

Bands battle to the top

Fighting their way to victory

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Battle of the Bands was a competition that was held each year to show off the talent and ambition of student musicians. The four bands that advanced to the competition were Borderline, Periscopes, Code 4, and Kuya.

"Battle was very good this year, it was tough to determine a winner! The competition was a combination of great talent and awesome music, it was really fun!" said **Katelyn Fretwell, 9**.

Battle of the Bands was expected to blow people away, literally.

"It was very loud," said **Officer Paul Payne**.

The competition was designed to gather people with the same musical interest and encourage the musical talents of students that were in bands.

There was some controversy, however, about the choosing of the bands. Members of the bands that were not chosen for the competition were frustrated with the fact that they did not get the chance to show everybody what they were really capable of. Other students were not happy with the choosing of the bands, either.

"I think the nominations could have been better. Whatever happened to five bands in the final? This year there are only four. A lot of other bands also could have been in the competition, such as Gill Green, Napoleon, Nights at the Round Table, and Table 9," said **Joseph Talmage, 12**.

Despite the problems, many students really enjoyed Battle of the Bands and were happy with the results. The winners of Battle of the Bands 2006 were the Periscopes, who were awarded \$500. The second place winner was Kuya who won \$250. A lot of students were not surprised that Periscopes won. They had fun and they were extremely pleased with the overall results.

Hosts of the show, Matthew Summerlin, 12, and Katharine Swantko, 12, entertain on stage with Mr. Chris Kloesz. The two hosts were great and made everyone laugh. They were a memorable addition to Battle of the Bands.



"There's nothing about music that I don't like. I look forward to Battle of the Bands every year!"
-**Brian Silverman, 11**



Borderline performs a song on stage during the competition. The band brought everything they had, everyone gave 100%, and the passion that they had for their music was very noticeable. Though they did not end up winning, they proved their talent simply by being chosen as one of the finalists. Their determination throughout their show got everyone's attention making them a band that should be watched in the future.



Periscopes plays a killer show and knocks the other bands out of competition. Band members Peyton Copes, 12, Max Frecka, 12, Kian Fallahi, 12, Casey Weissbuch, 12, and Hans Von Ohain, 12, really showed their talent and blew everyone away. Periscopes ended up being voted the winner of Battle of the Bands and left everyone believing it was well deserved.