

Chilton County Holds First Annual Water Festival

On Friday, March 15, Chilton County 4th graders participated in the first annual water festival. Jefferson State Community College set the stage for students to learn about the importance of clean water.

The students participated in three events, Water Cycle Bracelets, Edible Aquifer, and Fantastic Filtration.

The students made their own bracelets using beads and string, with each colored bead representing a different step of the hydrologic cycle. After finishing the activity, the students were to wear their bracelets as tools to explain the water cycle to their families and friends.

The Edible Aquifer is a fun and easy way to understand the geology of an aquifer. Students built a model aquifer with ice cream, lemon lime soda, gummy bears, and sprinkles. All these items represented different components of an aquifer and were consumed by the students at the end of the activity.

Fantastic Filtration showed the students how filtering dirty water through different filters can make it clean again.

Everyone attending the event received a T-shirt that was printed using a winning design. Fourth graders in Chilton County Schools were invited to draw designs for the T-shirts. Abby Loucks from Clanton Intermediate School submitted the winning design.

The Chilton County Water Festival committee thanks all the volunteers and partners who gave their time, effort, and funding to make the water festival such a success. The schools sent many emails and letters giving their thanks and letting us know how much they enjoyed the event.

Over 650 students attended the water festival and 70 volunteers signed up to help.

Thanks again to everyone for their help and we are looking forward to next year's event.



Students enjoy making and eating edible aquifers.



Student make water cycle bracelets.



Students learn about water filtration.