

RAVENS IN OUR COMMUNITY

2011 HOMETOWN HUDDLE: TRIRAVENS TOURNAMENT

When children from Federal Hill Preparatory School entered M&T Bank Stadium on Tuesday (10/18), they stepped into a scene straight from the popular children's series "Harry Potter." With magical music playing in the background and the field covered in Harry Potter-themed challenges, the stadium was transformed into 'The Wizarding World of M&T Bank Stadium' for the first-ever TriRavens Tournament.



As part of the 2011 NFL/United Way Hometown Huddle, the TriRavens Tournament featured challenges that integrated educational programming and physical activity in conjunction with Play 60, the NFL movement for an active generation. The NFL/United Way Hometown Huddle is a league-wide day of service designed to bring awareness and impact to the issue of youth health and fitness.

Just like in the book, students were assigned to teams, (e.g. "Vontamorts" and "Ravenclaw") using a sorting hat. Ravens cheerleaders, mascot Poe and volunteers gave each child an athlete's welcome as their names were announced, and they ran to their teams.

During the tournament, each team participated in challenges such as "Broom Hockey," "Dragon Egg Challenge," "Kickball" and "Quidditch." Players, **RB Damien Berry**, **CBs Chykie Brown** and **Cary Williams** (above), **WRs Tandon Doss** and **Torrey Smith**, **G/C Andre Gurode**, **DT Bryan Hall** and **FB Vonta Leach** participated in the challenges alongside the students.

At the end of the tournament, the school received a trophy for its participation in the TriRavens Tournament and students on the winning team were awarded the complete "Harry Potter" book series. Each student also received Under Armour shoes, a special TriRavens Tournament backpack filled with healthy snacks donated by United Way of Central Maryland and a Ravens water bottle. After the tournament, a celebratory lunch was held at the stadium.



TEAM PURPLE WALKS TO HELP END BREAST CANCER



For 2011, the Ravens have partnered with the American Cancer Society (ACS) in their efforts to save lives, celebrate more birthdays and end breast cancer forever. In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, members of Team Purple represented the Ravens at the 2011 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on Sunday (10/16).

More than 100 participants joined ACS and the Ravens in honoring breast cancer survivors, remembering people we have lost, and raising funds and awareness to help end the disease.



Participants of Team Purple received a commemorative t-shirt as a thank you. Over the last three years, Team Purple has raised more than \$50,000 towards the fight against breast cancer.

Also, in celebration of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Ravens honored 50 women (above right), a combination of breast cancer survivors and those currently undergoing treatment, during a pre-game tribute at the Ravens-Jets game (10/2). The women joined GRAMMY Award winner and country music superstar Martina McBride as she sang the National Anthem.