

The feature page about interesting people, places and things to do Wednesday, September 14, 2011



color in a drawing of "OES is the Best" on a downtown the hand of Emily Pearson as they walked back to school.

SIDEWALK CHALK in hand, Gabbie Vontz (above) helped sidewalk last Wednesday. Aspen Gallentine (below right) held

Extended learning families draw with sidewalk chalk

Students from Oberlin Elemen- system in the school, including kids walk chalk drawing downtown. tary School went downtown and from other classes and possibly a The classes each get a chance to drew pictures on the sidewalks with teacher other than the one in their decide what activity they want to do



their "extended learning families' last Wednesday.

The family-style program, known at the school as "ELF," started five or six years ago, said Principal Duane Dorshorst. The idea is to give the younger kids a support a month to do an activity, like side-

classroom.

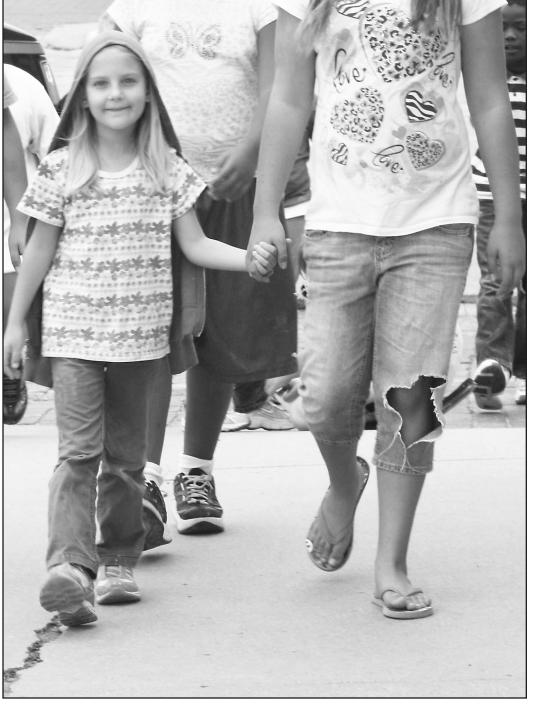
For the older kids, he said, the groups give them responsibility to the lunch hour. That way, he said, the help with the younger students in kids can eat lunch together as well as the school.

The "families" get together once

one month, he said.

Normally the groups meet over doing an activity now and then.





SHAKIRA COOK crouched down as she thought about what to draw next.