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Principal Wapp encourages school spirit

Conway Bears cheer on the KC Chiefs during Superbowl Spirit Week

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Many schools are known for their school spirit, but Conway hasn't always been one of those schools. In the past years, Conway High has never really had a "pep club" or any student sections at games, but this year it was time for a change. Conway High School Principal Jaymes Wapp is all about school spirit and student involvement. "The biggest thing is that the more students have pride in their school, the more they will be engaged in all activities, including sports. Studies show that engagement leads

to greater success in academics. I like to see students taking ownership of their time and getting involved. The big success this year has been the student council organizing pep assemblies. We have had 38 junior high and high school students go up for the archery team in its first year," Wapp said. This year, Conway High School has been trying to build school spirit with theme nights at home games, pep rally assemblies, spirit weeks, student advisory committee and Bear wear Fridays. All of these activities have shown a lot of involvement. The stu-



Conway High School students Cooper Mullins, left, and Casey Vaughan, right, dress up for spirit week.

dent committee's goal is to promote student involvement. "We meet with Mr. Wapp and throw around ideas of what we could do to improve school spirit and school

involvement. Mr Wapp will give us ideas he has, and we will give him feedback. Student committee will discuss things that students want to improve to promote the school and student involvement," stated Student Committee member, Claire Howe. Since the home state Kansas City Chiefs made it to the Super Bowl, Conway decided to have a spirit week. This again promoted school spirit and many students participated. A lot of students love football and the Chiefs, so this was a perfect way to support the home team and get students involved. Last Monday, students and faculty wore headbands and their hair in mohawks for

Mahome's Monday. On last Tuesday, they wore referee clothes such as black and white or touchdown Tuesday. Thursday was tailgate Thursday, and they wore a hat or sunglasses. Red Friday ended the week with faculty and students wearing Chiefs gear. "The school spirit and student involvement this year gets everyone more excited about being at school and being involved. Having the Super Bowl spirit week is another great way to get everyone excited and hyped. Everyone has been getting more into the school spirit this year, and it makes a difference! I loved the Super Bowl spirit week and the Chiefs," stated Emily Lewis.

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Every school needs faculty and staff they can rely on. That is exactly what Conway High School got when they hired Jacob Flanders. "Conway High School is a great place to work. Growing up I had friends from church that went to Conway schools and always heard how awesome it was, so I jumped on the opportunity when I had the chance," stated Mr. Flanders. Flanders runs the In-School-Suspension program at Conway High School. He looks for ISS to be a place where kids can come and get work done in a positive, uplifting environment. Flanders is also coaching the junior varsity girls basketball team and assisting the varsity team. He is excited to help lead the Lady Bears to a successful season.



Flanders

Jacob Flanders attended College of the Ozarks. While attending, he majored in Public Relations. Flanders substitute taught at Lebanon High School during the end of the 2018-2019 school year. Flanders was born in South Dakota and moved to Lebanon when he was around the age of two. He graduated from Lebanon High School in 2013. Flanders' hobbies include playing video games and watching/playing any sport imaginable.

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