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Lanier High School
Healthcare and Laboratory Diagnostics Academy

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Lanier's Health Academy Observes Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Breast cancer is the second most common kind of cancer in women. Breast cancer awareness is an effort to raise consciousness through education on symptoms and treatment of the disease .

The Lanier High School Health Academy's aim is to provide greater knowledge about the subject of breast cancer and to teach students and the community about the benefits of early detection, which is associated with higher long-term survival rates. Through education and awareness it may be possible to discover a permanent cure.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Interdisciplinary Units
- Door Decorating Contest
- 50 Shades of Pink Pep Rally
- Wall of Remembrance (dedication wall):
- Letter from a Survivor



What WE Learned...

Fictional
Characters
Become Breast
Cancer Aware

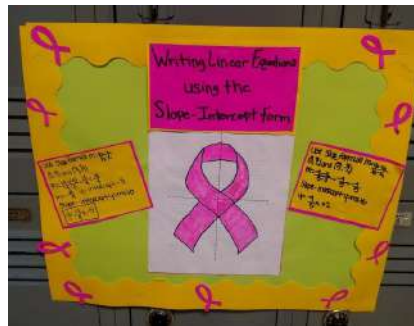
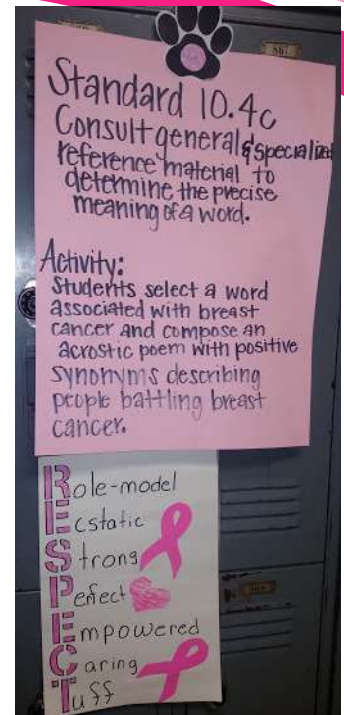
CCRS.W.12.3: Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

Prompt: Compose a letter by a fictional character from a poem, play, short story, novel, tv show, or movie. The letter should reflect aspects of the character from the literary piece with the addition of breast cancer awareness.

Raising awareness through interdisciplinary lessons. Teaching a unit across different curricular disciplines.

LHS teachers explored a variety of ways to teach about breast cancer by combining information about breast cancer to their subject curriculum. Teachers and students did an awesome job teaching and learning about breast cancer as it relates to Government (Health laws and

healthcare reform), Math (Linear equations using the pink ribbon, Choir (Flash mob), English (Narrative writing, citing strong textual evidence and determining a theme) Biology (Types of cells, identifying healthy and diseased cells in the body) Art (Graphic art and monochromatic painting of banners) P.E. (Physical activity to aid in the prevention of breast Cancer) and Band (learned the "Fight song" for the pep rally)



"My mother was a fighter. She got better, she came home and life went on."

And the Winner IS.....

Door Decoration 1st place contest winner.

Inspiration for my door

I knew something was wrong. The only thing I knew at the time was that my mother was going to the hospital. My brother made me go to school. When school was out that day, we went to the hospital. He didn't say much. I asked what was wrong, but he only said, "Mama will tell you". When I arrived at the hospital, my mom was sitting up in a chair, not in the hospital bed as I thought she would be. As I moved closer to her, I saw the bandages and flatness on her chest where I often laid my

head. My mom had breast cancer and they had taken her breast away. I cried even more. It was a traumatic time for me. But "my mother was a fighter. She got better, she came home and life went on."

Many years later after I had become a teacher. I got the call that the doctors had found a lump in my mother's other breast.. My mother underwent her second mastectomy and again it was a success.

I no longer have my mother with me but each year when October rolls around I am reminded of her strength and courage. I don't know if I could be that strong. Being a Science Instructor, I felt that my students

needed to be educated on the causes, treatments and preventative measures that could affect their health, both females and males. I wanted them to understand what I didn't when my mother went through this the first time. My students did a study of healthy breast tissue as opposed to cancerous tissue. They were instructed on how to take self-exams. They were educated on doing research on family medical history. We studied environmental factors that could cause not only breast cancer, but other cancers as well.

Together we can make a difference.

Betty Hamberlin Davis



Hope Wall: Bulldogs Remembering and Supporting

The Bulldog family shows its support to the families of those who have been touched by breast cancer, those who are still in the fight and for those who have earned their wings.

Be  *lieve*



Photo: Student signs the wall in honor of her mother who recently had a mastectomy.

50 Shades of Pink Pep Rally

The last home game of the season was celebrated by honoring breast cancer survivors in the community. They were given tours of the building by academy ambassadors to see the health academy activities, the teachers and staffs decorated doors, and student art. Afterwards they were really given the royal treatment. All the events in the pep rally were done to

commemorate and honor them. The choir sang, the band played and the crowds cheered. It was a very special occasion.



Lanier's UMMC Teen Wellness Clinic



Special thanks to the staff at the Lanier Teen Wellness Center for helping to educate our students and staff at the 50 Shades of Pink pep rally. The breast cancer war stickers, tattoos, candy and breast cancer exam flyers were a great addition to the event.

"We always take opportunities to support the health academy and Lanier students in fun and educational ways."

Jitoria Jones

Photo: Kate Fouquier: Director of the clinic, Koscher Jackson: Nurse Practitioner, Jitoria Jones: Education health professional, Jasymin Shepherd: Office Administrator.
Not Pictured: Diane Mounger: Social Worker

Through the Eyes of A Survivor

Dear Mrs. Wolfe,



I am writing to express my gratitude to you for inviting me to participate in Lanier's Health Laboratory Academy observance of Breast Cancer Awareness. I am a survivor who is living with "wellness". Whenever I enter the doors of my alma mater a flood of memories greets me. This Friday was no different but it was greatly enhanced by what you, the faculty and Lanier students did to make my visit one of royalty. I was welcomed into the building by Mr. and Miss Lanier who also served as my escorts throughout the building. I was amazed to see how the topic of breast cancer has been addressed by the various disciplines of the school. The beautifully decorated doors went beyond mere decorations. They were powerful curricula lessons addressing awareness, causes, treatment, and prevention of breast cancer. There were also creative and poetic messages of

encouragement to survivors.

Bravo! Mrs. Wolfe you have helped us all understand that breast cancer is not an isolated disease and that there are ways within each discipline to address it.

The royal visit did not end with the review of the doors. To my surprise and delight, the fun was just beginning! The majorettes performed; The band played; and the choir serenaded with songs of victory, determination, and celebration at a pep rally. After the rally, the students left to catch their respective buses. I gathered my things thinking that this was the conclusion. There was one more surprise! I was escorted to the clinic, greeted by the athletic team and other staff who applauded me as a survivor. As I think about it I am near tears. I was touched by the love, kindness, and support. I will forever cherish the special time shared at my alma mater on October 27, 2017, in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness and survivors.

This was the Lanier that I remember-creative, inspiring, academically excellent, and always on the forefront of what matters most. Please let everyone know that I am truly grateful to each one of you for helping to make my afternoon with you a truly unforgettable and cherished experience. Blessings to all!



Johnnie M. Maberry, Co-Director of Study of Modern Day Slavery Institute at Tougaloo
Curator/Art Colony Director/Artist/
Art Educator
Tougaloo College

Photo: The Lanier football team, Academy Coach, and Wellness clinic Staff Welcome Ms. Maberry

