

# Sacred Heart joins in Catholic Schools Week

Sacred Heart School in Colby is celebrating Catholic Schools Week this week, along with Catholic schools across the country.

Principal Laura Krejci said the idea behind the week, which is promoted by the National Catholic Education Association, is to recognize the value of a Catholic education.

The week also promotes the mission of the school, "preparing minds for tomorrow and souls for eternity."

"In some ways this week may look similar to Homecoming week at public high schools," she said. "However, its point is really to celebrate the good things about Catholic schools and the people who make them possible."

Students have been dressing up for different activities each day this week. On Monday, for instance, they all formed different teams that wore different colors for "McGyver Day."

Kids spent the day on problem solving activities like making a tower out of spaghetti or wrapping an egg in napkins and toilet paper rolls, so it wouldn't break when dropped.

The kids dressed in western clothes for Kansas Day on Tuesday, and parents were invited to have muffins and donuts during morning prayers in the gym.

During dress up day on Wednesday, Krejci said, the school will recognize the support staff by making banners and posters.

"Without the support of many people, cooks, custodians, our secretary, bus drivers and volunteers," she said, "our school would not be possible."

On Thursday - "Mismatch Day" - she said students will invite their grandparents to spend part of the day and eat lunch. Friday is "School Spirit Day" and all students in kindergarten through



Monday was "McGyver Day" at Sacred Heart School, and kids moved around the school in color-coded teams trying to solve problems. Claire Denny, (left, from left) Cindy Chavez and Lauren Ortner of the blue team started the day in Allyson Klaus's room trying to make a tower out of spaghetti, tape and string. The blues then went to the gym, (below) where Tyler Voss learned that it's possible to blow a bubble inside of a larger bubble.

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fifth grade will travel to St. Joseph's School in Oakley and visit with other children in the Catholic school, going to Mass and eating lunch with them.

In preparation for the event, Krejci said, students put the phrase "God is Love" in the playground fence. The theme she said, is "raising the standards."

"Faith is the most important part of a Catholic education," Krejci said, "and we want to remind people of how much God loves each of us."

She said the students kicked off

the week with a pizza party following Mass on Saturday night as an opportunity to worship together and then have fellowship.

A big part of education is relationships, Krejci said, a relationship with God and a relationship with each other.

Monday focused on academics with a problem-solving day. Students went in multi-age groups to different classrooms, working together to solve science and math activities.



## Students celebrate Kansas Day at school

Kids from all over town dressed up for Kansas Day on Tuesday. Sacred Heart students showed off their western gear (above) as they waited in line for muffins and donuts with their parents, including (from left) Sondra Finley, Lakin Denny, Jalyn Sabatka, Makena Basgall, Adam Schacher, Tyler Voss, Libby Guilfoyle and Desi Dainty-Guilfoyle. At Colby Grade School, Anna Starbuck (right) brushed a horse named Amy and Brittany Normand, a member of the Colby Community College equestrian team, held the reins.

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