

Twin Lakes Rock n Roll Show is OrangeVale's New Idol

On May 30th 2008 Twin Lakes Elementary School presented their annual Rock n Roll show from an "American Idol" view. The show is comprised of 5th and 6th graders and the Twin Lakes Staff. Making it complete were the judges from American Idol including



Ryan Seacrest, emceeing (Chris Hozknecht); Jake Chavez as Randy Jackson; Kerrie Beuhler as Paula Abdul and Nick Rowe played Simon Cowell. The Judges were well rehearsed, and very comedic. The skit included everything based on the original idols television show. (For example, from adapting the judges personalities, to 'Ryan's' famous "We'll return right after the break", and of course voting by text). Very creative, since each live stage show needs a break anyway to get the cast ready back stage.

This Rock n Roll performance was so well done that the teams/teachers/directors experience and knowledge, made this seem as if putting a live show together was a breeze...

The Live band called "The Accidental Teachers" opened the show with wonderful sounds. Apparently, three of the band members have been with the show since its first appearance in 1986. Some of these band members are teachers within the San Juan district. Janet Thorgrimson is the Musical Director and an original member as well. She opened with welcoming the band and introducing each band member.

The Director integrated special guest stars which included Gene Simmons-played by Woody Carbaugh; Prince-played by Jevan Brar, Prince's Assistant-played by Coco

Pedersen and Elvis Presley-by Victoria Ball. These special guest stars all had spectacular



costumes made by the parents of Twin Lakes which helped them prepare for the roles as the sometimes eccentric "star".

The show started with the music from 'idol' and continued through the venue even "after the break"...Lighting ensued thanks to Ken Benedict (KB Productions) and the show opened with its first act The Williams Wonders with the 1957 song Great Ball of Fire. The Stage props consisted of records on the wall of each of the songs each grade performed. Along with that was centered a colorful jukebox to set



the mood. The girls were dressed all in red, the boys in black; all danced in their black socks and had a grand time. Following each performance, the judges commented with their creative lines, about the performance and choreography and how the band needed to work on the musical lyrics and notes and laughing ensued.

The acts that followed: The Black Notes performed the classic Rock Around the Clock an original Bill Haley song; The Graser Group performed Yakkety Yak; The lively and joyous Surfin' Cermaks danced to Surfin' Safari complete with the tie dyed shirts and grass skirts; The exceptional Whirlin' Wohlenbergs sparkling in their turquoise hair scarves, jiggled with enormous energy even bringing out the youngest kids to dance with them to C'mon & Swim; The Busch Bunch danced very well in Pink polka dots and sequin black vests to the well choreographed At the Hop (even pretend playing the air guitar and piano in sync);



Followed by the teachers in their tie dyes doing their part dancing to Baby Work Out! (The Art teacher made the t-shirts).

The Grand Finale included all of the groups, teachers, judges, and special Guest Stars dancing about to Old Time Rock and Roll.

The Band, after getting teased by 'Simon', finally got their recognition of how wonderfully they played, at the very end of the show, and the judges all chimed in that every grade was a winner!

It's amazing to see a school come together for a show like this and it was very apparent that all included, even the audience look forward to the tradition every year and why. Thanks Twin Lakes for putting on a wonderfully inspiring production! ☺

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