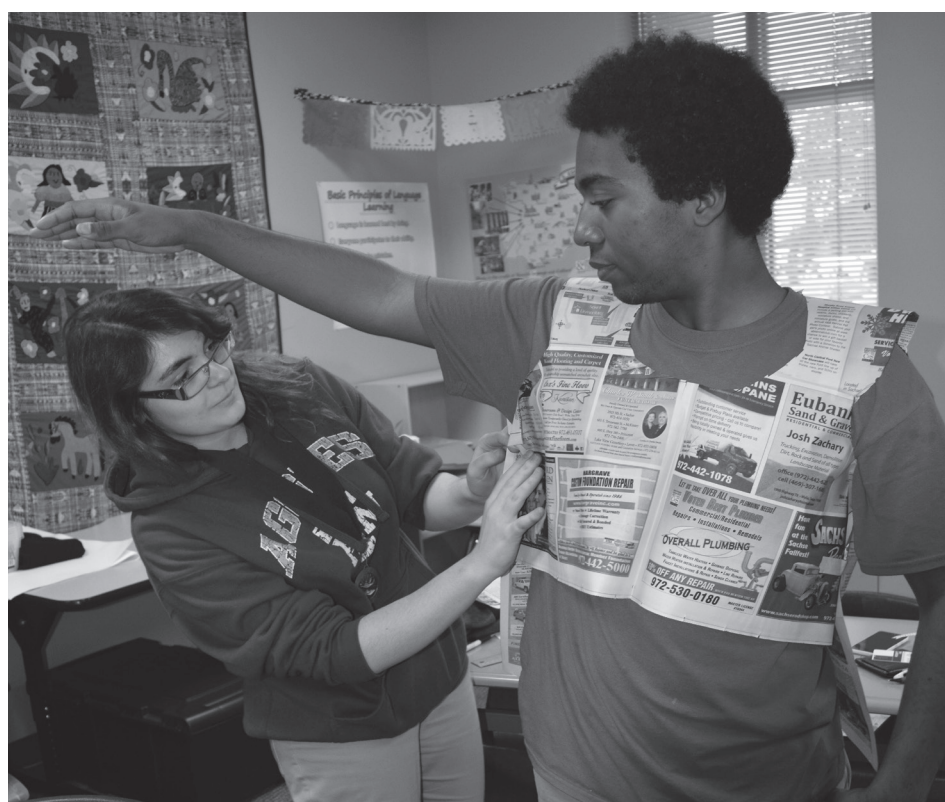
The models created a video with

an interview describing what they like and dislike about the clothing in Spanish. On the day of the show, they put on the clothing and showed off for the fashion police, who judged their clothing with a thumbs up or a thumbs down. The fashion police then explained what they liked or disliked about the newspaper clothing in Spanish.

"What I liked about being in the fashion police is that I got to be face-tious," junior Samantha Eckles said.

The models went out and showed off their self-made clothing to the other Spanish classes in the hallway. Mrs. Isbell explained how they made their clothing and what the project was about while the models answered questions.

"Usually people think of Spanish class as just speaking," junior Dru' Lawson said, "I like the fact that we did something different."



**Dressing up** Helping junior Dru' Lawson suit up, junior Samantha Knackstadt examines the newspaper-made vest to ensure it is in perfect condition for the Spanish fashion show. *photo by Tristan Eckert*