

Truman Spirit!

SCHOOL

SPORTS

SURROUNDINGS

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Surroundings

(Community)

“Spirit is not only shown through pom poms!”



***We found a common like between all students at THS and it is the LOVE for COMPETITION!**

***Instead of doing a “Boring Fundraiser” and collecting money from door to door....we put together an EVENT!**

EVENT: Our events aren’t like your ordinary events! We put together class competitions, involve teachers, and dress in unity to create a community within the school...which, of course, results in **CRAZY SPIRIT!**

: Dodge ball (Raises money for Christmas gifts to give away to less fortunate), Dig for a Difference (Male volleyball tournament to raise cancer awareness), Relay for life (Over-night lock-in to help raise money and fight back against cancer).

***All These events involve the entire school to raise money for a cause and to give back to the community.**

*** All donations are collected by Student Council Members from businesses in the community.**



-We compete for **TIMMY** our spirit gnome.

-We get Teachers involved in competitions



-We all dress in our T-shirts to show school spirit!

*Other **EVENTS** that give back: Can food Drive (giving to families in need), Homecoming parade (involving community in floats and watching the parade), Thanksgiving baskets (Making sure EVERYONE can have a Thanksgiving meal), Coat drive (helping the less fortunate during Missouri's brutal winters), Blood drive (saving lives), Christmas shopping and Caroling (raises spirits and helps others during the Holidays), and Special Olympics bowling (building friendships, donating to Special Olympics MO).

* All these **EVENTS** show how helping others can raise school **SPiRiT!**



School Spirit!

★ B.I.O.N.I.C. Week

- Believe It Or Not I Care Week: pick a different way to show you care each day
- Examples: Friendship Day - pass out friendship bracelets to everyone in the school; Welcome Day - welcome students as they arrive to school with suckers

★ Spirit Week

- Have a crazy, silly theme for each day to show spirit before a big game or event
- Examples: Get up and Go Day, Decade Day, Grandparent Day, Tacky Sweater Day, College Day, and School Color Day.

★ T-Shirts, T-Shirts, T-Shirts!!

- Make shirts and sell them to raise money and awareness of the event/game
- Examples: Pack the House, Homecoming, Fan Shirts, and Relay for Life

★ Event Participation

- All groups are involved in everything, not just StuCo
- Examples: Ham Radio Club, Pokémon Club, Spirit Club, National Art Honor Society, Literacy Ambassadors, and Classes

★ Timmy

- Have a spirit symbol to represent your school and encourage spirit at class competitions
- For example, at Truman we have Timmy the Tiny Patriot, who is a lawn gnome

★ Assemblies

- Plan fun-filled assemblies to get everyone PUMPED for the event
- Examples: Homecoming and Courtwarming- the candidates are recognized and throw out candy, class competitions for Timmy, and special events

★ Class Competitions

- Compete with other classes to show who has the most school spirit and involvement
- Examples: Homecoming Parade- class with the best float wins Timmy; Halloween Hallways- which grade can decorate their hallway the best wins Timmy

★ Food Drive

- Collect cans for families in need in the community and school, also is a class competitions for who can collect the most cans
- In Homeroom, we make baskets for needy families with food for a complete Thanksgiving meal

★ BIG Stuco

- Student Council plans most of the events at the school and we need a lot of help
- We have over 150+ students in Truman's Student Council

★ Involve Teachers and Faculty

- We show appreciation towards our faculty by having faculty games with our rivalry school and "No Sub for You" lunch

★ Themes

- Have a central theme to base events throughout the year off of
- Examples: Homecoming and Courtwarming are based off of songs, Stuco has a theme, this year is Apple's "Think Different"

Building Spirit Through... Sports

It All Starts with Patriot Pride

- Homecoming
 - * Class Competitions during Volleyball Game after Parade, allowing Parade attendees to get into the game for FREE!
- Rivalry Games
 - * Football, Basketball, Special Olympics & Teachers
 - * Beat The Bears Shirts for Community (Tradition)
- TruCrew T-Shirts
 - * Starting a Tradition while getting more people to the game.
- Pack-The-House
 - * Selling Shirts to students to get them into the game and the Dance after the Basketball Games; ticket gets FREE Popcorn and Drink.
- Courtwarming
 - * Dodgeball fundraiser to buy Christmas presents for needy during Spirit Week.
- Spirit Club
 - * Supports Fall/Winter Sports
 - * Different Themes for Games (Super Fans)
- State Assemblies/Spirit Bus
 - * Surprise Pep Assembly for Send-Off to State.
- Advertisements
 - * Posters, Fliers, and Morning Announcements to get more people to come to the games.
 - * Encouraging people to come/Word of Mouth.