



We Are Looking For A New Kind Of Spirit In The Griffin's Den

Life around school goes at a very fast pace. "If I slow down, life will pass me by," stated Rhonda Brown. Students walk hurriedly to class as the bell sounds. Some students, such as Jadrien Jones, don't mind being late for class. "Never rush through school because at the end you'll regret it," he said. Students knew there were various consequences for tardies but they seemed to ignore them at times. The administration, however, started cutting down the number of tardies by the disciplinary actions taken so not many students saw being in detention as a favorite pastime.

Students were very high spirited this school term. A lot of the seniors remarked that it was only because it was there senior year that the school spirit rose so much. "This year I plan to show some school spirit because it's my last year in school," commented Senior LaChina Moore. The pep rallies were very exciting because the football team was on a winning streak. Students showed the Griffin pride by wearing black and gold and screaming at the top of their lungs. "Juniors have the most spirit," raved Erica Johnson as she got ready for the next pep rally. When in previous years very many people participated, this year was totally different. You probably couldn't pay the Griffins not to have their school spirit.

Before school, during lunches, and after school you'll find students socializing on the concourse. They find it a very nice place to relax and unwind. "I always find the concourse a

"School is a joy to be a part of this year," remarked Jermaine Martin. "I like getting up in the morning."

nice place to lay back after lunch because usually I feel lazy after I eat lunch," said Nichelle Woodard. The four lunch schedule returned with the students and it was accepted fairly well. "I don't mind not having some of my friends on my lunch," remarked Nannette Cardona. "It does get pretty crowded when there are almost six hundred people trying to eat."

Students aren't allowed to mingle in the halls during lunch so they make the best of their time by doing homework, gossiping with friends, and going to the guidance office to complain or praise. "I know Mrs. Sharpe gets tired of seeing me but she has to help me with financial aid for college so I stay in her face," joked Libby Lucas.

The students made school feel like home the best way they could. They enjoyed being there everyday to learn and prosper. "Even though I know that I have to come to school, it doesn't bother me because I want to be here," replied Canisha Martin. "I am received well by the teachers and staff and it is really a delightful place."