

4th graders study up on Middle Ages

BRAVE KNIGHTS and fair maidens brought a taste of the Middle Ages to Wood Creek Elementary, with jousting, costumes and other medieval games.

Darlene Egbert's fourth grade class culminated a 24-month Social Studies unit about the Middle Ages in Europe with a "medieval festival" held outdoors in the afternoon May 30.

"Last year it rained — this year it was more fun," said Egbert, who helped her Farmington Hills students do the festival for the second year. "I just decided it would be fun to do. I guess I got the idea from the Renaissance Festival."

The Renaissance Festival is held every fall at a site near Holly.

WOOD CREEK'S event involved 26 of Egbert's students, who had to complete 14 classroom activities relating to the Middle Ages before the festival, and eight parents who helped put it together.

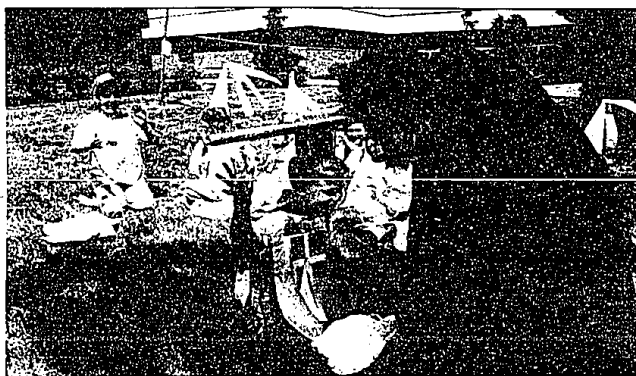
Students spent time designing costumes, which included togas and pointed hennin hats for the girls and foil-covered baseball caps that served as helmets for the boys.

At the outdoor event, students competed in body jousting, ring jousting, tournament tosses with beanbags and a special game of "Pin the Fire on the Dragon." The boy and girl winning the most events at the festival were dubbed king and queen for the day.



Students Monique Allen (left) competes with Julie Stocker in the body jousting games at Wood Creek Elementary.

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AT LEFT: Named king-for-a-day, Colin Parks-Fried (center) accepts his crown from Wood Creek teacher Darlene Egbert during the outdoors medieval festival.

Wood Creek fourth grader Elizabeth Mirzolan tries to tie her maiden's hat back onto her head during an afternoon of medieval festivities.



With horse in hand and a spear in the other, knight Bryan Bahrl busts rings hanging from a clothes line in the Wood Creek school yard.

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