

Dancing with the Seniors at MRC

Liberty 4th graders in Mrs. Dixon's class went to the Maria Reiner Senior Center to dance with the seniors. The students practiced their dance techniques in gym class with Mrs. Holland. They learned how to square dance, and how to do the Bunny Hop. Wearing bandanas and blue jeans, the 4th graders started shuffling their feet and the seniors joined in. The hats were flying into the center of the square as the seniors got moving to the songs. The most smiles were seen during the bunny hop, when the seniors stole the show with their bunny ears flopping and hopping.

This trip to the center was made possible by the generous grant from the Hobart Education Foundation. This is the second of three trips funded by the HEF. The first was in January, when the 4th graders walked and talked with the seniors, encouraging them to stay fit and eat healthy. The final trip will be in May, when we celebrate Cinco de Mayo. The 4th graders are making maracas in art and practicing how to use them in music class. They will also be learning the Mexican Hat Dance, which they will be performing with the seniors on May 10th. We want to connect to the community, especially the seniors, in meaningful ways that are fun and encourage movement. The students, as well as the seniors, had a blast!