

Service Day

Before



After



5. Showing off all their hard work, a group of seniors, junior and sophomores help make Lawson Elementary better. Junior Annika Trost told about the day, "It was a really great turn out for our very first service day. With a year full of new guidelines and expectations, we thought this addition to homecoming week would be a perfect and safe fit, and it ended up being exactly that." Photo by Annika Trost

1. Sophomore Jordan Dannels, paints "Go" during stadium painting. "I wanted to go out and do something, anything, I hadn't been out of the house for a long time because of the pandemic and it was very lonely," Dannels said. "The best part was probably getting to see my friends after six or seven months and just the interaction between everyone." Photo by Jordyn Cimmiyotti

2. In a role reversal, football players (seniors Nick Nyren, Karter Kriegel, Caleb Helgeson and Vinnie Cresta) participate in the parade from the grass instead of from a fire truck. COVID-19 forced Stuco to adapt the parade. People watching the parade drove by the parade participants. Photo by Jordyn Cimmiyotti

3. Senior Morgan Lee, cheering alongside her friends while cars pass by in the parade. Lee said, "I really enjoyed the parade, it was nice to see that there was still such a great community turnout. I was thankful that we were still able to have the parade as it is a big part of homecoming week." Photo by Jordyn Cimmiyotti

4. Dancing to music freshman Molley Trachta and junior Maren Rasmussen prepare for the drive by parade. Rasmussen and Trachta were on varsity volleyball float, "I think my favorite part was being able to see all the different activities that we wouldn't have otherwise been able to see and, of course the dancing," Rasmussen said. Photo by Jordyn Cimmiyotti



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Stuco adapted some homecoming favorites

Student Council president Nevada Voss hoped after her Zoom meeting with principal Ryan Woods most homecoming activities would occur. It was not to be. Woods wanted all events to be all online or all socially distanced and mask required. “I was really, really upset,” she said. “It kinda just made student council not as productive, so I was sad and I feel like I kind of let people down.”

In the end, student council held the majority of the events – stadium painting, a revised parade and a new activity, service day.

“The parade was still happening,” student council adviser Rachel Jensen said. “We just had to flip it and make it a reverse parade with lots of different mitigation strategies like limiting the number of people per float, spacing out floats, requiring masks, no candy, and having a goody bag at the end.” Close to 300 vehicles drove the parade route which started behind the stadium and circled around the building through the staff parking lot.

The tradition of the senior class voting for a king and a queen was replaced by a nomination process where seniors selected 10 classmates who they felt had a positive effect on their community. During the parade, the 10 stood by yard signs with their names and held signs promoting school spirit. “Times are changing,” student council adviser Tyler Miklo said. “It was a good thing. There was

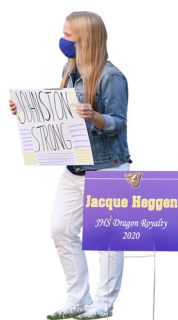
a different emotion than the kids from last year or previous years being selected.” Student council felt the change was necessary so more students were recognized.

“I was honestly a little shocked,” senior Karshana Kalyanaram said. “I wasn’t expecting anyone to nominate me, so I was surprised and happy that someone thought of me as a good and caring person.”

Another change was the addition of a service day. One hundred and twenty-three students volunteered. Volunteers pulled weeds at Lawson, picked up trash around the district buildings and chalked the sidewalks along the buildings. “My favorite part of service day was getting to see the progress from start to finish of the complete transformation,” junior Annika Trost, student council member said, “especially at Lawson.”

In addition to Rock Around the Clock, the dance was also cancelled. “I know that those are our big events that attract and get a lot of kids involved,” Jensen said. “I think that was a downfall, and I understand the reasoning why we can’t do it, I just wish we could have brought them something and been able to do it in some way.”

Most understood the situation. “The kids have really been great,” Miklo said. “They have understood that we can’t do things traditionally, so that made it easier.”



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