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Mime and Music Spectacular

By: Lauren E. Prince and Mindy Kucera

On October 14, Briscoe Junior High Department of Fine Arts presented a theatrically pleasing show of Mime and Music.

The directors for Mime and Music were Juan Senties, the choir teacher, and Molly Slack, the theatre teacher. This performance showcased the Theatre II Mime Troupe and the four levels of choir.

Parents and students came the night of the performance to cheer on their children and classmates. Both directors said they were

very proud of how their students performed.

"I feel they did really great," Molly Slack commented after the performance. Mrs. Slack has been teaching for eighteen years and has done the Mime Troupe for seventeen.

Before the performance, she gave everyone their roles. Some of the roles include: production stage managers, mimes, or a part of the lights crew, backstage crew, and sound crew. Everybody that participated felt they did very well.

"It was so much fun," Sadie Morelli, a

mime, said after the show. "I felt very confident, [but] a little nervous."

Brookelynn Dinkler, a member of the backstage crew, said, "[I felt] great. It's a lot of fun always having something to do." She and Sadie both agreed that even though it was a nerve-wracking experience they had a fantastic time.

And the band of Mimes weren't the only ones who delivered a standout performance.

"I was very impressed with the singing for this early in the year," Choir director, Juan Senties said. "Choir takes a lot of practice and the choir did really well with only seven weeks of school."

Mr. Senties has been doing choir for five

years and thinks this year's choir's outlook is very positive. Currently there are four levels in choir and all of them performed. Each choir had different thoughts on this experience.

Varsity choir student, Bruce Jopio says, "It's my first [concert], so I'm really nervous."

Meagan Nowlin from the 7th grade Lady Eagles choir said, "[I'm feeling] good."

It was an all-around great event to showcase the talents of students at Briscoe Junior High.

Homecoming Dance a Hit

By: Lauren E. Prince and Mindy Kucera

Briscoe's Student Council held its first ever homecoming dance on October 25 this year and it had all the makings to be a dance that students wouldn't quickly forget.

A DJ was there to keep all the music organized and fun. Food was also provided. Dancing was the main activity everyone did. Students seemed to have a lot of fun.

"[I had fun because] I got to hang loose and do whatever," Deborah Byars exclaimed.

Like Deborah, everyone agreed that it was a great experience.

"[My favorite part was] hanging out with friends," Sage Bailey mentioned. "One of the perks for the dance was being able to talk to all your friends."

Students at the dance thought it was very enjoyable and a great time, but most people didn't realize all the behind-the-scenes work it took to put the event on.

Cristin Matula, the student council sponsor, said, "Each student council member will sign up for a specific (job) at the dance. Some will sell drinks, foods, and tickets."

Matula has been doing student council for six years and they've been sponsoring a



Students flocked to the Briscoe JH gym afterschool on Friday to buy the tickets to attend the first Homecoming dance.

dance during all that time.

Teachers even helped make the event a success by volunteering to sell tickets, help with food and other things.

And for the club sponsor, the work paid off. Mrs. Matula said after she felt great about the outcome.

"[It turned out] awesome! Best turn out we've had since I've been here," Matula said. "Thank you to everyone who came and helped!"

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Volleyball

A season proudly served

It was a well fought season for this year's Lady Eagles 7th and 8th grade volleyball players that ended with triumph and respect.

The Briscoe lady eagles fought hard in this season's district games, and as Katie Spangler said, one of the 8th grade coaches, it ended with well played matches.

"This season is going great. We are 3 and 0 in district," Spangler said.

Eighth grade coach Dina Ramos agrees.

"This year's volleyball season is going great," Ramos said.

But it's not about having just a great season. For some of the players, the season has been capitalized by some of the hardest fought match ups of the season.

We all have our favorite game of the season, but for Kristine Jauskaite said that hers was the brutal match against Reading Junior High.

"My favorite game this season has been against Reading, even though we lost. I am proud of our team for coming back and having a really close game," Kristine Januskaite, and eight-grade player said.

Spangler agreed with Jauskaite that it was a crucial game because it was a match between two undefeated teams.

And although players and coaches alike agreed that a season is not defined by wins and losses, both admit it feels pretty good to experience those wins.

"It feels good to win games because it shows how hard we've worked during practice," Januskaite said.

Maddie Semmler, 8th grade player, agrees with Januskaite regarding wins.

"It has felt awesome," Semmler said of winning. "I love to know that the team has really grown and

progressed this season."

Kacie Pryor, a 8th grade player, feels a similar sentiment attached with winning that could be described as pride.

"It's exciting knowing that the hard work you and your team put in that week paid off," Pryor said.

But for some of the coaches, the decision to step onto the court each year does not come from the number of trophies or banners. For most it comes from a passion for the sport. Spangler said she has an appreciation for the game instilled in her by her middle school coaches. And coach Ramos shared her own similar views.

"Developing the love for the sport and teach it to others who are willing to learn at a competitive level," Ramos said, of why she loves to coach.

And it sure paid off this year. Overall, the Lady eagle did amazing this season. They came out strong, and determined with 7B making co-district champs with Reading Junior High, 7A came in second overall with 7th A teams. The 8b placed 3rd for 8th b teams, 8a placed second for 8th grade A teams.



8A grade player Gigi Alves serves against Reading.



8th grade A team players get ready for their next match.

8th grade season stats

8A won against Lamar JH - 1st set 25-19 and 21-25 and 25-21

8A won against Lamar JH- 1st set 25-9 and 25-7

8A beat George JH- 1st set 25-21 and 25-19

8B beat George JH- 1st set 28-26 and 25-21

8A beat Bay City- 1st set 25-7 and 25-12

8B beat Bay City- 1st set 25-9 and 25-16

8A beat EL Campo-1st set 25-14 and 19-25 and 25-19

8B lost to EL Campo- 1st set 21-25 and 16-25

8A lost to Reading JH- 1st set 18-25 and 17-25

8B lost to Reading JH- 1st set 17-25 and 19-

7th grade season stats

7A won against Lamar JH - 1st set-25-5 and 25-15

7B won against Lamar JH - 1st set 25-13 and 25-20

7A beat George JH- 1st set 25-12 and 25-14

7B beat George JH- 1st set 24-26 and 25-22 and 25-20

7A beat Bay City- 1st set 25-12 and 25-17

7A beat EL Campo- 1st set 25-8 and 25-8 and 25-21

7B beat EL Campo- 1st set 25-8 and 25-20

7A lost to Reading JH- 1st set 22-25 and 25-21 and 14-25

7B lost to Reading JH- 1st set 22-25 and 25-21

Football



Briscoe Soars High

Throughout the season the Briscoe football teams have encountered many victorious wins and a few hard fought losses.

And no matter the final score, players who they give it their all can accomplish anything.

"The kids are working hard and improving every day," football coach Herring said.

Even when the fourth quarter clock ran out, some of the players couldn't wait until a new scoreboard was set, to prove themselves again.

"I feel some relief that the fighting is over and we have won. But, also somewhat of an urge to play another game," Grant Guzzetta, an eighth grade quarterback, commented.

During the season most of the players felt they have gotten better and accomplished their goals, however some wished for more.

Zach Williams, a seventh grade linebacker, said, "I think everyone can get better, because as soon as you think you're the best you can be... that's when you're going to lose."

The sweat, adrenaline, and hard work all paid off. The players felt the season was a complete success.



Goals were accomplished, teammates turned into friends, and many lessons were learned all season. Reading making a tackle as Briscoe is still standing strong. see you next year for another terrific season.

Robert Habor, seventh grade offensive tackler, said, "I do my best to become be the best I can do in the world."

What more could you ask for?

As the season came to an end, Briscoe Junior High Football finished with some strong wins and a district championship against El Campo. Great job teams and

Season Stats

- 7th grade B team lost to Gorge gators 13-6
- 7th A tide against gorge Jr. high 19-19
- 8th A team lost to gorge Jr. high 7-12
- 7th C team lost to gorge Jr. High 6-7
- 8th C tide 0-0 against gorge JH
- 8th B team won 54-0 against Bay City
- 8th grade A team defeated Bay City 46-25
- 7th B team beat bay city 48-0
- 7th A beat bay city 15-6
- 7th C team defeated gorge JH
- 7th B team beat Lamar JH 20-6
- 7th A won against the Lamar ponies 19-0
- 8th B team defeated the ponies of LJH
- 8th A team LJH 18-6
- 8th B team lost against El Campo Rice birds 12-0
- 8th A team lost to El Campo 22-0
- 7th a team beat El Campo 34-7
- 7th grade B team defeated El Campo 34-12
- 7th C team loses to reading 8-14
- 8th C team tide the longhorns form reading 6-6



Coaches gives athletes a pep talk in the middle of the game for 8th grade B team.

Spanish Club



A bilingually good time

By, **Brittannie Satterfield**

Briscoe Jr. High has a club where it's fun and a good way to express your knowledge, it's called Spanish club.

According to Erin Johnson, Spanish club for her is to express her Spanish culture. There is Spanish clubs all over the world in many schools.

This year, the club's goal is to raise awareness of Hispanic cultures and promote being bilingual. Another priority of the club is to help give back to the community, by raising money to go to a food drive for Lunches of Love. Lunches of Love is a charity that helps feed LCISD students during summer and on the weekends, according to Mrs. Jaramillo.

This year the club expects to have over 300 students planning on being in Spanish club, from Ms. Castillo and Ms. Jaramillo classes. The sponsors for Spanish club this year are Ms. Jaramillo and Ms. Castillo.

The club members will be going on field trips throughout this school year like to Schiltterbahn Galveston and other trips to be determined. The students also usually experience a dance showcase of Latin American culture. After all, experience the culture of Spanish club is important.

Erin Johnson's goal for this year was to

"speak/write fluently," in Spanish, she said.

Hannah Ariott, another Spanish club student, said she was inspired her to join Spanish club.

"(I want) to expand my knowledge of Spanish cultures and way of life," Ariott said.

Spanish club is also a very good way to expand knowledge according to society. When you are bilingual, you are socially considered a very smart person. And that is a plus anyone could enjoy.

Colton Singh, a Spanish club student, said he wanted to join Spanish club for two reasons.

"(I) wanted to go on the field trips and learn more about the Spanish culture," Singh said.

Mrs. Jaramillo said many students join for similar reasons.

"The field trips and celebrating biadeles muertos with food and movies," Ms. Jaramillo said of why she thinks most students want to join.



Spanish club students selling for their first annual lollipop sale fundraiser.

Spanish Club in a sentence according to its sponsor:

"Spanish club is another opportunity for students to practice their Spanish in a fun environment."

-Ms. Jaramillo



Cool Spanish facts

- Spanish is expected to be the first language of 50% of the population of the United States within 50 years. Source
- Spanish is spoken in 44 countries (with at least 3 million native speakers in each)
- Spanish is one of the world's most phonetic languages

Source: <http://dchsspfl.wordpress.com/>

Cool Spanish words

ACHUCHAR - hug someone to the point that they can't breathe

Estrenar - to use or wear something for the first time

CACHAS - one who is all muscle

alucinante- it means awesome

MEARSE DE RISA - to laugh so hard you feel you're going to pee on your pants

beber- to drink

Imaginate-just imagine

balbucear = to babble

Editorial

This opinion section of the paper is devoted to writing about things that the students are talking and thinking about.

There is No Point

By: Ashley Beck

I can't imagine how many teachers get the question, "Why can't we have our phones out?" every day.

Well I say there's no point.

I mean there's only four minutes in a passing period and we only have to have our phones put away from 8:15 to 3:40. On top of that, some teachers let us have our phones out on certain occasions.

If we were on our phones twenty-four/seven it would take time off of everything else. I mean no one wants to be considered an anti-social loser because they would be on our phones and most likely ignore everyone and everything around us.

Also, if you want to end up with a cracked phone or a full body cast from falling down the stairs fill free. People would always be on their phones and pay no attention to

where they are walking and could bump into each other or the things around them. Bumping into each other could cause you to knock someone's phone out of there hand and cause it to break or even crack their screen.

Then there's the tardies to consider. If someone ends up with 800 tardies because they are always on their phone, that's their own fault. They might be late for class because they are more interested in their phone than going to class, and it only takes a few tardies and before you know it you will be in detention. When you could have saved yourself if you just didn't pull your phone out.

So overall having our phones out could result in making us anti-social loser, getting us tardies, result in us having no friends, and us being in a cast or a broken phone. So, I say there is no point in having our phones out is just causes more trouble for the whole school.

Let the Phones be Free

By: Lauren E. Prince

About 80 percent of teenagers have cell phones, and most of those kids bring their cell phones to school. Every teenager uses their phones for texting or checking the time during school. When they check their phones, they risk getting their phone taken up. A school rule is no cell phones on during school hours, but most students leave them on anyway. Having cell phone privileges all day is a little much, but the students deserve to at least be able to use their phones in the hallway.

Students all need to be able to check the time. Most of the time kids are stressing about being late to class, and they even get to their classes early because they are scared about being late. If they had their phones, they could check the time; therefore, they could make time for going to the restroom instead of stressing over making it to class.

Also, it would stop kids from playing on their phones in class. If they were allowed to use their phones, they would be less tempted to use it during class. Instead of texting during class, they could text between classes. Therefore it would stop

kids from getting in trouble.

Another reason is that teens have lives. Everybody wants to go on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook. They all want to keep in touch with their friend's lives and make sure everyone is in touch with theirs. Everyone has friends and texting is the most common form of communication now-a-days. If kids don't text their friends, they may lose them. Also sometimes it is important to talk to their parent. They may need to ask to stay after for tutoring or for a game. It is important to contact friends and family.

Lastly, Foster allows their students to have their cell phones out in the hallways. Most of the students at Foster went to Briscoe and the rule changes are confusing. It would be so much easier for young students' minds if they got phone privileges in all grade levels.

Because of all these reasons, cell phone privileges in the hallway should be allowed. It would a great choice to change the rules and allow cell phone in the hallways.

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27	28	29	30	Nov. 1 	2	3
4	5 Boys Football vs. Elcampo 8 th Foster 7 th George	6 BJH College Day (Wear a College Jersey or shirt)	7	8 End of 2 nd six weeks	9 All Region Band Auditions Lamar	10
11 Boys BB try-out week	12	13 Best Out Bullying Day	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 District Band clinic and Concert TBA	23	24
25	26 Honor role Student choice day	27 Thanksgiving break	28 Thanksgiving break	29 Thanks giving break	30	Dec. 1 
2	3	4	5 Foster high school Theatre production	6	7	8
9	10 Choir concert	11	12 Boys Basketball vs. George	13	14	15

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Quotie Corner! By: Kayleigh Frank

“Everyone dies with a reason, no one lives without one”

-Alyssa S.

“People will hate you, rate you, shake you, and break you. But how strong you stand, is what makes you.

-Kayleigh F.

