

# THUNDER STRIKES BACK

PCM alumni return for Homecoming festivities.

This year Homecoming was during the week of Sept. 30 through Oct. 4. The school celebrated their old traditions such as Tug of War (pictured right) and created some new ones too. Throughout the week high schoolers dressed up to show their school spirit. On Thursday members of the community rendezvoused at the high school to see who was going to be crowned this year's King and Queen. While being crowned by alumni Sloan Hjortshoj, Lexi Kuecker, 12, had a face of shock. After Thursday night, the crowd returned to the football field to take a look at the new complex. During the football game the boys creamed Saydel with a score of 53-7.



Dressing up as Thunder, Colby Tool, 11, acts out the junior skit with Connor Bennett, 11. The skit was a humorous trivia round where some boys dressed up as PCM coaches - mimicking their personalities perfectly while battling the Saydel Eagles. Overall the juniors won the battle of the skits with the seniors coming in second, sophomores third, and the freshmen in last. "It was kind of a conjoined thing between two ideas. They wanted to do a fight/Game Show. So then we kind of put them together," said Tool explaining the idea behind the skit.



## STARING DOWN the COMPETITION

Creating new Homecoming traditions

1. At the beginning of Spirit Night, Cody Rink, 12, Chase Spencer, 12, and Ayrton Breckenridge, 12, play the fight song with the band in the gym.
2. On Friday afternoon, the school goes down to the gym to compete against other classes. Nigel Sperfslage, 12, prepares to race the juniors during the tic-tac-toe game.
3. During the Powder puff Game the genders change roles. Using her speed, Margo Chipps, 11, ran the ball up the sidelines.
4. Testing out the new field on Homecoming, the boys beat Saydel 53-7. The team had their second team on the field early in the game after scoring 14 points.



## MUSTANG MARCH

Creating new Homecoming traditions

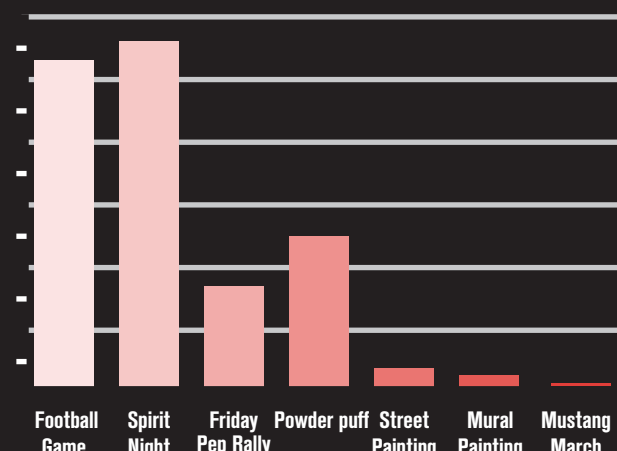
1. This year, the student body introduces a new event during homecoming, the Mustang March. "I had a good time just getting to see all the smiles and they really enjoyed it. It was good to see the kids have fun and the students get involved in the younger kids' lives," said Jason Stafford, 12.
2. In front of a crowd of elementary and middle school kids, Cheerleaders Kate McClellan, 10, Natalie Smith, 12, and Hunter Venenga, 11, pumps up the crowd with exciting cheers.
3. Instead of doing the parade this year, students paint murals with the street art painting. There was some controversy on getting rid of the parade but it was too difficult to transport elementary and middle school students to Monroe. Overall, students had a fun time designing and painting the murals and they decorated the high school commons nicely.



## VOICE YOUR OPINION

What is your favorite homecoming activity?

- Spirit Night: 56 people
- Football Game: 53 people
- Powder puff: 25 people
- Friday Pep Rally: 17 people
- Street Painting: 4 people
- Mural Painting: 3 people
- Mustang March: 1 person



Striking up a Conversation

What is your favorite zoo animal?



"Penguins"  
- Allan Porajow, 11



"Tiger"  
- Jillian Fairbanks, 9



"Monkey"  
- Claire Wilson, 10



"Otter"  
- David Johnson, 12



"Sea Turtle"  
- Trent Johnston, 12



"Monkey"  
- Hannah Ponx, 9



"Gorilla"  
- Morgan Walhert, 12



"Turtle"  
- Seth Oswald, 9



"Flamingo"  
- Bella Stone, 11



"I don't support zoos because they support animal cruelty."  
- Katie Henkenius, 12