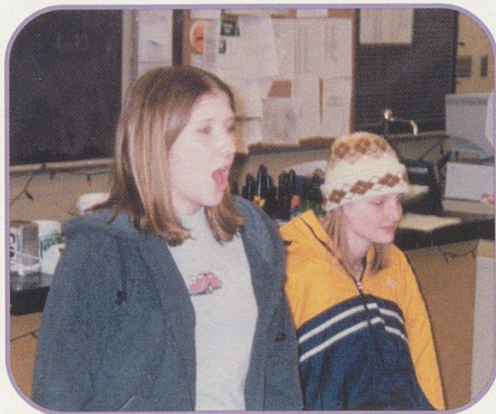


# GIVING STUDENTS HOPE



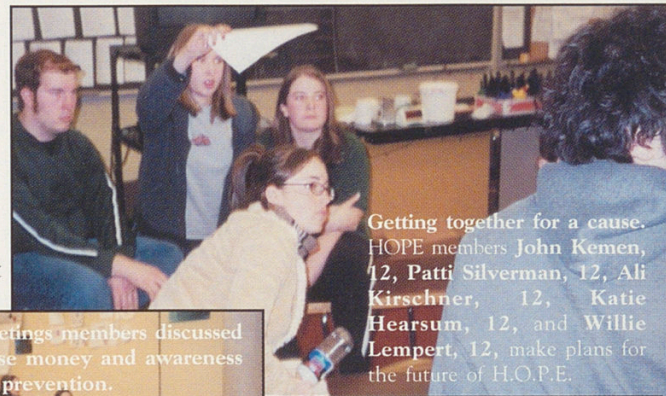
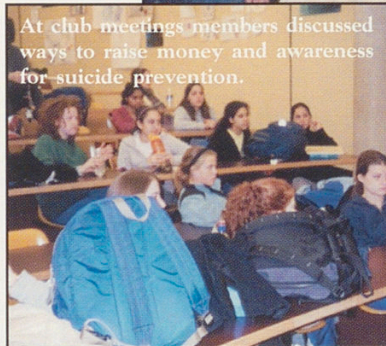
"I went to Fernside one summer, and now I am really glad that my organization is raising money for it. It is a camp that helps children with suicide in their life cope and be around other kids like them,"  
**Shannon Brown, 12, President.**

**H.O.P.E.** stands for Help, Outreach, Prevention, and Education against Suicide and Stress. The members of Hope raise awareness about suicide prevention and help provide stress reduction for students. They did this in a number of ways; passing out "You are loved" buttons, placing stress reduction signs in the commons during exam week, and Yellow Ribbon week are just a few. Yellow Ribbon Week was a time for students, parents, and teachers to recognize the presence of suicide in our society. They also printed out informational flyers and handouts about suicide prevention.

On top of raising awareness, H.O.P.E. also did their part in raising money for numerous other organizations with their same goal. Corsage and boutonniere sales and bake sales gathered funds for one organization per month.

"I'm in HOPE because at one point I was suicidal and I want to help other people to never feel the way I used to," said **John Kemen, 12.** By Anne Willis

At club meetings members discussed ways to raise money and awareness for suicide prevention.



Getting together for a cause. HOPE members John Kemen, 12, Patti Silverman, 12, Ali Kirschner, 12, Katie Hearsom, 12, and Willie Lempert, 12, make plans for the future of H.O.P.E.

I just wanted to let you know that I cared...



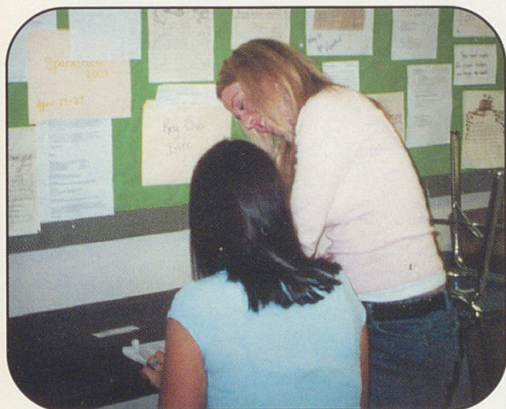
Here's a HUG!!!  
 "We need 4 hugs a day for survival.  
 We need 8 hugs a day for maintenance.  
 We need 12 hugs a day for growth."

**Virginia Satir**

Sponsored by H.O.P.E.

**Passing out the hugs.** Students were greeted by H.O.P.E. members as they walked into school on Valentine's Day. They passed out these poems and Hershey's Hugs to ensure a happy day for all.

# HUDDLE it UP



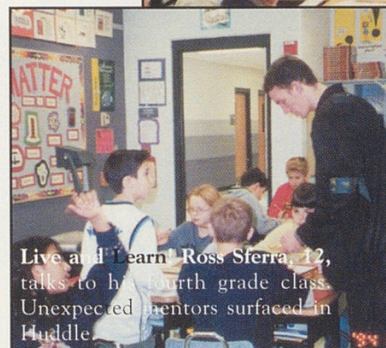
"Being a senior in HUDDLE was sad because I'm going to miss everyone, but it was such a fun experience,"

**-Sarah Lesan, 12**

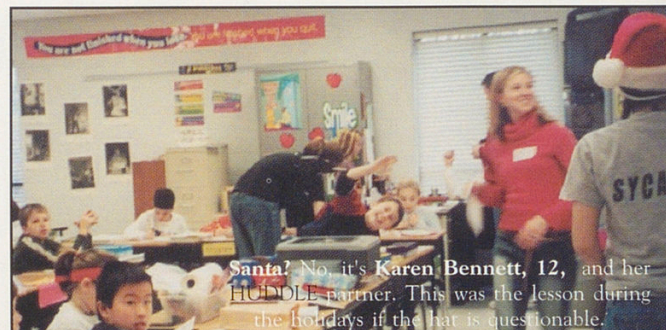
**OK,** it starts during the summer and requires admittance. Sounds like a sport, right? Nope, HUDDLE members have to apply at the end of the year if they want to be a member the following one. Then, their applications are reviewed and if they qualify, the members are sent to a training camp during the summer. Why all this training? It is preparation for learning to deal with fourth graders. Once a month, HUDDLE members and their partners take a trip down to the elementary schools to talk with the students about important issues, such as violence, drugs and alcohol. This club was developed to help out the future generation of our nation.

"Helping the kids has been rewarding and fun at the same time," said **Kennie Giles, 12.**

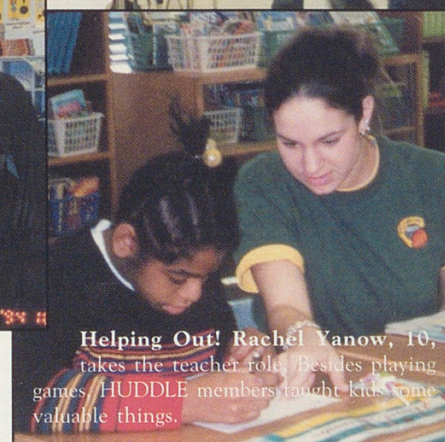
By Mandy Hauser



**Live and Learn!** Ross Sferra, 12, talks to his fourth grade class. Unexpected mentors surfaced in Huddle.



**Santa?** No, it's Karen Bennett, 12, and her HUDDLE partner. This was the lesson during the holidays if the hat is questionable.



**Helping Out!** Rachel Yanow, 10, takes the teacher role. Besides playing games, HUDDLE members taught kids some valuable things.