

diversity council

walking Together Hand in Hand

By: Brandy Sears

as we walked around the halls we are surrounded by so many different faces. There were many students from different ethnic backgrounds, countries, and races. There were 37 different languages being spoken. Our school was diversity in itself.

Diversity Council was set up to make sure that we keep people thinking about others, to make sure everyone was comfortable in their environment and to teach other students about other backgrounds that they might not have been exposed to on an everyday basis.

Although there was no actual Diversity Day, there were many activities that students participated in.

Students of Diversity Council attended the Freedom Center in downtown Cincinnati at the beginning of December.

"I was really excited to finally see the representation of diversity throughout Cincinnati," said **Jacqueline Roesch, 12**.

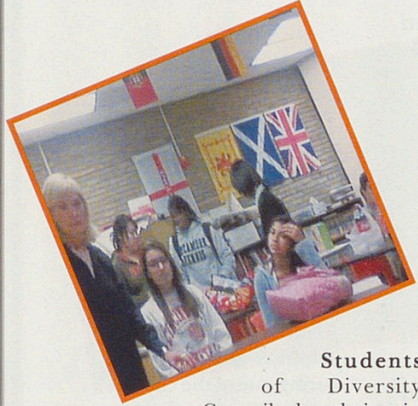
Also, there was a Mix It Up day at lunch.

"I was excited to participate in this activity. I'm from Switzerland, and we did not have activities like this that celebrate diversity," said **Eugenia Vlaskou-Badra, 11**.

Mix It Up day was a great way for old and new students to meet new people and to break away from their everyday friends.



Mr. Kenji Matsudo enjoys Diversity Council's second meeting of the year. He observed the clubs meeting as well as throwing in his own thoughts on diversity issues. Being of a different ethnicity, he was a huge help throughout the year.



Students of Diversity Council plan their trip to the Freedom Center in downtown Cincinnati. They were really enthusiastic about what they learned. They were then able to bring more diversity knowledge into our school.

rock climbing club

adrenaline rush

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Reaching the metal bar at the top of the rock climbing wall is such a rush for the members of Rock Climbing Club.

They met every Friday after school at 3 p.m. for a trip to Rock Quest, a place to experience what it would be like to be a true rock climber.

Naturally, it's not like climbing through the gorges of the Grand Canyon but it's close enough for a quick adrenaline high.

"I love rock climbing. I get excited to rock climb whenever I have the chance to climb," said **Mike Nadel, 10**.

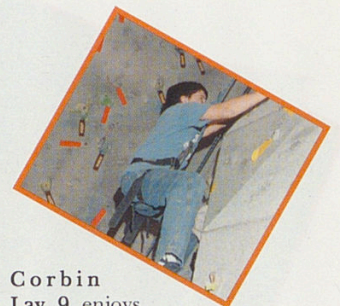
To climb with the club each student had to pay \$7 each Friday that they wanted to climb. Their parents also had to sign a waiver

that was provided online by Rock Quest. The school provided a small van to transport the students who did not have their licenses yet.

Dr. Gene Donatell planned a trip to Red River Gorge for an outdoor rock climbing experience. They also did a little rappelling as well. This trip was taken very seriously.

"Horseplay is not tolerated, rock climbing is a serious sport and needs to be taken seriously," said **Dr. Gene Donatell**.

Rock Climbing Club was a great way to let out some of the everyday stresses we encounter as well as a great way to meet new people who were interested in experiencing new adventures.



Corbin Lay, 9, enjoys rock climbing in his spare time. He participated in Rock Climbing Club all year long. **Dr. Donatell** hopes to see him participate in the club next year.



Reaching for the top of the wall, Margot Wayne, 10 practices with the Rock Climbing Club at Rock Quest. She went to many of the climbing days throughout the year. Her skill level in climbing increased greatly.