

Fourth-graders learn importance of finances

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Holyoke fourth-graders spent the week April 23-27 learning the ins and outs of personal finance.

With April being Financial Literacy Month, Colorado State University Extension Office decided to reach out to some students through a pilot project to help them learn financial skills and awareness.

CSU Extension agent Tracy Trumper spent some time in the classrooms During “Teach Your Kid to Save Week” April 23-27. She spoke with the kids about how they should handle their money and how to make good choices with money.

She also spoke about earning, budgeting and saving money.



Winners in Kate Shoemaker’s fourth-grade class are pictured in front, from left, Remington Hielscher, third; Jackie Valenzuela, second; and Makenzie Martin, first; and back row, Tracy Roll representing First Pioneer National Bank and Shoemaker. —Enterprise photo

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A hands-on portion of the project gave students the opportunity to build their own piggy banks. The young minds came up with some very creative banks which ranged from a volcano, the Titanic, fire truck with working sound, flower pot, a Holyoke “H” and much, much more.

The banks are on display at First Pioneer National Bank who helped sponsor the prizes. CSU worked with elementary art teacher Christina Martinez who made the project part of her class assignments as well.

Once the banks were completed, three people—an elementary teacher, high school student and community member—judged the banks.

Monday, April 30, awards were presented to the three winners in each fourth-grade classroom.

Winners in 4A (Kate Shoemaker) were Makenzie Martin, first; Jackie Valenzuela, second; and Remington Hielscher, third.

4B (Shelby Lingbloom) winners were Kevin Conde, first; Alexis Vega Llanas, second; and Taeryn Trumper, third.



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Winners in Shelby Lingbloom's fourth-grade class are pictured in front, from left, Kevin Conde, first; Alexis Vega Llanas, second; and Taeryn Trumper, third; and back row, Lingbloom and Tracy Roll representing First Pioneer National Bank. —Enterprise photo

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