



Scrabble® Club



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"Girls just wanna have fun!" Kim Burnie, 9, Anna Connelly, 9, Anna Hochgasang, 9, and Valerie Rozzo, 9, played a more casual game of Scrabble. They did not keep score, only played for fun.

Think faster! Joel Su, 9, waits as Emily St. Syr, 10, ponders to find a spot on the board. She wanted to form the word with the greatest point value. Unlike most games, Scrabble never became boring, because the board was always changing.

Word! Does this catchphrase sound least bit familiar? It should, because this was the logo on the back of the Scrabble® Club t-shirts.

Scrabble® Club was introduced with a fun and funky flavor, a new kind of fun has been added to the game Scrabble®. Every Friday room 215 was filled with the shouts and whispers of multi-syllabic and creative words. No, Mrs. Connie Smith was not talking to herself; Scrabble® Club was having a meeting!

"Friday afternoons are great, I have to form variations on Scrabble®. One is where the member can create any

imaginary word they can think of as long as they come up with a plausible and specific definition to coincide," said **Kavita Joshi, 12.**

"I look for high-scoring words, using the face value of each and the placement on the board," said **Adam Bahir, 12.**

No matter what variation they play or intensity of the game, all five of the boards promise a game full of fun and laughter. Full of fascinating faces, Scrabble® was no longer a traditional board game.



Think! Hillary Fingerman, 10 is concentrating hard. She was part of Lehla Kiso, 10, and Jonathan Plona's, 11, board. The room had more than five boards playing at once one any given Friday.



Random Acts of Kindness Club

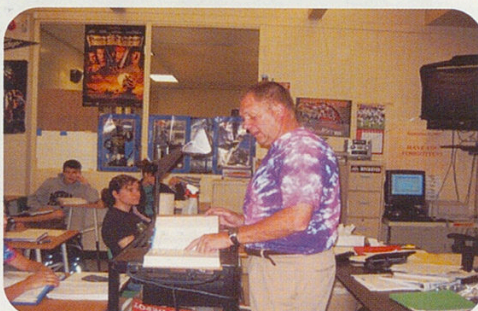


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Deanna Rosen, 12, heads up the club. Despite having teacher advisers, she takes care of most of the planning. The club meetings are scheduled by e-mail.

Mr. Steve Imhoff is the teacher adviser for the club. Although he's retiring this year, he is still heavily involved. He tries to take a back seat to Deanna though.



While most clubs ran during the year to focus on shared student interests, a select few focus on helping others. Students who take part in the Random Acts of Kindness Club get together and plan events that benefit the well being of others.

They hosted things such as a Valentine's fundraiser for the American Heart Association.

"I think they do a lot of good work," said **Katie Smith, 12.**

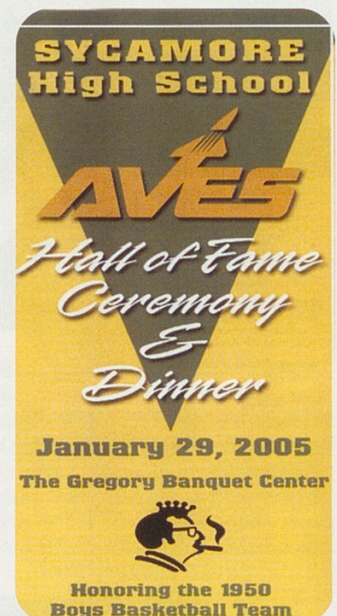
Although most clubs meet on a monthly basis, Random Acts of Kindness Club gets together when meetings are announced through e-mail or when someone has a good idea.

"I send out an e-mail when we want to do something and then we get together and plan it. Mr. Imhoff is there to help with administrative issues" said **Deanna Rosen, 12.**

A history of good deeds is not the only unique quality of the club. It also has a certain level of anonymity. Members like to remain nameless in an effort to shed light on the fundraising rather than receiving personal credit.

"It's really cool that these people have raised so much money and choose to remain nameless," said **Ashley Chorpennning, 11.**

The tradition of Random Acts of Kindness is sure to carry on.



The club posted flyers like this to notify students of events. They also hung banners and made announcements. These methods prompted a large student response.

