

# Students parade Halloween finery promoting advisory team unity

**By ANDREW DEMPEWOLF**  
A fairy, a toilet, a Bunsen burner, clowns, and old ladies filled the high school gym on Friday, as students took their seats to watch fellow classmates parade in their Halloween costumes.

The spook parade was put together for the advisory groups.

The purpose of the costume contest was to build team unity within the groups and to introduce two of the thinking maps, which is one of the strategies the teachers have chosen for their school improvement plan.

Senior Kaitlyn Gillespie said, "I had fun watching everybody parade. They looked really eccentric today."

Last week, the advisory groups received a mission from coordinator Brenda Breth to create either a funny or a scary costume with every group member's help.

Each member was to bring something that would contribute to the outfit.

First, each group brainstormed Halloween costumes in their advisory group using a circle map, and then they used a brace map to break



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the costume into its parts and to figure out who would bring what.

Finally, last Friday, each group had 15 minutes to dress their contestant in his/her costume. All contestants then paraded in the senior

high gym. Each advisory group had to come to a consensus and vote for the scariest costume and the funniest costume.

Winning first place in the funny division was Ryan Bishop, dressed

as a girl. He is a member of Randy Olson's team. Amber Mason from Wendy Scott's advisory group won the scary competition. She was costumed as a zombie.

Channing Farr and Andrew Dempewolf tied for second in the funny category. Channing was the Pillsbury Dough Boy and Andrew was a fairy.

Channing represented Robyn Wessel's group, and Andrew, Carol Brown's group.

Kade Brown of Joe Dreher's group received second place in the scary category by dressing up as a scary old lady.

"The Halloween dress up activity produced wonderful products with lots of excitement and fun. It was a great way to build unity, teamwork, thinking skills, and school spirit," said Principal Charles Haag.

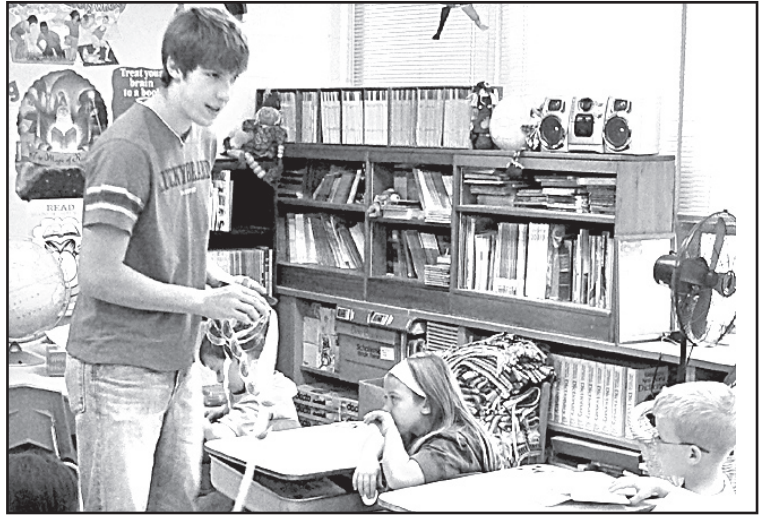
Winners of the advisory group poster contest were also announced last Friday. Susan Nelson's group won with their poster, "Glazed and Confused." Each member wrote their favorite activities and hobbies on doughnuts.

Tying for second were the teams of Carol Brown and Pat Dorshorst.

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## Decatur Dictator

By the DCHS Dictator Staff



**JAREDMARCUSON** talked to the second graders about the effects of drugs Wednesday, during Red Ribbon Week.

## "Slam the Door on Drugs" presented at grade school

**By WHITNEY WRIGHT**

The TACT group is helping to slam the door on drugs. Last week several members of TACT went to the Oberlin Elementary School as part of Red Ribbon Week, which is devoted to raising awareness of the hazards of drug use.

The high school students talked to the elementary students about reasons not to do drugs and the effects of drugs. The theme for this year was "Slam the Door on Drugs."

After the teens spoke about the effects of drugs, they judged the door decorating contest at the elementary school. The classes were to decorate their doors to represent a drug-free message. The winning classes received prizes.

"I always like to see how the teens

interact with the little ones," said Wendy Scott, TACT sponsor.

TACT members also tied red ribbons on vehicles to help commemorate the week.

Members of TACT who participated in the "Slam the Door on Drugs" activities were Jessica Bremer, Kenzie Fisher, Jenny Ploussard, Alyssa Rippe, Becky Helm, Jared Marcuson, Nikki Wessel, Jay Wessel, Jacinta Carter, Nathan Simonsson, Chenaniah Langness, Jordan Tally, Anna Larue and LeAnna Sheaffer.

Winners of the door decorating contest were Jeri Buchholz' fifth-grade class for the most creative, Judy Elwood's third-grade class for the best use of theme, and Kathy Tacha's second-grade class for the most creative.

## 7th grade places second at Scholar Bowl

**By CHERISH MANNING**

The seventh- and eighth-grade scholar bowl teams competed in Cheylin for their first scholar bowl tournament of the year.

The seventh grade had an out-

standing finish. At the completion of the rounds, they were in a four-way tie for first place. After the tiebreaker, they ended with second place. Rawlins County won the tournament.

The seventh-grade team consisted of Kade Brown, Matthew Helm, Channing Farr, Ryan May, and Zach May. They had a total of seven wins and two losses.

Kade Brown said, "We did pretty

well for our first tournament."

Eighth graders also competed in this tournament. Members of the eighth-grade team were Amanda Marshall, Nolan Henningson, Greg Shaw, and Tyler Shields.

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