

# Bringing a little Zen into Now

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**T**'WAS THE NIGHT OF NOW AND ZEN!

**ALL** night long, students and their guests boogied to the beat. The idea of this dance is to unite the students with their parents and encourage communication between the very different lives of teens and adults. Not only do the students bring their own parents, they bring friend's parents, grandparents, teachers, and coaches. Dancing to the beat of the Re-bops was a change for the students instead of their normal hip hop DJ.

"I thought it was the best Odd Couples yet: Best designs, best sounds, and the best crowd," said **Mr. David Swift**,

one of the band members, and band teacher.

Before the dancing even started, everyone began with an abundant amount of appetizers while in anticipation for their large meal to come.

"I thought the food was very good, considering I heard it was horrible," said **Brittany Lawrence, 9**.

S.H.A.P.E. presented a spectacular dinner made possible by the cost of the tickets being \$48 a couple. After tummies were full, couples headed out to the dance floor to show off their moves. The zen theme was represented throughout the gym, where the dinner was held, as well as in the commons creating a state of serenity.

**74%**

wanted to go to Odd Couples

**26%**

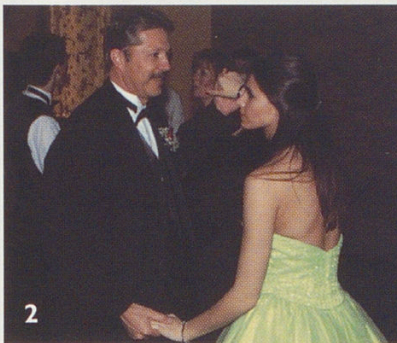
said it was their parents idea to go



**1. HAVING A BALL WITH HIS MOM**, Elliott Skopin, 10, dances to *The Rebops* all night long. Mr. Paul Alexander, a teacher at the Jr. High, and his band played for the crowd that night. It was a nice twist to listen to Oldies played by the band instead of a DJ at the other dances.

**2. DOING SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT THIS TIME!** After dancing with her dad, Lauren Faulkner, 12, joined Mrs. Linda Gartner, Jr. High choir teacher, on stage. She sang "Lean on Me" to the crowd. "I had a great time singing with Mrs. Gartner. It brought back a lot of great memories from the Junior High," said Faulkner.

**3. YUM YUM! THE DINNER** for the night went along with the theme of the dance. Everyone went to the buffet for their choices of Lo Mien noodles, rice, mashed potatoes, chicken, and beef. **Michael Stubblebine, 11**, and his mother got stuffed from the large variety. They then headed off to the start the festivities.



**WHAT A COUPLE!** ANGELA CORNEJO, 12, and her father stopped for a minute to pose for a picture. After the wonderful dinner, and the incredible dancing, they ended the night with a slow song before heading home.



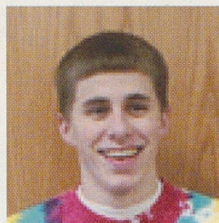
"I thought it was really cool, and the decorations were awesome! The school did a really good job of putting it all together."

>Joe Rosati, 9



"I had a really good time with my mom and the decorations were really elaborate. I definitely plan on going again!"

>Brandy Sears, 10



"Odd Couples is a nice contrast to all the other dances. The dance was more for the parents, but I still enjoyed myself."

>Sean Wright, 11



"As a senior, it was my first Odd Couples, so I went out and bought a new dress."

>Katie Gordan, 12

**"The dance was very well organized and they did a wonderful job with the dinner arrangements and the accompanying centerpieces."** David Polaniecki, 12