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Chase County elementary students were again at the top of the list in an American Heart Association fundraiser held in February.

Physical education students in grades 1-6 took part in the Jump Rope for Heart and the Hoops for Heart fundraisers in February under the supervision of P.E. teacher Jodie Schuller.

The grade 1-4 students participated in Jump Rope for Heart, while those in grades 5-6 took on the Hoops for Hearts fundraising.

In all, Chase County's grade 1-6 students raised \$11,295 for the Heart Association, the most in Nebraska among schools fundraising in both events.

Chase County squeaked by Elkhorn's St. Patrick's School, which raised \$11,266.77 for second place statewide.

The Heart Association also categorized the top schools in central and western Nebraska, which Chase County also easily topped.

Second among schools in the central and west was Kearney's Windy Hills Elementary, which raised \$10,418.13.

For Chase County's first place effort, the school received a \$500 gift certificate from US Games. Schuller purchased additional play equipment for the playgrounds.

Each student who participated also received thank-you gifts from the Heart Association. Schuller said fifth grader Tyler Barnard again topped all individual fundraisers at CCS.