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Reaching sixteen

Celebrating birthdays in style

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Sixteenth birthdays, an important milestone in every teenager's life, were celebrated in style.

"I always thought when I was younger that turning 16 meant that I was a true teenager. I always imagined it would be so cool," said **Kelsey Tremblay, 10**.

Sixteen was a big year for teenagers. For most, it meant that there was the possibility of finally getting a license. After sitting through 24 hours of driving school, and eight hours of in-car driving with an instructor, teens' sixteenth birthdays were often the final step to obtaining freedom on the roads. Sixteenth birthdays also meant parties. Many wanted to celebrate the momentous occasion and create as many memories as they could.

"I really just wanted to go all out and throw a huge party. Turning 16 is important, and I wanted to have some fun," said **Priya Patel, 10**.

Themed parties, huge bashes with well planned decorations and wild surprise celebrations were the norm. Each party strived to be unique. **Kelsey Fairhurst, 10**, held a Sunday brunch for all of her friends, where guests enjoyed a variety of foods. While some like to go all out and be creative, still others found it no different from any other birthday.

"It's not that big of a deal to me. It'll be neat to be 16, but it's really not that different, unless you get your license," said **Abbey Reedy, 10**.

All in all, sophomores celebrated in many ways, but one thing was the same for everyone...turning 16 was sweet.