

# WALK LIKE A WHIRLIE

At 9 am on a Saturday morning, over three hundred students, faculty, volunteers, and former Whirlies dusted off their running, or walking, shoes for a day of fundraising and fun. This event marked the first annual Whirlie Walk, sponsored by the Grimsley High School Alumni Association to raise money for renovations to Jamieson Stadium.

A select few chose to make their walk a run. Most, however, decided to take advantage of the weather and took a stroll through the park.

After the walk, participants enjoyed Papa John's pizza, Krispy Kreme doughnuts, Starbuck's coffee, Yum Yum's hot dogs, and other treats. An inflatable obstacle course and American-Gladiator style jousting provided entertainment and, in some cases, a good workout. The local radio station 102 Jamz donated prizes and set the tone for the post-walk activities.

Each participant received a free Whirlie mascot tee-shirt, a Whirlie tattoo, and a coupon for a free Chick-fil-A sandwich.

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## 2003-2004 year brings changes

Guilford County Schools implemented many new policies this year and intends to make more changes in the upcoming school year.

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The 2002-2003 school year has been subject to several changes in school policy, and the 2003-2004 year promises even more.

In addition to becoming acquainted with a new principal, Mr. Rob Gasparello, Grimsley students also witnessed changes, both on a county and school-wide level. The Guilford County School System implemented a new attendance policy, which caused some students a great deal of confusion.

"Any time you start something new, you have to work out the kinks," said Gasparello. "Right now [the school board is] in the process of simplifying that downtown, making it easier to understand."

As for next year, Gasparello plans to complement whatever actions the School Board takes to improve the attendance policy by instituting a program of positive reinforcement. This positive reinforcement would award students with fewer than three absences by allowing them to attend special programs or events throughout the year.

On the school campus, many new opportunities were available to students this academic year, such as the frequent sale of Chick-fil-A sandwiches, the additional Lunch on the Lawn time, and the "Whirlie Walk" fundraiser, all of which are planned to recur next year.

"I really liked the extra Lunch on the Lawn with the pie station," said junior Julian Kennedy. "I think it helps students want to learn more when they're rewarded sometimes

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## Terrorism threatens school activities

Student field trips have been hindered due to the recent terror alert uprise.

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A class plans a field trip. Suddenly, it's canceled by the school board. A few weeks later, the school board changes its mind and the trip is back on again, but it could be canceled again at any time. Sound crazy? For many Grimsley students and teachers,

this situation is all too familiar.

With the terrorism threat continuing to fluctuate around the United States, the government has been changing the terrorism state-of-alert level from Code Yellow (moderate) to Code Orange (high; the second-highest level of alert) and back again. This uncertainty has created a nightmare for students and teachers attempting to plan class trips, such as the Band, Chorus, and Humanities classes. On February 14, superintendent Dr. Terry Grier

issued a statement declaring that all out-of-state and out-of-country field trips would not be allowed to take place due to the Code Orange terrorism alert. This statement created problems for many classes who had been planning trips, particularly those who had already paid and would likely be unable to get their money back. At some schools, parents even agreed to organize and chaperone field trips instead of the teachers so that students would still be able to go and would not lose money due to

cancellation.

However, on February 28, plans changed again. The terrorism alert was dropped from Code Orange to Code Yellow, and Dr. Grier decided that field trips would be allowed to take place. He did emphasize that, should the alert go back up to a Code Orange or a Code Red (severe; the highest level of alert), the trips would again be canceled. Still, students and teachers had a

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