

SUNNYVALE HOSTS 13TH ANNUAL BASKETBALL SHOOTOUT

More than 200 people came to the Columbia Neighborhood Center to watch the top seventh- and eighth-grade basketball shooters from eight Sunnyvale schools February 2, as the Sunnyvale Departments of Public Safety and Parks and Recreation hosted the 13th annual basketball shootout. The goal for each participant was to shoot as many baskets as they could in 60 seconds as they moved to designated spots around the basket for each shot.

Student competition was fierce, with each first-place shooter winning by just one basket. The seventh- and eighth-grade girls had a tie for first place which was resolved through a tie-breaker shootout. The seventh-grade boys also had a shootout to determine second place. All finalists received a basketball shootout T-shirt. The Sunnyvale Elks Club

co-sponsored the event and awarded the first-place winners an Xbox and a basketball. Second-place winners were presented an iPod Shuffle and

a basketball. The Sunnyvale Elks Club also provided free food and refreshments for all participants and their families.

Results

SEVENTH GRADE

Boys

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- 1st Place** Gino Malin, St. Cyprians..... 6 baskets
2nd Place Brandon Ustarsis, Sunnyvale..... 15 baskets

Girls

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- 1st Place** Mariela Murillo, St. Martins 13 baskets
2nd Place Gabrielle Squarcia, Cupertino Middle 12 baskets

EIGHTH GRADE

Boys

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- 1st Place** Ayal Pomerantz, Cupertino Middle..... 17 baskets
2nd Place Bryan Grevera, St Martins 16 baskets

Girls

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- 1st Place** KC Viray, Columbia Middle..... 12 baskets
2nd Place Chelsea Rodriguez, Columbia Middle 11 baskets