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It's October 31, rowdy hawks pile into the gym, eager to attend the annual blackout pep rally. As the lights dim, cheers resound and fans yell for the rally to begin.

"Right when the lights turned off I started yelling and waving my blue glow stick around that my mom bought me," Ella Bowman¹ said.

The initial shock of the blackout did not go unnoticed, but others looked forward to other elements of the pep rally.

"I got really excited when the drumline performed," Jack Carico¹² said. "They had ticked out their drums with all these glowing things."

The sixth grade surprised the crowd with their 'Thriller' dance.

"Whenever we went to do our dance, I was worried I would be too shy," Chloe Coon⁹ said. "But it was really fun to look up in the stands and see how creative everyone was with their lights."

For some, the pep rally was bittersweet because it marked the end of a tradition.

"I always look forward to the blackout pep rally because it's cool to watch all the glow stuff," Taylor Schwartz¹⁵ said. "But it was sad too because it was the last one I'll ever experience as a student."

The blackout was the favorite pep rally for Colton Chapman⁷ because it was so different than other pep rallies.

"I loved it because there was neon and glow sticks everywhere," Chapman⁷ said. "Plus, you always had the small chance of getting hit by a flying glow stick at any point, which made it pretty exciting."

