

Wingman News from the Flight Crew

September 28th was our first pep rally of our school year. We were kicking off our second year of the Wingman program. We talked briefly about inclusion and how everyone should have a friend in our school community. We happily hosted the JLine dance crew who made the pep rally fun and exciting. They had come all the way from New York City to put on an inspiring performance for our school. These were the perfect people to spread a positive message throughout our school.

JLine was bullied as a kid. He was the perfect person to come and explain that being kind and welcoming to others pays off in the grand scheme of things. JLine had two other dancers with him who had their own struggles. Both dancers shared their stories along with JLine. One of the dancers, Frack, had broke her knee and gave an inspiring story on never giving up on your passions. Carri, the other dancer, had been a bystander as a child. For awhile, she did nothing to stop the kids who were bullying an acquaintance of her's. But ultimately, she had decided to stand up for the girl.

Next in the pep rally was our teacher dance battle. Our UA and foreign language, sixth grade, seventh grade, and eighth grade teachers participated; along with our very own SMS boyband. All groups put on amazing performances. When Mr. Pearce and Mrs. Eichorn had gone on stage and performed the Cotton Eye Joe the whole student body was on their feet. The entire Flight Crew joined Mr. Pearce and Mrs. Eichorn on stage to do the Cotton Eye Joe .In the end, after a very close applause battle; the SMS boyband had won.

Overall, the pep rally was a huge success. All students participated and our performers really conveyed the message of Wingman.