



not your everyday club



JA-KEN-PON

While at a club meeting, Richard Chan, 10, watches Lana Glaze, 10, and Kayla Holsopple, 12, play a game of Japanese rock-paper-scissors. Chan enjoyed Anime and Manga.

"I like the different characters and plots," Chan said. "It's an interesting past time."

He spent a lot of time reading and watching anime.

"It helped me get through lots of things," Chan said. "It shows teens in high school going through the same things."

The development of the new club gave students a place to come together and discuss the art form.

"I've been watching it for six years," Glaze said. "I've made so many friends from being involved in it."



ROCK THE VOTE

To choose council members, the club held elections at the first meeting. Students voted Lindell Bachhofer, 9, and Jocelyn Ramirez, 9, as part of the eight-member council.

"I get to know things before members of the club know," Ramirez said.

As a council member, students were responsible for planning upcoming events and activities for all anime lovers to enjoy.

"I appreciate anime," Bachhofer said. "I love drawing and watching it."



OODLES OF NOODLES

At the first club meeting, the council created an idea to have a ramen noodle eating contest.

"My friends were competing, so I came to cheer them on," Mackenzie Deford said.

Every contestant had to eat three packages of ramen with chopsticks while keeping the bowl flat on the table.

"I was wondering how they weren't throwing up yet," Deford said.

Volunteers prepared the ramen by placing the uncooked noodles in a big pot of warm water over a hot plate.

"At the end we got to eat the left over ramen," Deford said.



NEW BEGINNINGS HERE

After learning about the success of her friend's Anime Club at another school, Brittney Candia, 10, wrote a proposal letter to administration seeking approval to establish a club here.

"I thought it would be a good idea to get all the nerds together," Candia said.

At the first meeting more than 50 of people attended. At other club meetings, members played games together and talked about anime.

"It's a different culture," Candia said. "It's not all childish."

As president, Candia oversees the council and vetoes or approves their plans for upcoming events the club.



TOP RAMEN

Amaka Okoro, 9, participates in the ramen eating contest hosted by the Anime Club on Nov. 19.

"I saw the flyer for the contest," Okoro said. "I wanted to get first place."

Okoro and the other contestants each ate three bowls of ramen only using the chop sticks. Zane Gonzalez, 10, won the event eating the ramen the fastest.

"I was really full after," Okoro said. "I felt like I was going to throw up."

ANIME UNITES STUDENTS

A commotion of music and voices poured out of room AY322 where the new Anime Club met after school. Students lined up and chatted while signing their name in a notebook and grabbing a nametag to write their name on. The club members, old and new, moved and sat around the desks, discussing their school day and how excited they were.

"This is the Anime Club and thank you for coming," sophomore Brittney Candia yelled over the many conversations that went on in the room. "Thanks to all the old comers that came, that means a lot to me."

With more people coming in, the science classroom, built to hold up to 33 people, now has well more than 40 people trying to find a seat in a chair or floor. After the desks were taken, students either sat down on the floor, counters, on the desks tops or at the lab tables.

The Anime Club started off with introductions of the leaders and the group members.

"Hi I'm Cameron. I love to draw art, and I can make food for people and this club," freshman Cameron Remshaw said, "so I thought, why not?"

Cheering and laughing went on and then a quick election for council members. With the elections over, it was time to play some Anime Jeopardy.

"I know this one," Mrs. Kercher yelled loudly as she jumped up and down with excitement. "Who is on my team?"

"It's Death Note!"

The students answered with enthusiasm they saw anime that they knew appear on the screen.

"Team One is the winner! What anime would you like to watch?" Brittany Candia announced as the game concluded.

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