

## Show stresses strong character

By **CRISTEL MOHRMAN**  
STAFF WRITER

**T**hrough a flurry of magic, music and humor, students at Lines School learned the importance of good behavior and perseverance.

The recent performance, delivered by Tim Hannig and The Pro Kids Show, engaged the students through entertainment while promoting the pillars of the Character Counts program.

"Our goal has always been motivating kids to make good decisions. It's not just me lecturing. I think they can learn through fun," Hannig said.

Lines students clapped in sync during the assembly and laughed as Hannig twisted balloons into animals and performed magic tricks while talking and singing about the importance of sharing warm fuzzies with others, never giving up and displaying good manners.

"These days we see rudeness everywhere," Hannig said. "I challenge each of you to be polite."

Hannig also encouraged students to keep a positive attitude.

"Attitude determines your altitude — how far you'll go in life," he said. "Don't give up. Think about what you can do if you keep trying."

Fifth-grader Jaime Lindsey said she enjoyed Hannig's humor and also learned from him.

"I learned that everyone is good," she said.

Character discussions are common at Lines, she said, adding that she doesn't experience much rudeness among her peers. But after hearing Hannig address the topic, she said she expects students' behavior to improve.

"Everyone will be nicer and cooperate more," she said.

### Warm fuzzies

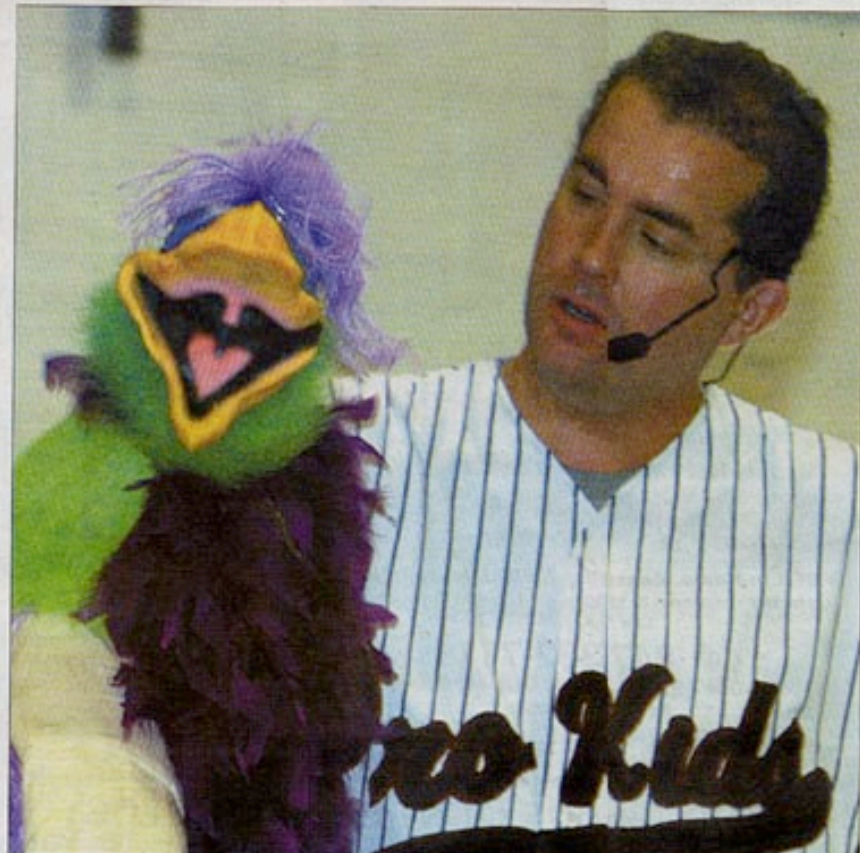
Third-grader Will Carley also enjoyed Hannig's performance. "It was good," he said.

Carley said his favorite part was learning about warm fuzzies, while fourth-grader Bridgett Sanderson said she liked the magic tricks the best.

Lines Principal Janice DiVincenzo said Hannig's appearance, which was sponsored by the PTO, reinforced Character Counts lessons that teachers implement throughout the year.

"The kids know the language of Character Counts. In terms of why it is needed here, it's just a trademark of academics. Just like academics, it needs the enforcement to keep growing," she said.

Hannig's appearance last week kicked off Character Counts for Lines' new school year. The program, DiVincenzo said, will help the school improve problem-solving skills and



H. Rick Sammons/Pioneer Press

Tim Hannig and Vern the Bird sing "Warm Fuzzies" during a show at Lines School.

conflict resolution.

Hannig returned to Lines to share messages about respect, diversity and the importance of family at the school's family night.



H. Rick Sammons/Pioneer Press

Lines teacher gets her new hat adjusted by Tim Hannig.



H. Rick Sammons/Pioneer Press

Lines School students applaud the performance of Tim Hannig and Vern the Bird.