

Kick it Up!

Your heart pounding, your breath rushing as you sprint across the field. One thing out of place and your momentum could be stolen. But suddenly, your spirit jumps as you finally see it. Your heart pounds harder and your gallop quickens as you reach the final push and... GOAL! This is the sport of soccer, exhilarating, as it is demanding of your very best!

Wednesday, November 26th, 2014 was Thanksgiving served early as seventh graders flocked to experience our Kick it Up soccer tournament! Anticipant students began to create teams as early as August, and once registration started, students rushed to sign their teams up. Team names included "The Pee-Wee Potatoes", "El Club Atlético de los Gringos", "The Gray Ghosts", "9+10", "The Watermelons" and "The Swagsters". Other students paid to witness the boisterous event soon after, and select students even received the chance to pitch in and play the referee.

Finally, the day came. What started with apprehensiveness ended with the sweet feeling of: *Best. School day. Ever!* Participant players changed into their creative student-made team shirts. The heat was on when the first games started! Audience and players alike were enthralled! After the round-robin portion, the single elimination portion of the great event started. Match by match players faced off until victors moved on and other teams were dropped. Regardless, everyone had a ball! Finally, only two teams were left. Seventh graders couldn't stand the suspense! Who would come out on top? Who would take it home? Unfortunately there was no time to tell! The final match had to be carried out another day!

Finally (for real this time), on a following Friday morning, the decisive match played out intensely until team "The Purple Pepsis" made it to the top! Everyonewas bubbling with

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enthusiasm as “The Purple Pepsis” poured it on, ending the game six to nothing! Congratulations to them and every other team.

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