

# equestrian club

# horsing around

By: Kelli Rogers



**Janet Schibler, 12**, participates in a horse show. She rode her horse, Dancy, at Hunter's Run Farm. With eight years of riding experience, **Schibler** had fun with competing, mostly taking part in a three-day event.

The group that met in Room 248 may have been small, but that didn't stop the eight girls from making big plans. Equestrian Club met regularly once a month to organize plans such as supporting a fellow member at their show, to share a story or two, or just to bond over their mutual love of horses.

"I've been riding Western at my cousin's farm for years," said **Brianna Moody, 9**.

It didn't matter how much horse experience a student had; anyone with a love of horses was welcome.

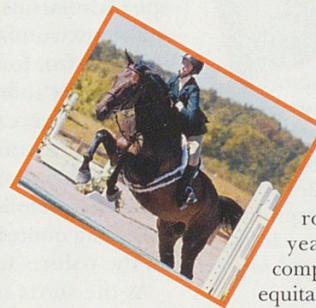
"It's really fun to finally meet other horse people at school," said **Olivia Poff, 11**.

Every girl agreed that it was nice to talk with other horse lovers about their upcoming shows or problems they may

have been having with training.

"It can be hard talking about horses or what's going on at a barn with people who don't ride, which is why Equestrian Club is the perfect place to talk about it!" said **Jenna Samuels, 9**.

The club planned fun events such as a trail ride at Winton Woods, a holiday party, and a trip to the famous Rolex horse show.

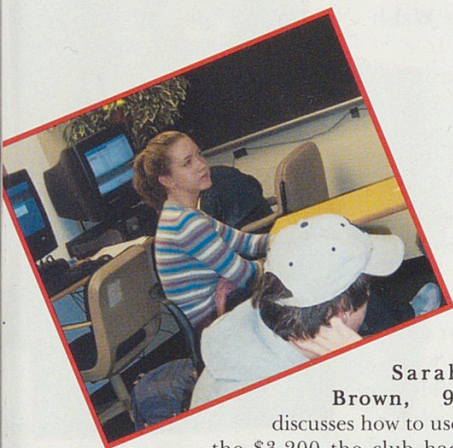


**Olivia Poff, 11**, jumps her horse, Kinetic. **Poff** had eight years of riding experience, and rode Kinetic for four of those years at Teal Lake Farm. She competed year round in hunter and equitation events.

# operation smile

# brightening kids' smiles worldwide

By: Jaime Orent



**Sarah Brown, 9**, discusses how to use the \$3,200 the club had from previous years with the rest of the Operation Smile members. Raising money was not the only way the club could help underprivileged children. Visiting less fortunate kids in the area and putting together bags of specific items for the kids that had already received the surgery were other ways to help.

One in every 750 children is born with a facial deformity. \$750 is also the amount of money needed to perform the facial reconstructive surgery needed by those children.

"I love smiling and I want to help other kids smile too," said **Ruthann Chernausek, 11**.

Operation Smile, an international organization formed in 1992, worked extremely hard to help the underprivileged children in countries around the world to afford this relatively inexpensive procedure.

The school chapter of Operation Smile, headed by their new adviser, **Mrs. Tamara**

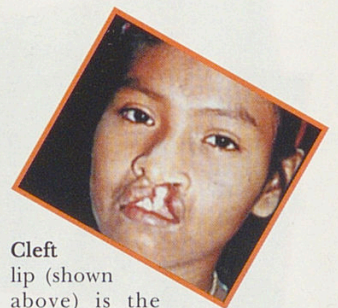
**Brewer**, raised funds throughout the year to give to the local chapter, who in turn distributed the money to families in need.

"This club is a great way to help children around the world," said **Adrienne Phillips, 12**.

Participation in Operation Smile counted for community service hours and was student led.

"This is a feel good club- It makes you feel good to do things to help other people. You can be as involved as you choose," said **Mrs. Tamara Brewer**, adviser.

The motto for Operation Smile was to always help kids, and that's exactly what they did.



**Cleft lip** (shown above) is the most common of the facial deformities. One in every 500 births in underprivileged countries suffer from facial deformities. Fixing these deformities can be the difference between life or death for some of these children.