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A MUSICAL VICTORY

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Bolles' Bartram Chorus has done it again! On March 3rd and 4th, the chorus competed in a musical challenge called Federation at the University of North Florida, and they came out with an amazing number of superior ratings from the judges—27 superior ratings in all!

Federation is a competition in which students from around the district perform in different events such as vocals, duets, and solos. Later, they take a test on their musical abilities. Students attaining "superior" ratings are eligible to compete in a state Federation competition, held this year on May 5 and 6.

Mrs. Curtis, the chorus's accomplished music teacher, proclaimed, "This is one of my best bunches yet! They're amazing!!!"

The Bartram chorus members who participated in district Federation were Morganne Woltner, Camille McCutcheon, Ilana Habib, Nick Browder, Noor Ashouri, Tori Reiman, Michal Hyde, Natalie Reeder, Taylor Hughes, Alli Calegari, Grace Dahlstrom, Sarah Peyton, Tiffany Clarke, Leilani Larsen, Missy Lent, Kiani Ned, Ashlyn Perry, and Lily Whitehouse.

"We're reaching for the gold this year!" a chorus student yelled. Good luck!



8th Grade Deprivation?

by Becca Surratt & Kody Sparks

Usually around this time of the school year, eighth graders have their eighth grade field trip and field day to look forward to, but not this year.

The eighth grade feels that we should have some sort of 8th grade activity like the eighth graders from years past. In the beginning of the year, the eighth grade has gone to the Outpost, but this year we did not even get to enjoy that activity. Since then, we have been deprived of the annual 8th grade field trip and field day, too.

The eighth grade field trip is when the whole grade takes a day off from school to drive down to Sea World, Islands of Adventure etc. for a bonding activity. Another big favorite is field day. This is where the eighth grade gets to spend an afternoon out on the football field playing games like mud volleyball and tug o' war. However, neither of these activities will be taking place this year!

Some have made the argument that going on a field trip to an amusement park wouldn't be educational, but that's not entirely true. Currently in science we are learning about Newton's Laws of Gravity. The concept that roller coasters flip upside down but people don't fall out has a lot to do with gravity (and the fact that you are strapped in by cast iron bars!) You also experience inertia (another law of Newton's) when the roller coaster turns one way, but your body keeps on moving the other way.

But beyond educational aspects, these activities are absolutely essential for community building. There are many eighth graders who are not in any of your classes and because of this, you never get to really know them. This year the Kennedy Space Center was the only opportunity we had to really have fun with all of our fellow eighth graders. Next year, the work load will be tripled and we will be the tiny freshmen. We won't be able to do anything like this for a very long time.

All of the previous eighth graders have had these fun trips and activities, and future eighth graders will probably have them also. It would be unfair to leave the eighth grade class of 2010 without these experiences.

Upcoming Events

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| April 28-29: Relay for Life | May 10: 6th Grade Field Trip to Museum of Science & History in Gainesville |
| May 1-4: ERB Testing | May 12: Spring Carnival |
| May 5: Faculty/Staff Appreciation Luncheon | May 16: Spring Band and Choir Concert |
| May 5-6: MS Chorus at State Music Federation at UNF | May 18-19: 8th Grade Business Project Fair |
| May 8: Academic Banquet at Epping Forest | May 24: Awards Day, 10 am |
| May 10: 7th Grade Field Trip to Wild Adventure | |