The Colorado Children's Hospital Junglemobile visited Holyoke Elementary School on Monday, May 11 as part of the activities being sponsored by Melissa Memorial Hospital Foundation's Triathlon event.

Each child received a free bike helmet, donated by MMHF, and was taught the proper way to wear it by Holyoke Police Chief Phil Biersdorfer.

Volunteers from the hospital, ambulance service and fire dept. also pitched in to teach valuable lessons on safety and injury prevention.

The Junglemobile program provides effective injury prevention education to young children, ages 3-10, throughout the rural areas of Colorado, Wyoming and western Nebraska.

An ambulance, no longer used by the hospital, has been converted into an interactive teaching vehicle. A jungle theme entices children to learn about safety issues in a fun atmosphere.

First and second graders rotated through different stations that used fun methods to teach curriculum on the following: Bike/Helmet Safety, Child Passenger/Seat Belt, Emergency Activation/Dialing 911, Fall Prevention, Fire Safety, Pedestrian Safety, Poison Prevention and Water Safety.