

Anime Club draws up some interest

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“When students are inspired by anime, it is a door to other aspects of art education,” said Arnold Middleton, an art teacher at Britt and the teacher-in-charge of the Anime Club.

The Anime Club, which has been active on and off since the school opened, aims to help open that door for students and to create a greater “appreciation for anime and manga, beyond the popular animes such as *Dragon Ball Z* and *Yugioh*,” Middleton said.

“During the meetings we will discuss new trends in anime and manga, new films, and watch mostly classic animes and stuff from the '70s,” said Middleton.

The club will also watch and discuss various different genres anime, such as soap operas, space animes and westerns.

Though popular in the United States, Japanese anime shows and movies garner a larger audience than live-action media in Japan.

“Japan is a very small country, and there are not very many movie studios there,” he said, “so they watch anime on the big screen, like we would for a regular movie.”

Although American voice actors usually voice over animes aired in the United States, the club will primarily watch Japanese animes in the original Japanese with English subtitles.

“When we watch a dub, you lose part of the story,” said Middleton, explaining why the club will mainly watch subbed—or subtitled—anime.

A guest speaker, Paul Taylor, will visit and speak with the club sometime during the school year, Middleton said. Taylor, a member of the Anime Circles in North Carolina, will give much information on the history of animes to the club, Middleton said.

The Anime Club held its first meeting Sept. 25 in Middleton’s room, and meets every other Friday after school at 3:30.