

Mama Madness in the Middle School



The Middle School Council has kicked into gear with a bang. They decided to start the year off with a community service activity designed to encourage the middle school students to develop and appreciate their potential as individuals within the context of a caring community. During their first major activity, they have broken all their previous records. What activity is that? "Mama Madness," of course! And the organizer was none other than the MSC advisor, Ms. Alissa, of course.

Each homeroom collected as many cups of Mama as they could, to be contributed to well deserving causes. Half of the Mama will go to a

home for children with HIV and half will go to displaced prisoners. Not only did the middle school students nurture a sense of social responsibility through the Mama Madness campaign, they were also rewarded with points for their House Teams.

The homeroom that collected the most won 100 points - congratulations to Mr. Marshall's 7-6 of the Babbling Bombastic Blue Baboons for collecting 592 cups! The second place won 50 points and congratulations to Ms. Aloha's 7-2 of the Black Beans with 504 cups! 25 extra points went to Ms. Leah's class for collecting 478 cups - way to go, Red Phoenix! For the first time ever, all homerooms participated and each collected more than 100 cups of mama. A job well done!

In terms of House Teams, Black Beans led with 1,746 cups, followed by the White Knights with 1,507 cups, Bombastic Babbling Blue Baboons with 1,424 cups and the Red Phoenixes with 1,212 cups. Approximately 5,900 cups were donated in all by students in the Middle School!

Great spirit, Middle School! You have proved that Middle School students can be the most giving people in the world.



STAND UP and SPEAK OUT

Mr. Dennis's 7th and 8th grade Global Issues class would like to ask the entire RIS and RIST community to join them in standing up and speaking out against poverty. On October 16 and 17, people worldwide will literally and symbolically Stand Up and Speak Out demanding their governments keep their promise to end extreme poverty.

Stand Up and Speak Out is a global call to action. Last year, more than 23 million people worldwide took part and set a new Guinness World Record. In 2000, leaders of 189 nations signed up to the Millennium Development Goals, a global plan to halve poverty by 2015. Yet, everyday, 50,000 people die as a result of extreme poverty.

This year, RIS and RIST can help break last year's record simply by standing up at the school's assembly on Wednesday, October 17. The middle school Global Issues classes will be screening their public service announcement appealing for an end to poverty at the assembly. Be part of this growing movement of people who refuse to stay seated or silent in the face of poverty. Let's stand up and be counted!