

Hola!

Bonjour!

With the ability to speak a foreign language, many students greeted their friends in French or Spanish and were able to call themselves "bilingual."

Foreign languages proved very helpful to many students during the school year. When the band visited Disney World in March, they encountered many Spanish-speaking people. The students who knew how to speak Spanish were able to communicate adequately.

"Using Spanish was fun. You got to see the language in use," said senior Teisha Cundiff.

Although most of the Spanish-speaking people in Florida could also speak English, students spoke in Spanish to make their conversations interesting and educational. Junior Cheryl Grant met a Puerto Rican with whom she was able to converse in Spanish.

"Taking Spanish allowed me to have an intellectual conversation with a Spanish-speaking person," said Cheryl.

Cheryl, a second-year Spanish student who also took the National Spanish Examination, attempted to bring the Puerto Rican back to Mrs. O'Briant's class for "dos cheques" (or two checks).

"I enjoy having students who are so enthusiastic and try to use the language when they have the opportunity," said Spanish teacher Mrs. Joan O'Briant.

National Foreign Language Week was held March 2-6. Students were greeted with several pleasantries spoken in Spanish and in French during the morning announcements. Many foreign language teachers had special activities in class to celebrate Foreign Language Week.

"I was very pleased with the way it turned out. All of my colleagues reported successful activities in their classrooms. We look forward to making it even better next year," said Spanish and French teacher Mr. Charles Drake.

— Karyn Davis



Students pose in front of the Eiffel Tower. Samantha Craven, Renelle Newton, Gail Rearden, Wilmar Stephens, Jamie Preveaux, and Mr. Charles Drake took a trip to Spain and France during spring break.

Seniors Renelle Newton and Jamie Preveaux clown around on the plane trip to Spain. Jamie was in the Band of Blue and Renelle attended Girls' State.