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It was a busy day in the Shorthorn gym last Thursday as K-6 students at Chase County Schools jumped rope and shot baskets, all in the interest of conquering heart disease.

It was the eighth year for the Jump Rope For Heart (grades K-4) and the seventh year for Hoops for Heart (grades 5-6) events at CCS coordinated by K-6 physical education teacher Jodie Schuller.

Prior to last Thursday's classes, the students collected pledges or flat donations from family, neighbors and friends.

In all, as of this week, Schuller said the students have raised more than \$12,000, with more envelopes coming in.

A total of 320 students took part in the effort during their regular P.E. classes last week.

Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart are joint efforts promoted by the American Alliance for Healthy, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, as well as the American Heart Association.

Funds raised go to heart disease research efforts.

At last Friday's boys' basketball games at home, six of Schuller's students entertained at halftime with their jump-roping skills.