

**ON THE PLAYGROUND,** Coach Jeff Jones (above) pitched the kick ball to a sixth grader. As he rounded third base, Kelly Brown (right) gave his sixth-grade teacher, Carol Dixson, a high five.



## Students and teachers compete at kick ball

Students sat on the hill at the north end of the playground at Oberlin Elementary School last Tuesday.

Some cheered for the sixth graders and others for the teachers during the annual kick-ball game, held the afternoon before the last day of school.

Principal Duane Dorshorst said the game is a lot of fun, a nice thing for the teachers and staff to do with the kids. The annual kick-ball game,

he said, gives the sixth graders an opportunity to play against all of the teachers before moving to the junior high.

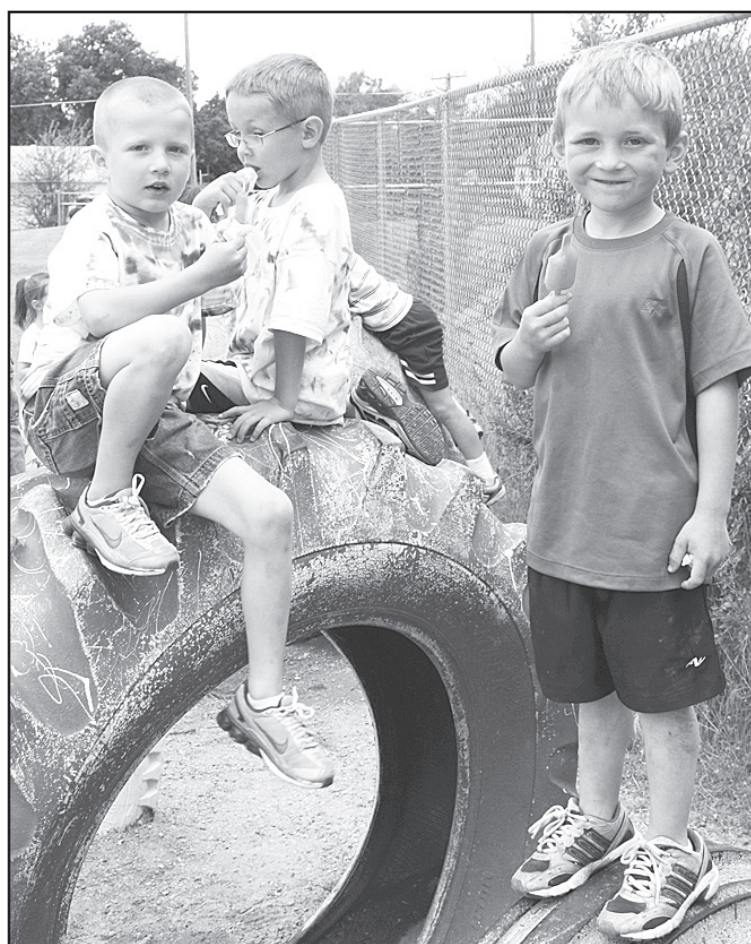
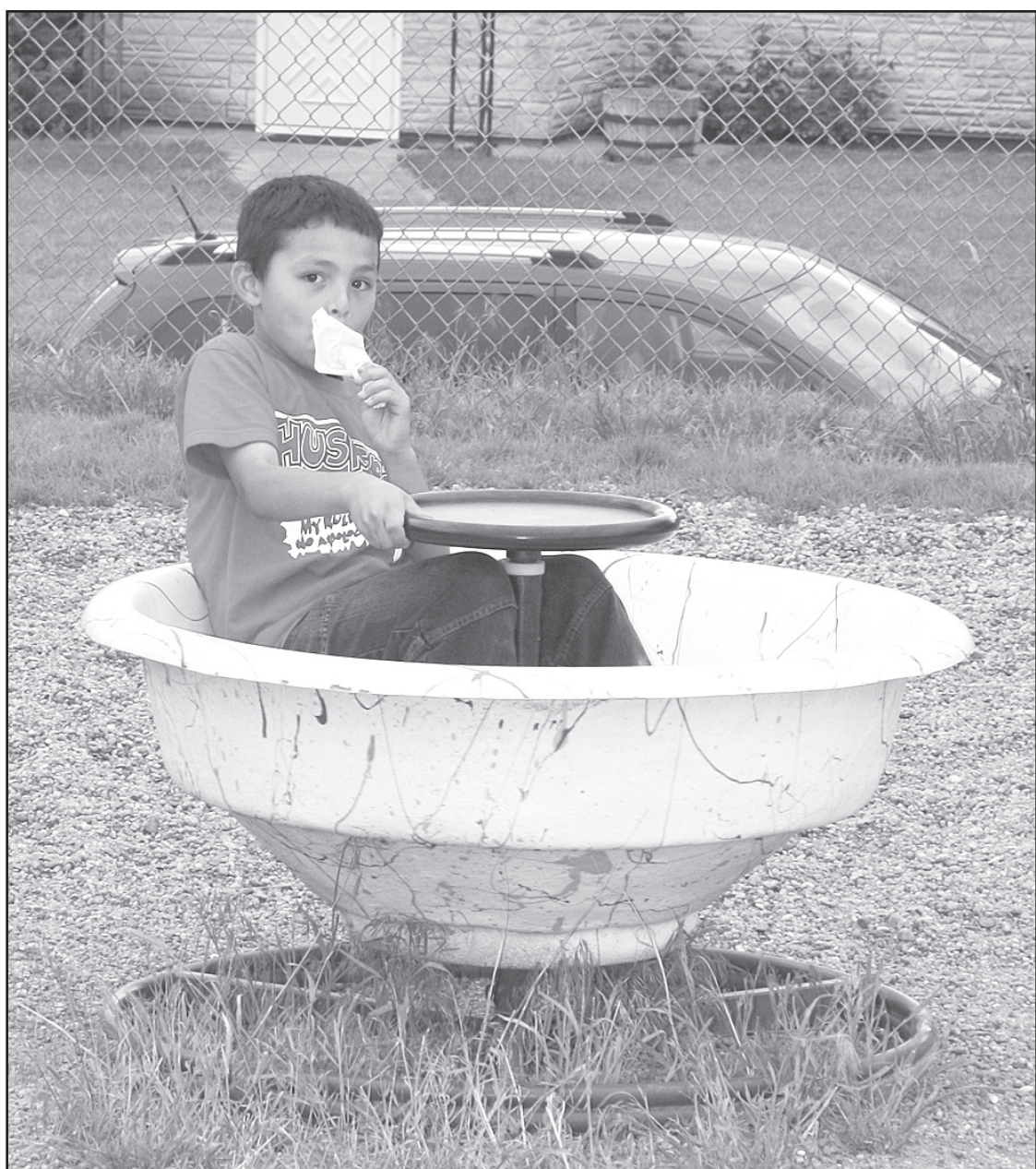
Kick ball is similar to baseball. It's three strikes and you're out, or three missed kicks. If the ball is kicked into the air and the opposing team catches it, the kicker is out. If the runner is tagged before he or she tags the base, they are out.

Unlike baseball there isn't an um-

pire behind homeplate. The rules are kept simple and if someone kicks it over the fence, it's pretty much a home run.

This year, said Mr. Dorshorst, the teachers won 14-13, despite giving the students half an inning more to kick.

Both sides were good sports, he said.



**AT HOME PLATE,** Shylo Shields (top) went to kick the ball last Tuesday. After the game, all of the students got a popsicle and hung out on the playground, including Jorge Camboa-Olivas (left) and Reece Grafel, Breckin Sauvage and Collin Mumm (above right).