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Students raise over \$3,700 for children with cancer at Tiny Thon

Central and Rommelt Elementary students raised \$3,739 for the Four Diamonds Fund on Friday at the second annual Tiny THON event.

There were 166 third through sixth graders who worked together to raise money for children suffering from cancer at the Penn State Children's Hospital in Hershey. The money given to Four Diamonds funds cancer research and treatment at the hospital.

Each elementary school student was asked to raise a minimum of \$15 to attend the event to spend two hours straight dancing and playing games.

There was pop music playing in the Multi Purpose Room at Central Elementary while the students in their Tiny THON t-shirts did a conga line around the room, played dodgeball and showed off their best dance moves.



Students from the high school's Mini THON Club organized Tiny THON. Above are three 11th grade club members: Bella Bachman, left, Ava Persun, center, and Tripp Breen, right.

For the past two years the Mini THON club at South Williamsport Area High School has organized the event for the elementary students, last year raising \$2,200. They raised \$3,739 Friday night which is \$1,500 more than the previous year.

Bella Bachman, an 11th grade club member, said the event is a great way to bring awareness about childhood cancer and to help the kids feel included in the community effort to make a difference.

"The elementary school students may not know what happens to some kids who are the same age as them," Bachman said.

Fellow 11th grade club member Ava Persun said she hopes the Tiny THON participants took away a better understanding of how important it is to help others who are suffering.

Tripp Breen, an 11th grade club member, said having the event is a great way to raise more money for the Four Diamonds Fund while engaging with the younger kids.

"The elementary students look up to us high schoolers," Breen said. "Seeing us work to help children with cancer can inspire them to get involved with Mini THON when they get to the high school."

All three students agreed that everything they do regarding Tiny and Mini THON is to help kids.

The district will have another chance to make a difference for children at the high school's Mini THON from 7 p.m. - 7 a.m. on Friday, March 2 in the gym.

To see photos from Tiny THON, check out the district's Facebook page.

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