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ARLINGTON, WA (October 24, 2014)- Arlington High School was filled with spirit during homecoming week! The week of the annual homecoming game and Stilly Cup was eventful and busy for all students at AHS. Each day had a dress-up theme, ranging from Mismatch Monday to Tacky Tourist Tuesday and all the way to Spirit Wear Friday. On Wednesday, October 8, a college fair was set up in the lobby of the Linda Byrnes Performing Arts Center. Throughout the day, students, who were dressed in the gear of their favorite colleges, were invited to peruse the booths that had been set up by colleges and universities from Washington and surrounding states.

The homecoming parade and Homecoming Court Pepination also took place on Wednesday October 8. The nominees for homecoming court, as well as the AHS class floats and students from clubs, teams, and groups at AHS, paraded through downtown Arlington, ending at Haller Middle School. At Haller Middle School, the 2014 AHS Homecoming Court was announced during a spirited, enthusiastic program organized by the high school leadership class, featuring performances from the high school Flight Choir and bands. All of the students and parents alike were cheering and whooping throughout the program- it was great to see the community to come together to support the homecoming court tradition, as well as all the great groups, clubs, and programs from the high school!

On the night of Friday, October 10, the John C. Larson Memorial Stadium was packed full of students, parents, teachers, and community members to cheer on the varsity football team as they took on Stanwood for both their homecoming game and the annual, much-awaited Stilly Cup! Our Arlington boys were champions on the field - their hard work, perseverance, and skill was proven by the final score: 28-0, with Arlington coming out as the victors! The players were loudly and exuberantly supported by a team of spirited and talented cheerleaders, as well as the student section and the rest of the community attending the game. The AHS band and

cheerleaders were also instrumental in putting on an incredible half-time show, which was well enjoyed throughout the crowd.

As is high school tradition, AHS held their annual homecoming dance on the night of Saturday, October 11. This year's theme was "Runnin' Outta Moonlight", named after a popular country song. Students from the DECA program redecorated the AHS commons into a rustic-chic, barn-style dance floor. Students spent the night dressed in their formal attire, dancing away to classics such as the Macarena, as well as today's hottest hits. All around the commons, teens could be found socializing, laughing, dancing, and having a great time throughout the night.

Overall, I would call AHS Homecoming Week 2014 a huge success. Personally, I had the privilege of dressing up for the spirit days, walking with the drama club in the homecoming parade, singing with AHS Flight at Pepination, and attending the football game and the dance. My favorite aspect of the week was seeing the students unite - whether it was discussing a college at the college fair, cheering on the football players together at the homecoming game, or dancing the night away to their favorite songs at the homecoming dance, students all over campus could be found communicating, listening, and connecting with one another. In 30 years, we may not remember who won homecoming court, or the final score of the football game, but we will remember what it was like to be young, celebrating and uniting with our classmates, and being a part of a community that is bigger than ourselves.

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