

Say "Ambiance!"

Get Ready Before dance doors open, junior Athena Phommivong creates the balloon design so Mark Mess and his photography crew can form the photo background and sophomore Makayla Wallbusser adds final touches to the boom box for the retro atmosphere.



Frozen In Time Slowly swaying to the song, Jessiah Wentz from Mid-City High School and senior Nic Robinson embrace the music. "This was one of the best dances I've had with someone hands down...felt like time was frozen," said Robinson.



Flooded with Blue

Flashing disco lights spotlight juniors Cooper Keimig and Mckenzie Lieferman in the center of the dance floor. "Retro Glow" was a fun theme for the Winter Dance. I enjoyed all of the multi-colored disco lights," said Lieferman.





Slow Dancing to "Perfect"

As the song "Perfect" by Ed Sheeran came on, seniors Wren Black and Phyllis DeBates dance together for comfort. "When the song came on, Wren got upset because the song had a bad and sad memory to it and I wanted to change that so I grabbed her and danced with her to give her a new and happy memory. That's what Elementary 'besties' do for each other," said DeBates.

"Let's Get Retro & Bring Back the Glow!"

"Retro Glow" adds spark to Winter Dance

With a "back-in-the-day" theme concept of "Retro Glow," the Winter Dance venue also changed its location from in the Big Gym to back in the cafeteria where dances were held in the early years of the school.

Though the retro theme networked with having the dance in the cafeteria, "I preferred the Big Gym as the dance floor; yet the glowing disco lights that flooded the dance floor were nice considering I even have dim-colored lighting in my room," said senior Tylor Hughes.

Sponsored by Student Council, 175 dance guests attended which made the location change a welcome one, making it cozier on a cold, snowy, February night.

"The dance was like a blast from the past! The photo booth was a cool idea, and I can't wait to come back next year!" said sophomore Brook Johnson.

With the theme of "Retro Glow, most dance guests agreed that the atmosphere was the outstanding element because the music fit the theme. "The best parts were the lights and music, and I had the most fun with all of my friends," said sophomore Phoebe Burkholder.

From student viewpoint, it was good that the vending machines were available, but dance guests would have preferred concessions like the ones served in the gym lobby.

Overall, "Retro Glow" added a welcomed radiance to students' lives in the middle of the weariness of winter.

~ Jaye Katz

Step with Style

Jillian Cox & Abigail Hintermeister

Bryan Holem, Jr. & Amaya Matthews

Tyler Richardson & Madison Vinger

Dakota Mathiason