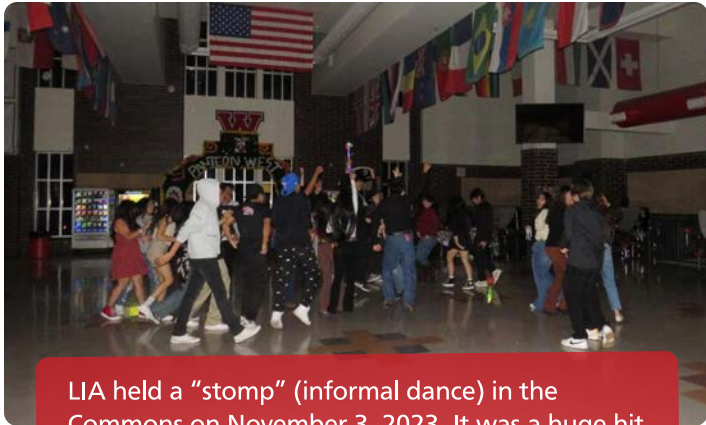
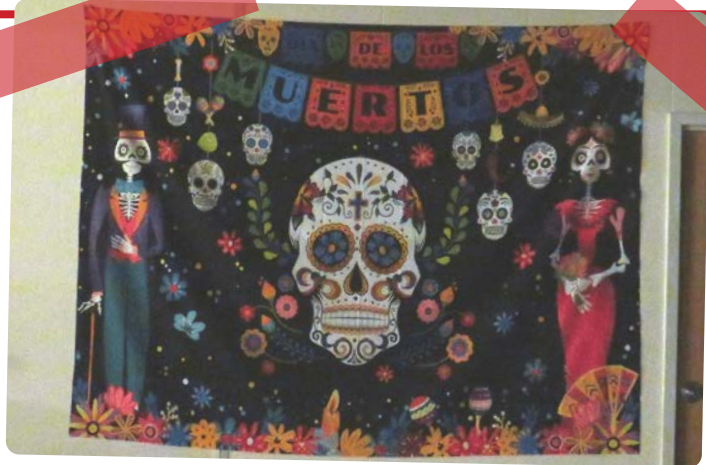
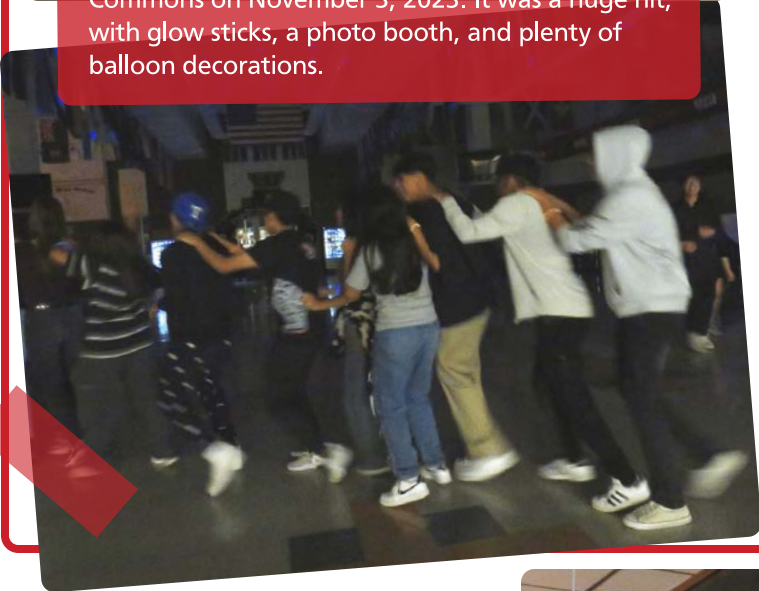


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LIA held a “stomp” (informal dance) in the Commons on November 3, 2023. It was a huge hit, with glow sticks, a photo booth, and plenty of balloon decorations.



LATINOS IN ACTION

Latinos in Action (LIA) was an exciting class and club for Latino students which provided opportunities and focused on achieving goals. The club helped Latino students by guiding them towards a successful path. The class did multiple projects to represent the Latino community at school. Juan Yanez Garcia (11) said “We also get to meet people from different Hispanic countries”. This class was a great way for students to meet new people and build stronger relationships. The class was held in Ms. Yulliana Novoa’s room, 406.

QSA & QHC

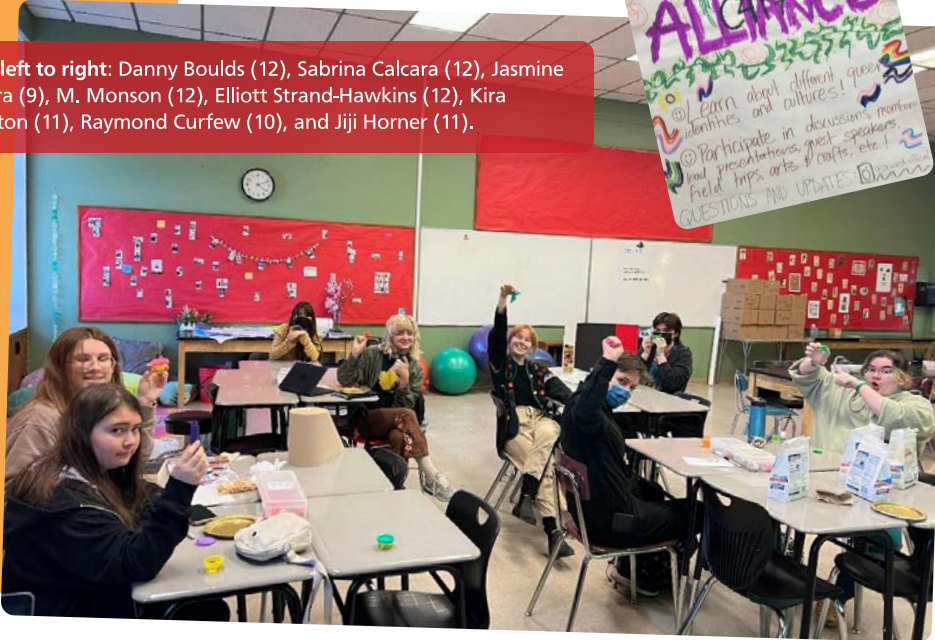
Queer Straight Alliance (QSA), a club for queer students to gather and discuss from various perspectives, strove for a group plan to make the school a safe environment for people with different sexual orientations. The club welcomed all interested students, regardless of where they stood. Mx. Pickle, the QSA advisor, said, “my favorite part about QSA is meeting and interacting with students in ways a lot of teachers don’t get to everyday”.

Additionally, Queer History Club (QHC), led by Veronica Takenaka (12), focused on learning more about the history and culture behind the queer community. Both clubs worked towards fostering a friendly, safe community so students feel supported.

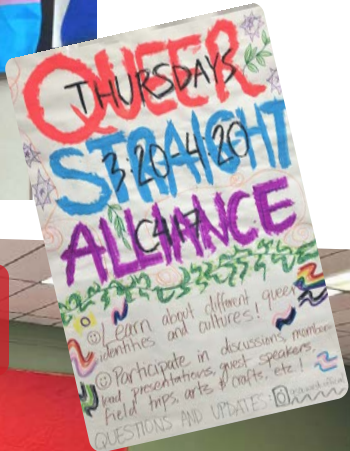


The Black Lives Matter flag (left), progress pride flag (center), and transgender pride flag (right) proudly adorn Pickle’s room.

From left to right: Danny Boulds (12), Sabrina Calcara (12), Jasmine Calcara (9), M. Monson (12), Elliott Strand-Hawkins (12), Kira Kingston (11), Raymond Curfew (10), and Jiji Horner (11).



Credit: Rl Pickle



WOMEN'S ALLIANCE



Jacqueline Morales (11), Thanya Gonzalez Garcia (11), and Daisy Geraldo (11) have a group discussion.



Ama Ampiah-Davis (12), right, listens to Veronica Takenaka (12) contributing to the discussion.



Women's Alliance focused on educating students, but also learning more, about women's struggles for rights throughout history. The club came together and talked about how discrimination affected and still affects women to this day. They also exchanged perspectives on current social issues and even shared personal stories. It was a judgement-free zone: "My favorite part is being able to openly talk about issues with other women and can have having a safe haven to be yourself," said club member Izabelle Atwood (12). The club welcomed everyone, regardless of sex or gender orientation, to join them in room 303 every Wednesday after school.

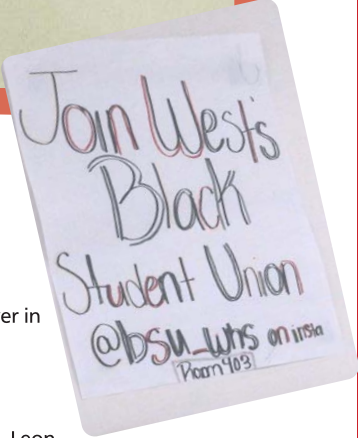
Kahoot with the President!
Women's Alliance president Veronica Takenaka (12) plays a history Kahoot with the club.

BLACK STUDENT UNION

Black Student Union (BSU) aimed to raise awareness about issues occurring in the Black Community and also provide support and build unity for minority students. Members got together to discuss social issues, share opinions, or just to play games! "My favorite part is how great the community is at West," said BSU member Marquise Cornay (11). The club hosted meetings every Wednesday after school, open to all students. It was hosted by teacher Denny Aldridge in room 403.



Justine Madilem (11) amusedly watches Soe Koko (12) add a card to the UNO deck.



A BSU flyer in the hall!

From left to right: Saynab Hamud (11), Leon Crutcher (12), Dodi Makassa Imone (12), Gyeth Nyawelo (11), Soe Koko (12), and Jesse Gomez (12) enjoy a game of UNO.