



Bebopping good time: Alexandra Grossi, in sunglasses, dancing the night away along with some of her classmates. Kids danced to Elvis tunes and played trivia games such as "I Like Ike."

Pretzel party: Shara Cherniak tries to negotiate the turns on the Twister game.



A rock (back) around the clock



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Timely moves: Nicole Rabac and Joe Russo move to a 1950s chestnut during a nostalgic dance for seventh-graders at O.E. at Dunckel Middle School Feb. 6.

Dunckel dance takes nostalgic turn

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They turned back the clock Friday night at O.E. Dunckel Middle School.

The fourth annual '50s Dance brought out 160 seventh graders and their parents for a fun night of saddle shoes, Elvis tunes and trivia about the "I Like Ike" decade.

Some of the trivia winners will be notified and receive their prizes at the end of this week, said Claudia Doughty, one of 10 seventh grade teachers who organized the fund-raiser for Farmington Neighborhood House. Doughty said about \$200

in proceeds will go to the charity, which helps families in need in the Farmington-Farmington Hills area.

Common sightings in the gymnasium included the limbo, hula hoops, varsity jackets and greased back hair.

"Yeah, there was a lot of that," said Doughty. "Lots of goop."

Doughty explained that students had two rules to follow in order to attend the dance. First, they had to dress up in '50s style. Secondly, they had to bring at least one parent. But many wound up bringing both Mom and Dad.

A lot of the parents were hav-

ing as much fun as the kids, dancing to "Blue Suede Shoes" and "Heartbreak Hotel." Dunckel students also could check their moves out on the big video screen, set up on the side of the dance floor.

The '50s theme was popular with students, Doughty said. "They liked it better than regular school dances. They could run around, dance silly and have a good time. And they didn't mind their parents coming."

Refreshments were donated by Dunckel teachers and parents. Some of the prize winners will receive authentic 1950s memorabilia.

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