## Kickoff to the School Year

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The Kickoff for the new school year began on Monday with the first day of spirit week. Students showed their spirit by dressing up as either jocks, sporting their favorite sports team or a nerd, rocking their glasses. Tuesday was camo versus tie-dye and students chose to go undercover or show their inner hippie. On Wednesday, it was the Battle of the Bay and Thursday, Disney tourist or a safari explorer.

"My favorite spirit day has to be Battle of the Bay because I am a huge sports fan and it's a great way to show support towards my favorite team," Gianna Dolor, a freshman said.

Lastly is Friday, when the school is filled with extreme orange and blue and where students show their Kimball pride.

A leadership representative, Giselle Palacios explained, "We chose the spirit days like camo and tie-dye because it was something that was easy for students to get involved and dress up."

The second part of kickoff is rallies. August 21<sup>st</sup>, was the first Kimball rally of the 2015-2016 school year. As soon as students walked through the doors of the gymnasium, cheerleaders, leadership and the KHS dance crew greeted them with cheers and clapping. The atmosphere was filled with excitement and enthusiasm. First came the singing of the Star Spangled Banner along with games in which leadership students chose volunteers to participate in. One game included having a balloon tied on your ankle by a string and having to try to pop the other competitors' balloon without breaking your own.

The teachers and staff faculty were greeted with a special welcome back banner, which they proudly walked through. The rally also had performances by the dance team,

Color Guard, and the cheerleading team. Overall, the first rally was an exciting way to kick off the new school year. With moments like these, students and teachers take pride in being a part of Kimball High School, the most spirited and uplifting school in Tracy.