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MUSIC MAKES A FUN MESSAGE



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Waynedale Elementary kindergartners Jubilee Camacho, Madilynn Householder and Brenna Byrd all respond to Jill Jayne's interactive rock 'n' roll presentation on healthy eating at Maplewood Elementary on Tuesday morning.

Students groove to healthy tunes

Singer's show is filled with tips on good nutrition

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Maplewood and Waynedale elementary school students rapped and jived Tuesday in Maplewood school's gym as they listened to and joined in song and dance with Jill Jayne, a professional singer from New York City.

While they enthusiastically ate up her catchy lyrics and humorous voice effects, the goal of Jayne, a registered dietitian, was to serve subtle, but lasting tidbits of health messages to the children about the food they eat.

Kassidy Peterbaugh, 7, a second-grader at Maplewood, joined her peers and Jayne in making sounds of a not-so-well-running car and of the actions of the heart



Jayne rocked Waynedale and Maplewood Elementary School kindergartners, first- and second-graders with catchy songs and humorous voice effects.

and lungs.

"Our body is a lot like a car. When we eat healthy food, it's like giving our body a tank of gas," Jayne said. A "face" attached to a gallon of milk gave the milk a persona as Jayne told the youngsters, "Calcium is his rapper name," then got them moving to a song about bones.

The nuggets of good nutrition got through to Kassidy, who said after the program, "Unhealthy

food like potato chips you can eat sometimes but not all the time."

Tuesday night Jayne did a musical nutrition show, "Jump With Jill," for more than 800 people at the Grand Wayne Convention Center under sponsorship of America on the Move Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne Cardiology and Parkview Health.

For more on Jayne and her music, available on CD, visit www.jumpwithjill.com/jwj.