

School Pride Shown During Homecoming Week By Amanda Cheney

Golden Plains Schools kicked off their Homecoming week on September 5. Both elementary and middle/high schools participated in dress-up days all week, ending the week with an all-school pep rally before the big game.

The dress-up days started on Tuesday with Twin Day. Jessica and Jaiden Koerperich won for high school by being twin Dalmatians. Following the high school volleyball games on Tuesday, the cheerleaders sponsored the annual Jersey Auction. Classmates, family members, and fans bid on the football team members' jerseys to wear on Friday for the game.

Wednesday's theme was Walker Wednesday for the high school and Color War Day for the elementary school. Gabrielle Schiltz won best dressed for Wednesday at the high school for dressing up as a zombie. Thursday was Too Old to Care Thursday where the kids pulled off their best elderly look. Charlotte McCurdy and Devin Carter won this day.

The high school students also had their digital dash on Thursday where students have a scavenger hunt but instead of bring back items, they take pictures of items on the list with their cell phones. The winning team was The Dab Masters, consisting of Austin Rivera, Kellee Snyder, Devin Carter, Malilah Green, and Taryn Fleckenstein. "I really liked my team for the digital dash," said freshman Malilah Green. "We had a lot of fun competing." "The entire week was a lot of fun," added freshman Taryn Fleckenstein. "I'm very excited for next year's homecoming." Following the digital dash, students enjoyed a bonfire with hot dogs and s'mores.

Fear The Bulldogs Friday finished off the week for Golden Plains as students dressed to show their school spirit and support of the Bulldogs. Noel Ritter and McHaley Carter won for the middle/high school. The elementary school did not crown daily winners, but rather had a class who won for the entire week. The fifth grade class won for the week at the elementary school.

Also on Friday, the elementary school came to Rexford for an all-school pep rally. The morning started with a staff vs. students volleyball competition. The staff won in two sets, even after breaking into a flash mob to dance for the students midway through the games. The students were split into groups with members from all grade levels with a supervising teacher to to enjoy a lunch of grilled hamburgers and all the fixings and to get to know each other in different grades.

The students practiced the school song, painted each other's faces, painted the sidewalks, and came up with a group performance for the pep rally. The all-school day wrapped up with a pep rally to get everyone pumped up and ready for the football game that evening.

Golden Plains finished off the week with a win over Pawnee Heights. Gabrielle Schiltz and Dawson Spresser and Dawson Spresser were crowned Homecoming King and Queen at half time of the game. "I think it's an honor to represent Golden Plains as homecoming queen," said Schiltz. "It's unbelievable to think that Dawson and I were homecoming attendants as kids, and now we won together." The students finished the week, and the win, with their Homecoming Dance after the game.