

# Seneca High School's Hunger Games Project

How One Book Caught

 **Fire**

# The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins



# One Book, One School Program

- Initiative of the Lenape Regional HS District
- Started during the 2009-2010 School Year
  - **2009-2010** Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian
  - **2010-2011** A Long Way Gone
  - **2011-2012** Hunger Games
  - **2012-2013** The Fault in Our Stars
- Entire school community reads the ONE book during the summer (students, staff, faculty, administration)

# Our Criteria

- Would help students develop a love of reading
- Young Adult target audience
- Paperback availability
- Less than 250 pages?
- Available in audio
- Male (?) Point of view
- Minimal explicitness
- Appropriate for 12-18 year olds

# Selection Committee

- One teacher from each subject area
- Administrator
- Librarians
- Students
  - Selected by English teachers for The Hunger Games
  - Selected by us for 2012-2013



# Meetings

- Monthly meetings beginning in January
- 1<sup>st</sup> meeting: Committee members come with list of book possibilities
- 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting: Books are read and whittled down
- 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting: Select 3 top books
- 4<sup>th</sup> meeting: Make final selection
- 5<sup>th</sup> meeting- Through summer: Planned Hunger Games activities

# Original Hunger Games idea

- Students and teachers would be split into Districts according to homeroom
- Students and teachers would be awarded points according to various school wide activities
  - Would create a strong school spirit/culture
  - *Activities discussed in a few minutes*
- Homeroom teachers keep track of points on an envelope– *difficult*
  - *Envelope example*
  - [Letter to Homeroom teachers](#)
- Would participate in 3-4 activities per month

# Original Hunger Games idea

- Students earn tokens which become points
  - Tokens are distributed to staff members each week and can be given out as the teacher sees fit
  - Library secretary helping with this
- One teacher is assigned to be in charge of each District
  - Reminder of upcoming activities
- Points would be calculated each month on the homeroom envelope



# The Reward



**\$3500 Total Cost=**

Tickets + Substitutes + Transportation

- Raised through fundraising and possibly school funds

# District Breakdown

- 12 Districts
  - Each district has one grade in each
  - Each district has about 100 students + 10 teachers
  - Each district has a symbol and color
  - [Our District Breakdown](#)
- District information posted on a wall
  - Contains student names/homerooms
  - Teachers names
  - Points awarded each month

# Hunger Games Wall



# Original Hunger Games Activities

- [Activities](#)
- Attendance score sheet [example](#)





# Hunger Games t-shirt day– Received Points!



# Events added on: Toy Drive (Student Council kept track of points)





# Events added on: Banner Parade (Student Council kept track of points)



# The Pep Rally

- Our first Academic Pep Rally
- We brought the Hunger Games to life; how we made fiction a reality!



# The Reaping

Dear District Citizens,

On Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, the One Book One School Committee (aka the *nice* version of The Capital) is going to have a *REAPING*. That's right- a live reaping to be televised on the Seneca Morning Show!

Here's how it will work: every citizen in each of the 12 districts will have the right to enter the reaping. 24 tributes will be selected – one boy and one girl from every district. If you choose to enter, you do so with the understanding that if chosen, YOU will represent your district at The Hunger Games pep rally held on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

During this pep rally there will be several competitions where our 24 tributes will compete against one another. The last tribute standing **WINS**.

If you dare to enter the reaping, your name will be written on a piece of paper and dropped into the REAPING bucket. If you are a senior, your name will be entered four times, a junior - three times, a sophomore - two times, and a freshman - one time. On the day of the reaping, one male and one female will be randomly selected from the bucket to represent their district. We will select the 24 names live on the Seneca Morning show on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Each tribute will be treated like a Seneca celebrity during the week prior to the games. This means that there will be posters of the tributes scattered throughout the school to get everyone pumped up for the fun-spirited competitions. Each district will be counting on its tributes to represent and win points for them during the Pep Rally. Details about the events will NOT be revealed prior to the start of our Hunger Games. We do, however, promise you that there will not be any tracker jackers, cannon shots, or mutant mutts, (but President Snow could make an appearance). Be sure you have read the book before the games begin!

On Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, you can fill out an official contract to have your name entered into our reaping. A district student representative will come around to each homeroom to have you fill out the paperwork. You have two nights to think about it - may the odds be ever in your favor!

Sincerely,

The Hunger Games Committee

# The Reaping

- Students volunteered in their homerooms - [signed a contract](#)
- One boy and one girl from each district were selected on live TV by our Principal
- 24 tributes would participate in our “games” - being eliminated until only one champion remained – bringing glory and points to their district!

# Preparation

- Each tribute was asked to get a sponsor to promote them and their district





# Tributes & Sponsors





# The Hype



# The Pep Rally

- A series of events where our 24 tributes would be eliminated until a champion was declared
- Events would become more complicated as our contestants grew smaller in number

# Pep Rally

- Pep rally took place at the end of the day – planned event for 90 minutes





# Pep Rally

- Used our Student Council members to help with set up and clean up

- [Maps](#)





# Pep Rally Activities

- Drum line processional
- Tributes introduced with theme music
- Five events culled down our Tributes
- Intermissions: original song performance and t-shirt/ candy/ token throwing
- Student Council changed sets during intermissions
- [Script](#)
- [Simplified event list given to Tributes and Sponsors](#)

**Videos Coming Up!**

# Fans!

## Entire school sat with their Districts



# Fans!





# First Round: Cornucopia



# Second Round: Water





# Third Round: Tails of Fire



# Fourth Round: Nests, mud, cave, medicine





**Final Round: Wall , spell , break the board ,  
berries, kill mutation , climb over wall , hit  
target with arrow – WIN!**





# Winner!



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Pep Rally- The Talent Show

- Teacher from each District supervised a talent show performance featuring students from the District
  - Requirements: Props, Based on book, Quality of Performance, Audience respectful, 3 minutes [Scoring Rubric](#)
  - Assistant Principals were the judges
  - After the performance, students voted via text on the best performance
  - Judge points + text points= winners
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place automatically gets to go the movie
  - Points awarded to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners
  - [Script](#)



# Talent Show





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# Voting by Text- Talent Show



# Final Points

District #	District Name	Talent Results (judges score + text votes)	Previous Score (+show pts)	FINAL RESULTS
3	Electronics	(464+246) 710	4780 (*1st)	Automatic 1st
1	Luxury	(449+220) 669	5190 (+1000)	6190
8	Fabrics	(397+95) 492	4863	4863
10	Livestock	(527+121) 648	4190 (+500)	4690
7	Lumber	(532+98) 630	4510	4510
12	Coal Mining	(452+150) 602	4165	4165
6	Medical	(445+126) 571	3918	3918
4	Fishing	(340+90) 430	3364	3364
5	Manipulation	(448+149) 597	3164	3164
11	Agriculture	(349+68) 417	3157	3157
2	Mining	(332+81) 413	3137	3137
9	Hunting	(337+220) 557	2511	2511

# The Movie!

- The winning three Districts attended on March 23, 2012
- 9:30am, back to school by 12:30pm for lunch outside!
- 8 Buses
- Approximately 300 students
- 23 Staff members



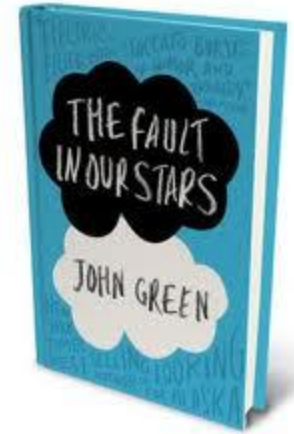


# The Movie!





# This year....



- The Fault in Our Stars by John Green
- “Walk Under Our Stars”
  - Modeled after the “Relay for Life”
  - 12 hour walk from 6pm-6am
  - Over 600 students attended
  - Raised \$26,000 for the American Cancer Society

# "Walk Under Our Stars"



# Pep Rally

- Task-style relay based on the book
- Hair donation and shave
  - Pantene's Beautiful Locks
  - Boys shaved heads to raise money for the ACS
- Check presented to the American Cancer Society





# Pep Rally





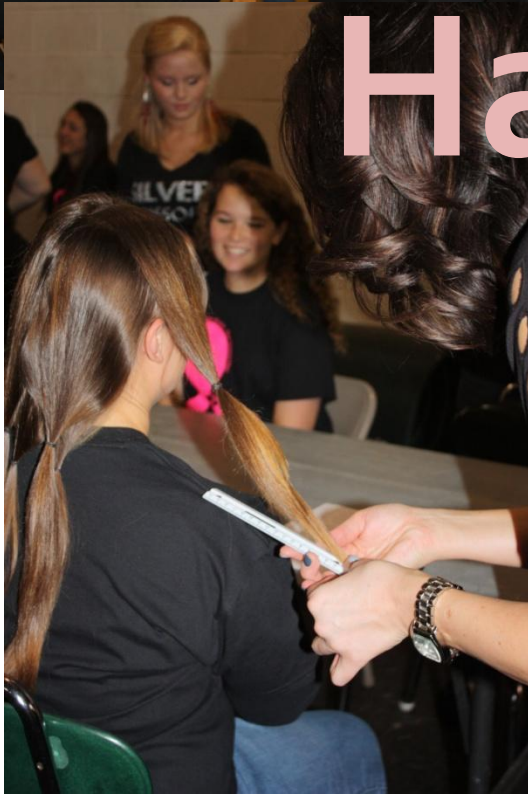


# Pep Rally





# Hair Cutting







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# Credit!

- You are welcome to use our handouts and ideas, but please give credit to:

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