

## Walk for the Earth

LOUISVILLE, Ky (April 22, 2009) - Every year Sacred Heart Schools' staff and students focus on a different community issue. This year they decided to focus their efforts on the "beauty of the Earth" and do things to help improve the environment. Part of that work included the annual campus walk which fell on Earth Day. Students from all the schools gathered on the field behind Sacred Heart Academy for the event. Sister Martha Jacob welcomed them and said the opening prayer.



Students were eager to volunteer to help handle the animals

A student from each school spoke on the work he or she and their classmates had done throughout the school year to help improve the beauty of the community. Then, it was time for a presentation Sister Judith Rice organized to educate all the students about the importance of taking care of the planet and the animals who also share it with us.



*Students watched closely as Colleen Wittig with Silly Safari educated them on how the environment affects animals*

Colleen Wittig with Silly Safari introduced some special, animal guests to help bring the students closer to nature. Those guests included a rabbit, snake, dog, and chicken, but the crowd favorite was Louis Vuitton, a baby alligator. As Colleen explained, alligators were once an endangered species, but thanks to conservation efforts their populations have skyrocketed.



*Colleen Wittig with Silly Safari introduces the students to "Louis Vuitton"*

After the presentation, Sister Judith closed with a prayer, and the students were allowed to come by and pet little Louis and some of the other animals. As the students filed away, Colleen posed for pictures and got ready for her next presentation. The kids at Sacred Heart Pre-school were able to take part in a smaller session, so they could learn even more about the animals and their dependence on the environment.

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