

Carnival raises money for arts program

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Erin Timony, 13, a student at Earl Warren Middle School, tries her luck at the basketball booth.

DEL MAR — Poetry readings, a theatrical production, art and photography displays, music, a silent auction and a carnival complete with a dunk tank were all part of the sixth annual Festival of the Arts held May 14 at The Winston School.

The event, free and open to the public, raises about \$10,000 annually for the arts program, but is "primarily to showcase student work for the year," Headmaster Mike Peterson said.

"Our school works with kids who have struggled in previous settings but manage to succeed

here," he said. "We find what they do well and encourage them to do more of it, which is what today is all about."

Silent auction items featured swim lessons, pet portraits and Lakers, Padres and Disneyland tickets. The event included face painting, craft making, cookie decorating and a chance to dunk assistant teacher Cary Ryan.

Founded in 1988 by a group of pediatricians and parents, The Winston School offers a college preparatory program for about 100 students in grades four through 12 who struggle with dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, attention deficit disorder, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, specific learning disabilities or disorders, nonverbal learning disorders and slow maturation.

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