



Fifth graders and their teachers pass through the brigade housing area on their way to the Grunewald. The hikers lost no time on the Volksmarsch — the 5th and 6th grade classes

hiked the five or six miles in only a little over two hours. The hike through Berlin's only forest gave the youngsters plenty of exercise and a chance to observe some of the city's

wildlife. Some of the hikers were tired, but everyone had a good time.

(Photo by Lucas Hutton)

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Over 2,000 students, teachers, parents hike paths of Berlin's Grunewald

Imagine almost 1600 grade school students, 60 teachers and about 400 parents marching through Berlin's Grunewald. That's what happened Tuesday morning when the Thomas A. Roberts School staged its first annual Volksmarsch.

The marchers began leaving the school about 8:40 a.m. First to leave were the fifth and sixth graders, who marched five or six miles. Grades 3 and 4 left next for a hike of from three to four miles. The 1st and 2nd grades and one section of Kindergarten walked about a mile

and a half. The second section of Kindergarten hiked during the afternoon.

Brigadier General Robert D. Stevenson, commander of the Berlin Brigade and the community leader, marched with the morning Kindergarten classes.

When the hikers began returning about 10 o'clock, the children were a bit tired and thirsty enough to put away 75 gallons of grape Kool Aid. Said Principal Boice I. Winchester, "I think they all had a good time—the kids and the parents alike!"



TAKIN' IT EASY — Young Jarrod McKee is too young to go to school, but not too young to join the Volksmarsch in the arms of his mother, Mrs. Sally McKee. His older sister Kathleen is in Kindergarten. (Photo by Lucas Hutton)