



**THE BODY WALK** (above) was open to all students at Oberlin Elementary School last Wednesday. Student Landen Richards and teacher aide Donna Fortin (below) bent over to walk through a long hallway with white pieces of plastic hanging down, representing the small intestine.



## Students take trek through human body

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Oberlin elementary students had a chance to walk through a body!

The Body Walk is a 35-foot-by-40-foot enclosed walk-through exhibit that helps teach students more about their bodies and how to keep them healthy.

Kathy Childress, exhibit coordinator, travels around Kansas to share the exhibit with children.

The traveling exhibit is sponsored by the Kansas Department of Education and Nutrition Services.

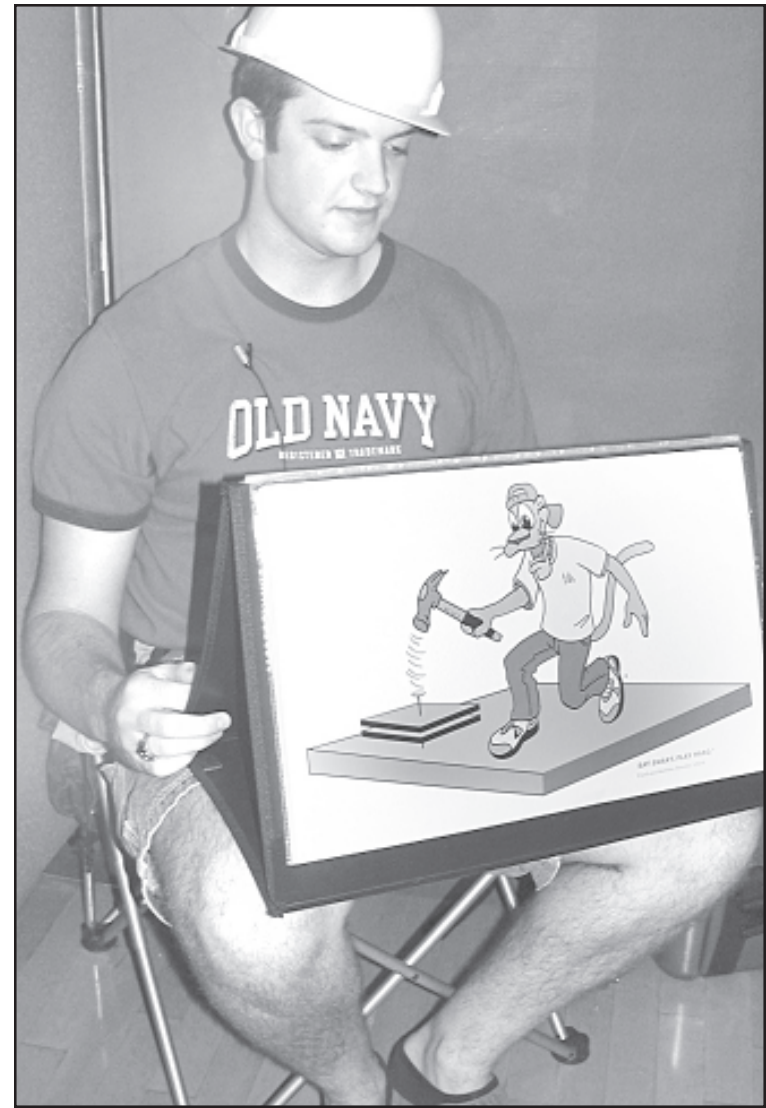
The Body Walk includes 11 sections children walk through, including the brain, mouth, heart, lungs, small intestine, muscles and skin. Each is staffed by a volunteer who teaches the kids about that part of the

body. The students spend about five minutes in each one.

It took many volunteers to help run the Body Walk, including several parents and four National Honor Society members: Bronson Scott, Heather Glodt, Lacey Ream and Tricia Dorshorst.

Pam May, president of Supporting Our Schools, a parent/teacher organization, applied for a grant to help pay for the Body Walk. The cost was \$1 for each student, but because of the grant, the children paid nothing.

"It went really well," said Johanna Mason, school nurse, who organized the event. "It ran smoothly, and the kids had a fun time. I was really pleased."



**WEARING A HARD HAT**, high school student Bronson Scott (above) talked to the students about bones and keeping them healthy while volunteer Jane Rorick (below) told the students about eating healthy.



**DREW JUENEMANN** (left) tried to find the heartbeat in his neck while **Shiloh Marine** (right) held a model of a human heart.

