

Preschoolers prepare for summer fun with 'Vacation Destination'

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Vacation was the focus as Dragon's Wagon Preschool students presented their year-end program Friday, May 15 in the HHS auditorium.

Songs and fingerplays took the audience to the mountains, Alaska, the beach, a camping trip and more fun venues as student groups proudly took center stage for their portion of the program.

Appropriate head pieces for the older group and hand-held props for the younger students depicted each group's song.

A successful auction was held during the program, with numerous items going to successful bidders as part of the fund raising activity for the local preschool.

A Vacation Destination Quilt was generously purchased by Damon and Pam Struckmeyer and given back to the preschool to be hung at the school, in memory of Westyn Struckmeyer.

Students who will not be entering kindergarten next fall opened the "Vacation Destination" entertainment Friday evening.

"We're Taking a Vacation" featured Blye McCallum, Cesilia Iniguez, Tyla Knutson, Brian Monreal Santiesteban, Andrea Marquez and Elby Kropp.

"Oh We're Going on Vacation" included Eric Dominguez, Amber Gulley, Isaiah Rahe, Tucker Keith, Emma Thompson and Karlie Martin.

Tyson Mosenteen, Ethan Schneller, Piper Sorter, Leslie Brown, Evan Vigil and J.C. Steggs presented "Cruising to Alaska."



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"Going Camping" soloists were Heather Anderson, Ty Sandquist, Dylan Hielscher, Hailey St. Martin, Sabryn Burris, Ashton Robles and Kyleigh Jaeger.

"To the Mountains We Will Go" sang Gehrig Thompson, Wade Martin, Max Dirks, Riann Archibeque, Jimena Nunez and Abraham Diaz.

Students who will enter kindergarten in August performed the second half of Friday's program. Following their "vacation" rhymes, each was presented a graduation certificate by the preschool staff.

Marcia Walter serves as director for Dragon's Wagon, with Joan Owens as assistant director. Debbie Brandt and Holli Krueger are aides, and Amy Duvall and Lindsey Teply are BOCES aides. "Vacation" featured David Speicher, Wendy Favela, Angel Carrasco, Kenneth Lindholm, Kassity Denbo and Rene Rosales.

"Going on Vacation" was performed by Carlos Legeretta, Koby Way, Jelitza Bejarano, Chad St. Martin, Marco Mendoza, Diego Jimenez and Rachel Krueger.

Anelina Solorzano, Aidyn Shafer, A.J. Calderon, Luis Goytia, Joey Telck and Randy Nevarez entertained with "Vacation Holiday."

"Going to the Beach," with all the necessities, were Gage Sprague, Osman Coss, Cade Killin, Kailar Hayes, Yadelie Castillo and Baylor Struckmeyer.

"Sleeping in the Car" was a unique number by Levi Dille, Johnny Quintana, Jaime Avila, Tristen Ferguson, Emmanuel Vasquez, Zachary Ledkins, Allison Warren and Kristin Vieselmeyer.

"This Land is Your Land" appropriately ended the program and featured Theron Roll, Josie Schlachter, Alexie Metzger, Junior Rojas, Ava Lock and Ethan Johnson.

A spaghetti supper kicked off Friday's evening of entertainment and fund raising for Dragon's Wagon Preschool.