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Hosted by the Imperial Education Association, the annual arts festival this year is a "Treasure Chest of Learning." The whole week of May 4-8 will be devoted to displays at Chase County Schools.

The main event will be Thursday, May 7, which is family night. From 6-8 p.m. students and their families may roam the halls, looking for treasure.

Participants are asked to enter by the main door to receive their treasure maps. Organizer Annie Pursley said the map will lead participants to "treasures" such as displays of natural resources, dancers, national parks and recycling.

Technology will be involved, as various "treasures" must be recorded by using a cell phone camera, and then presented as verification.

Prizes will be awarded for the winners of the treasure hunt. The purpose of the hunt is to reacquaint people with the school, Pursley said.

"The things we have that are fabulous in our facility," she said, "need to be seen. People can go through departments that they haven't been through."

She pointed out the weight room, the art and music departments, and blood pressure checks by nurses as things to see.

In addition, CR Toys of Kearney will be set up in the commons area, selling educational games and toys.

Pursley said food will be available Thursday at the new pool concession stand, manned by the PomPoms.

The new pool will eventually be the site of a mosaic constructed by art students. In the process of being created, it will be on display in the art room at Chase County Schools.

The mosaic will measure 20 by three feet, and is designed to be a "thank you" to the donors, community, city and school for support of the new pool complex.