

Celebration of Community 2009

Many Paths, One (Green) Community

This May, nearly 1,000 Blake family members and friends experienced the School's biennial Celebration of Community.

Despite record-breaking attendance, the festival generated a mere five bags of non-compostable trash.

Thanks to the efforts of the Middle and Upper School environmental club members, under the guidance of environmental science teacher Dan Trockman, Celebration of Community 2009 set an environmentally responsible example for future Blake events.

Here are some other fun facts and photos from the day!



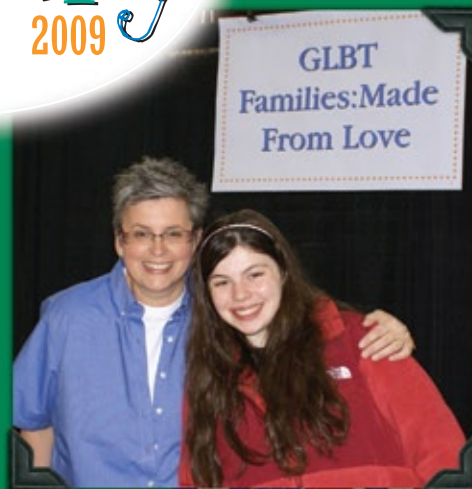
Bailey Dunning '12, Mike Fink and Abby Fink '09 display the reusable shopping totes the Blake Booster Club gave away to event attendees. Blake Lower School students created the artwork for the totes.



"Columbia: A country of distinct foods and music" was one of this year's 34 Destination Stations.



Middle School Director Joe Seivold demonstrates the proper way to crack a crab. The delicious Destination Station was a favorite among event attendees.



Upper School Spanish teacher JJ Kahle (left) and Kate Abram '12 stopped by the GLBT Destination Station hosted by Blake parent Ellen Lansky.



Lower School Japanese teacher Natsuko Dieterle leads second and third graders in Japanese songs. The group was one of 10 to perform on the main stage throughout the event.



Orion, the robot created by Blake's own Bearbotics team, delights young celebration goers with its tricks. (Bearbotics captain Erin Sheffels '10, pictured kneeling, assists in the demonstration.)