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Lakeside Foundation's Fall Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival held on Saturday, October 31 was a successful fundraiser for enrichment programs such as art and music. The festival featured hand-made items for sale, a bounce house for the kids, and a chili and dessert cook-off. Students, parents and staff participated in a variety of ways from creating crafts and donating items to taste-testing the goodies.

Entrepreneurial second graders sold bracelets and necklaces they created at one stand, and in another area they sold concord grape juice and snow cones they made from the Rohloff Family's organically-grown grapes which they had previously picked, pressed, pasteurized, canned and labeled. Lakeside Foundation President, Susan Cox, thanked many parents and community members for their help in making the fall harvest festival a success.

Halloween Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat on Halloween night provided a safe and fun environment for trick or treaters. Families decorated their vehicles with scary lights and eerie sounds to thrill the ghouls, goblins, witches, fairies, and pirates who dared to enter.

San Jose Quilt Museum

In November, docents from The San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles visited Lakeside to present their educational outreach program for second and fifth grades. This program helps teachers meet California state content standards in visual arts, mathematics and social studies. The mission of the museum is to promote the art, craft, and history of quilts and textiles. Lakeside students, staff, parents, and grandparents attended the excellent presentations and students began to create their own class quilts.

Insect Discovery Lab

Also in November, Lakeside was infested by giant insects (for a very brief time) when The Insect Discovery Lab of San Francisco visited our campus. They provide hands-on learning about insects and promote the conservation of invertebrates worldwide.

Students were given an opportunity to hold and examine insects such as the Giant African Millipede and the Giant Thorny Walking Stick.

Thanksgiving Feast

A Lakeside tradition continued this year with the Thanksgiving feast. Students brought traditional and international food to share with each other, teachers, and parents. Each grade displayed artwork near their food-laden tables that reflected the cultures they have been studying. Particularly impressive was the display of hand-made baskets woven by third graders in the style of the Ohlone, a group of indigenous people who were living in Northern California when the Spanish arrived in the late 18th century.