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"Spirit Week is a great way for students to have fun and support each other at the same time."

A spirited mob of girls crowded around a table on Nov. 3 to watch their friends smother their faces in a fluffy mess of whipped cream as they bobbed in the bowl to find M&M's. Through advisory surveys and the mindfulness movement Student Council found that students

overwhelmingly wanted more school spirit, so the Student Council created a week of spirited fun. Students distressed, instilled more school spirit within the Hockaday community and help cheer their teams to the championship in the Southern Preparatory Conference. Spirit Week's activities began on that Monday with a pie eating contest. Two girls from each form participated in the race to eat all the hidden M&M's. "It was gross, but still fun," freshman Amelia Brown said.

Tuesday's Spirit week activities included dress like a boy day and bingo with Head of Upper School John Ashton during lunch. Girls strolled into school wearing swim shorts, St. Mark's school uniforms, and some groups of girls dressed out in suits and ties to pull off the look. Then, during lunch, screaming and shouting filled the cafeteria as students at different tables jumped up yelling BINGO!

On Wednesday, tables in the cafeteria were converted into ping pong tables and students rushed to the dining room for a spirited lunch. Nets were added to tables, chairs moved out of the way and ping pong balls flew all over. The last day of Spirit Week, Thursday, included a lively Karaoke performance from girls of different grades during lunch. Sophomore Isabel Smith participated in the Karaoke by singing her own rendition of "I Will Always Love You" by Whitney Houston. "Everyone was excited because first of all it's lunch, and there was an additional fun factor. I was stressed out and it helped me relax and just have fun," Smith said. On Friday, the week ended with girls cheering on their classmates at field hockey at Hockaday.



Top: Seniors Mimi Asom and Samantha Toomey belt out a song. "Spirit week is not only fun for the athletes, but it is also a great way to break the monotony," Toomey said. Middle: Sophomore Catherine Merrick and Senior Madalene Danklef competed in an Oreo eating competition during the Spirit Week pep rally. "We lost but it was still super fun," Merrick said. Bottom: The hallways were filled with girls sporting different boy looks. Sophomore Melanie Kerber strutted her suit in the sophomore hallway on Dress Like a Boy day. "Wearing a suit made me feel really cool, I felt really official," Kerber said.



SPIRIT ALL WEEK

Clockwise from top: Juniors Meg O'Brien, Electra Thomas, and Ellie Bush celebrate their win after the pie eating contest. "The competition was tough, but we pulled through to win those form points," O'Brien said. Senior Harper Clouston prepares to win the pie eating contest against other high schoolers. "We lost but definitely raised some spirit" Clouston said. Sophomores Lauren McDaniel, Brooke Balthrope, and Alex Shaw compete in dress like a boy day to win form points for their grade. "It was a great way to start spirit week," McDaniel said. Senior Charlysea Lamb kicks off spirit week. "It was fun to see the grades intermixed" Lamb said. Sophomore Grace Embrey, eagerly places a bean on her bingo card during a spirited lunch with her friends. "It was a nice stress reliever" Embrey said.

