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First-grade teacher Denise Goering assists performer Tim Hannig during "The Pro Kids Show" at Hoover School in Schaumburg Thursday.

Learning by laughing

Performer teaches six pillars of Character Counts

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Hoover School parents know one of the best ways to share a positive message with children is through laughter.

So, the Hoover PTA brought performer Tim Hannig to the Schaumburg school Thursday to emphasize the meaning behind the six pillars of Character Counts through "The Pro Kids Show." Hoover implemented the character education program about two years ago.

"This show was to promote the six pillars, especially citizenship, and also to teach the kids good decision-making skills," said Kate Hoke, who serves as the PTA cul-

tural arts chairwoman.

Hannig's show combined music, magic, comedy, puppetry, skits and audience participation to emphasize respect for each other at home, in the classroom and on the playground.

Hannig performed the show for about 600 students during the day. About 400 people came out to the show for families in the evening.

Hannig pointed out that "good character" results from what you do when no one is looking.

"The Pro Kids Show" is absolutely the best program I have found for entertainment and educational value," Hoke said. "Tim is an entertainer who can captivate all ages from preschool and kindergarten to sixth grade, as well present positive messages to families."



Hoover School students Thursday clap and cheer during "The Pro Kids Show," which used comedy, music and magic to promote positive character traits.