

# UNITY IN the COMMUNITY

The beautiful lights. Christianna Matthews, 12, and Danielle Fluker, 11, each light a candle. Each candle lit represents each day of Kwanza.

Darielle Daniels, 9, discusses a principle on Kwanza. She is one of many speakers. All of the speeches are meaningful.



Black Student Union has grown greatly over the last few years. They have about twenty members who are all upperclassman. The purpose of the club and program is to encourage a better understanding among all students and to promote African-American history. Every year a key event for the club is their Kwanzaa program. This year the students informed other students about Kwanzaa through a play.

"The production made people realize that it is more of a cultural celebration than a religious celebration," said Danielle Fluker, 11.

The featured speaker was Marsha Watts, Vice President of Urban League of Cincinnati, to speak about Kwanzaa.

"Watts made us think about how to make ourselves, our community and school better," said

Kennie Giles, 12.

Not only was the Kwanza program a success this year, but the turn out in the club was too. **By Jennie Juran**

Such a big help. Kennie Giles, 12, nails her lines in the play. This production keeps the audience very interested.



Sharing a moment! Adviser, Mrs. Gretchen Washington, and speaker, Marsha Watts share great moments together during the Kwanzaa celebration. Watts is a great help for the understanding of the holiday.

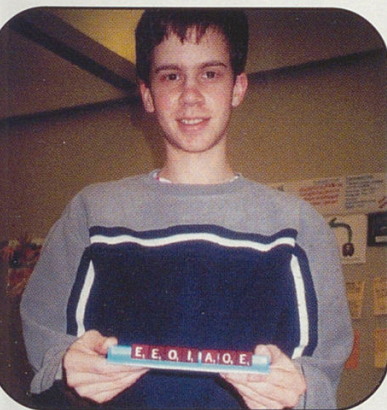
"The program was fun and innovative. I wish we had a better turn out," said Robin Robinson, 12.

# PIECING it together

Letter by letter. Scrabble Club made its debut, as a new and exciting addition to the many clubs already in existence. Led by English teacher, Mrs. Connie Smith, the club met regularly on Fridays, twice a month. Students ate, drank, socialized and played scrabble, while improving their word skills. This club incorporated fun times with learning.

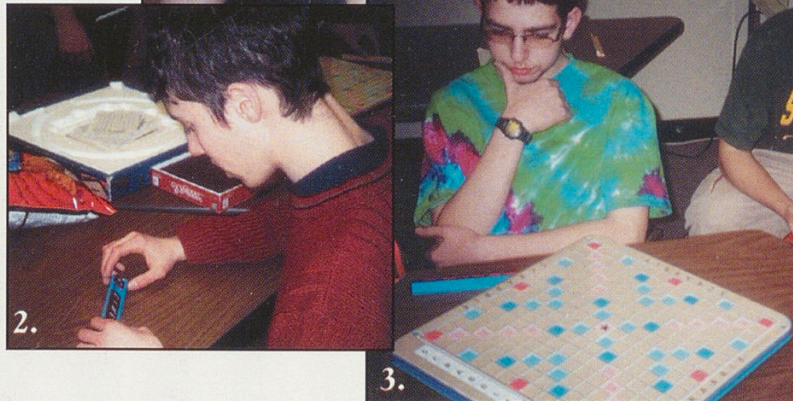
The president of the club was Rohit Kedia, 12, vice president Bharat Sharma, 12, and the secretary Nathan Schneider, 11. This classic game has been available to the public for over seventy years, making it a favorite of many students.

**By Jenni Forbes and Katie Loftspring.**



"My favorite thing about being in scrabble club is relaxing at the end of the week with a fun, challenging game,"

-Nathan Schneider, 11



1. S-C-R-A-B-B-L-E. Karen Staubach, 11, and Meaghan Ebetino, 11, spell out their favorite club. 2. Food and games. Jacob Lee, 11, searches for a word to give him a good score. 3. Concentration. Adam Bahir, 10, has fun gathering in groups with friends to play scrabble. Many of those who attend the club regularly, found it a nice way to spend their Friday afternoons, after a long, busy week at school.