

Bringing Music To Life

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This year, the Bay's homecoming spirit week theme was Battle of the Beats, where participating clubs got involved by making a float that relates to the song of their choice and displaying this float at Pep-Rally. These floats were then paraded around the Bay's track for the entire student body to watch. Junior Bernardo Hirsch, representing the club Habitat for Humanity (HFH), said this theme was a creative way for clubs to have the opportunity to bring visions to life.

"We brainstormed a lot in order to find a song we thought could fit into the spirit HFH represents," Hirsch said. "We wanted to show the vibe HFH gives off, and I think with the song 'Magalenha' by Sérgio Mendes we definitely accomplished that. It was pretty difficult because at times we would overthink the decision we made for what the float should be, but I think it turned out just as we pictured it."

The Robotics Club at the Bay made their float based off the song "Rainbow Road" from the Mario Kart Wii soundtrack. They won third place in the float competition by building a car inspired by Mario Kart and dressing up as characters from the video game in order to embody the song. Their sponsor, robotics and Physics Honors teacher Angela Ashley, said that her students chose this idea because they thought it would be something fun to bring to life.

"They had an electric car, and they thought this would look cool decked out as a Mario Kart," Ashley said. "They encountered a lot of hurdles with the batteries and the car's wiring, but along with this, it was also the stu-



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MARIO KART MADNESS: Robotics club hits the track with their Mario Kart-inspired costume, with characters such as Princess Peach and Luigi, with Mario showcasing their handmade go-kart.



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IT'S A ME, ROBOTICS CLUB: Members of the Robotics club come together to take a group picture of all of their hard work coming to fruition at the pep rally.

dents' first time being able to use the crane in the classroom, which was cool.

With all of the different dynamics that go into the physical construction of the float, Ashley said this was an opportunity for the students to utilize the skills they learn in her robotics class and even learn new skills simultaneously.

"Along with what they already know, I think they learned a lot about teamwork, as they had to all work together when making the design," Ashley said. "The painting was done at different times, so they developed strong communication amongst each other as far as knowing what needed to be done and what was already done. I am very proud of them, and I think they did a great job."

P!NKIND, a club at the Bay dedicated to raising breast cancer awareness, took an alternative approach to the float concept. Club officer Junior Miguel Alarcon said they wanted to instead create a visionary poster in order to promote their cause. Alarcon said their aim was to lift spirits and get people excited for Pep Rally, and they accomplished this through their walk-out song "Relax My Eyes" by ANOTR.

"We brought out a lot of our members to help us hype people up, because this is not only a fun event but also a way to help spread awareness for our club and possibly recruit more members," Alarcon said. "After doing a lot of research, we came up with the idea of creating an eye and decorating it with pink colors and decor. I think it turned out exactly how we imagined."