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EDUCATION IN ACTION

Photographs from county classrooms



Hailey McDonnell of Detroit (center) hosts the "Jump with Jill" presentation at Raisinville Elementary School. The nutrition education program featured up-tempo contemporary music.

Raisinville Elementary youths jump onto fitness bandwagon

Students at Raisinville Elementary School recently were jumping for fitness.

The school was among 12 in the state chosen to host a "Jump with Jill" presentation, a nutrition education program featuring up-tempo contemporary music.

Hailey McDonnell of Detroit portrayed Jill, and Holland native Devon Watson was the disc jockey.

Raisinville won the honor after two Raisinville students, Jacob and Zachary Fenbert, and their mom, Danielle Fenbert, recorded a short video at Calder Dairy about the value of milk in a diet.

The program is sponsored by the United Dairy Industry of Michigan and is part of the Fuel Up to Play 60 initiative, co-sponsored by the National Football League.

Because it was selected, Raisin-

ville, its students and families now will have access to Internet-based computer programs that encourage and chart fitness activities, rewarding children for living healthy lifestyles.

In January, the school will kick off the fitness push with a presentation aimed at parents to show them how they can work with their children and encourage healthy lifestyle choices.



— Photo courtesy of Meadow Montessori

Meadow Montessori students take part in a bake sale to raise money for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan.

Bake sale supports typhoon relief

Upper elementary students at Meadow Montessori hosted a bake sale recently to raise money for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan, which struck the Philippines.

The sale took place Nov. 21 after students were discussing the typhoon that hit earlier in the month. Student Ammar Abdul-Kabir suggested hosting the bake sale to raise money and provide relief to the people suffering from the natural disaster.

The children organized the sale, made signs and baked the items.

Teacher Dawn Forter mentioned she had a friend, Judy McCain, who

has family in the Philippines, and Ms. McCain offered to match the students' donation.

Ms. McCain's family lives close to the area affected by the typhoon. The money primarily will be used for food and water. If those needs are met, then toiletry items will be purchased.

On Nov. 25, Ms. McCain visited the school to accept the \$422 check. Of that money, \$152 was raised from the bake sale. Another \$70 came from donations that were collected at the FIRST LEGO League event that weekend. A family from the school donated \$200.