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First Youth Activities Fair draws 400-500 for information, dinner, entertainment

Upwards of 500 students and their parents were in school voluntarily on a warm Friday evening to attend the first Chief Umtuch Middle School Youth Activities Fair June 3.

Fairgoers “window shopped” among 15 vendors to learn about extracurricular, enrichment and recreational opportunities for youngsters. The fair was open to all local students and their parents, not just Chief’s.

Principal Dave Cresap was pleased with the PTO-sponsored and -organized fair, saying, “It was incredible for a first-time event. It was well coordinated and will run. They did nice job.”

“They” was the Chief Umtuch PTO and its leaders, Rebekah Ruffalo, Mai Winter, Andrea Arndt and Amy Wheaton.

Fairgoers loaded up on information at tables around the gym staffed by representatives of such groups and businesses as Music World, Joy of Dance, Relay for Life, Children’s Village, the BG Youth Soccer Club, school intramurals, Battle Ground High School’s Air Force JROTC, Rocksolid Teen Center, Pop Warner Football, Mt. View Martial Arts and Fitness, the Washington state Department of Fish and Wildlife and Battle Ground Community Education.

When kids and parents reached information overload, they enjoyed a spaghetti dinner and were entertained by Chief Umtuch student musicians and other talent acts, or a play in the library. There were activities for the little ones, too, including face painting, rock painting and button making.

The fair was also a fund-raiser for the Chief Umtuch PTO, which made approximately \$2,000 with its basket auction.

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