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**CAPTION FOR ATTACHED PHOTOS:**

**GIT Dress Pink Day:** Lauralton students dressed in pink in support of breast cancer awareness month.

**Pumpkin Catapult:** Lauralton Hall Advanced Placement physics class with a pumpkin catapult of their own design which was used to help raise money for the Get in Touch Foundation – a breast cancer awareness organization.

**PRESS RELEASE**

**Lauralton Hall Students Raise Money in Various Ways to Support Breast Cancer Awareness**

Lauralton Hall students raised over \$3,000 dollars in support of breast cancer awareness over the course of the following three October events.

**“GIT Your Pink On Day”**

On October 16, the Lauralton Hall community dressed in pink in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Money raised was donated to the Milford-based Get in Touch Foundation – a grassroots non-profit organization committed to breast health awareness and education. Milford native, Mary Ann Wasil Nilan, a breast cancer survivor and founder of the GIT Foundation, was instrumental in promoting this national “GIT Your Pink On” dress down day throughout area high schools.

**Pink Field Hockey Game**

On October 20, a pink field hockey game raised additional money for the "Get in Touch" Breast Cancer Awareness organization. The teams wore pink shirts, socks, ribbons, and laces. The field was lined in PINK and the ball was PINK. Raffle tickets were given to all donation supporters for a Raffle at half time. The winner of the raffle received a breast cancer item and was permitted to take a shot from the 25 yard line to score - receiving another item!

At half time, a partial check was presented to the Get in Touch Foundation containing funds from the "GIT Your Pink On Day". The remaining money was given to the Get in Touch Foundation upon completion of a Pumpkin Catapult toss held on October 30.

**AP Physics class “launch pumpkins” for breast cancer**

Lauralton’s Advanced Placement physics class, under the direction of Science Department Chair Theresa Napolitano, recently used pumpkin catapults designed and built by the students to help raise funds for breast cancer research as part of breast cancer awareness month. The goal was for the students to “launch” the pumpkin as far as possible toward a tarp made up of five multicolor squares arranged in varying patterns. The squares were assigned to five competing groups--freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors and parent/school personnel/friend.

The contest took place on October 30, when tickets, grouped by the five competing categories, were sold for \$2 each. After each “launch” the square that was hit by the pumpkin indicated the group for which a winning ticket would be pulled. Winners of the competition received gift certificates to Chili’s, Applebee’s, TGIF, Dunkin’ Donuts, Starbucks, McDonalds, Bath Works, Dicks, Bob’s, and more.

The catapult launch raised \$2,200 for The Get in Touch Foundation in Milford in celebration of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Theresa Napolitano stated that “breast cancer has touched the lives of many members of the community through family and friends and this is a small activity in which we can participate to do our part to help find a cure”.

This contest not only taught the students a great deal about physics, but also helped raise much needed funds for a most worthy cause.