TRADITIONS DECORATING LOCKERS FOR THE

CELEBRATION OF A CLOSE FRIEND'S BIRTHDAY is a time honored tradition in middle school. Girls came in early or stayed after school to surprise their friends.



Bradley, 07, is excited to see that Grace Visscher, 07, had taken the time to decorate her locker. "I couldn't believe she did that for me; it made me so happy, Bradley said. photo by a. trauen



DEDICATING HER TIME Sofia Seidel, 08 comes in early to decorate Alana Tran's locker in honor of her birthday. "It was so fun to be creative, decorating her locker since we knew what she would like." Seidel said photo by k domin



Kathryn Paulsen, 07, decorates the locker of Claire Plisko, 07, in celebration of her friend's birthday. "I was really happy to come to school and find my locker decorated," Plisko said. photo by a. trauernicht



"We all go horseback riding together in our free time." MEGAN CAREY, 06

"My friends and I spend our time together playing football. KIERAN HANNA, 07

against each other in our free time." AVA ANDERSON, 08

"We like to go swimming and compete

table and scavenge for the snack," McGarvey said. photo by p. prince

"My husband and I like to go snowboarding together and race each other down the slope. MRS. COURTNEY ORRANGE, COUNSELOR

"My friends and I like to play hockey and baseball. MARC BROUSSEAU, 06

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FEELING ACCOMPLISHED, Samuel Siegal, 08, completes the first week of school. "I was super happy with all my teachers and classes, which made me so excited for the rest of the eighth grade year," Siegal said. photo by a. glazier 5. BRAVING THE COLD TURES, Nathan Hoehndorf and Nicholas Gergely, 08, celebrate the early release from school. The previous day students enjoyed a two hour late start, followed by an early release and then a subsequent snow day. "The snowball fight, even with the cold weather, was a blast and a great way to celebrate the news," Hoehndorf said. photo by n. kozinski 6. HANGIN OUT TOGETHER AT RECESS, Emma Rutz, Lindsay Rutz, Eloise Boedeker and Carly McHale, 07, have been best friends since 5th grade. "It was super cold out, so we got the idea to sit on top of ach other to stay warm," Boedeker said. photo by p. prince



Bandell, O6, and Madison Holbrook, O8 scurry to catch the bus after the final bell. In these seven minutes, students still managed to have time to talk with friends, while packing up their backpacks. "My locker is near the entrance of the school, so it's easy for me to get to the bus on time without rushing," McCoy said. photo by n. hoehndorf 3. HAVING FUN, Karter McGarvey and May Nichols, 07, sit together at lunch. Both girls used lunch to catch up and take a break from learning. "May and I like to share food at lunch. Sometimes we put the food in the middle of the







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THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, Rocco Lercara, O6, starts middle school with confidence. "Unlike most kids in my orade I wasn't nervous at all " Lercara said. Lercara's older sister, Sophia Lercara, 08, showed him around the school at schedule pickup. "I'm so thankful for her, since I haven't had any issues finding my classes yet," Lercara said. Lercara has continued to enjoy middle school, and loved the freedom he has found. *photo by m.* ratcliff FINDING HER WAY, Annalise Cote, O6, arrives on the first day, only knowing a few people at school. "I came from an elementary school out of district, but quickly made new friends," Cote said. While Cote was nervous to start middle school, she was excited for the change. "I struggled a lot in the beginning to find my classes, which made me nervous," Cote said. photo by p. prince

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WHILE STUDENTS ALONG THE FRONT RANGE IN OTHER DISTRICTS ENJOYED A SNOW DAY ON MONDAY, **OCTOBER 25TH, STUDENTS IN LITTLETON PUBLIC** SCHOOLS (LPS) BRAVED THE COLD WEATHER AND JOURNEYED TO SCHOOL.

Early Monday morning students awakened to a district wide delayed start. Seeing a text message from her mom alerting her to the two hour delay, Amelia Rosado, O8, spent the extra time sleeping in.

"I was really excited about the delay because I stayed up late the night before, so I was able to sleep for another few hours," Rosado said.

Once at school, students were in high hopes that more snow would lead to the ever elusive, snow day. Yet despite increased snowfall, students woke up the next day to find that school had not been cancelled in LPS.

Although, less than an hour into third block on Tuesday morning, Mr. Steve Wolf, principal, announced via the intercom that due to inclement weather, the LPS District was instituting an early release, which would occur by 1 p.m. Elated, students ventured home, hoping to garner a snow day the following day. Enjoying the early release time, Hope Shapiro, O6, took the

opportunity to bake with her two brothers at home.

"I was so excited to hear about the release because it meant I could go home and spend time with my brothers," Shapiro said.

Late Tuesday evening, students were notified via email that school had been cancelled for the next day. Andrew Kirk, 07, was surprised about the news.

"It didn't seem like there was enough snow for school to be cancelled, so when I heard the news, I was surprised," Kirk said. Kirk spent the snow day sledding with his friends and enjoying the day off.

"I like to go the mall and wander around with my friends. I like to eat and shop while there." LEALA LARA, 07

"We go to clubs after school or draw cartoon characters together. GABRIEL LESHER, 08

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