

Picture of poise



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The graduates of the **Elements of Etiquette** class stand with their certificates.

Girls graduate from etiquette class

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They've studied and practiced, and, Tuesday, were ready to show off their new-found skills.

Ten girls, ages 5 through 9, spent the past six weeks learning the basics of etiquette — how to shake hands, carry on a conversation, set a table and more.

On Tuesday, the girls put on a little fashion show for their parents as part of a graduation ceremony at Monongalia Technical Education Center (MTEC).

Certified Etiquette Consultant Lyla Grandstaff said the girls did wonderfully.

"Parents have told me they are correcting them now — you're not supposed to sit at the table slouched, or here's how to eat your soup properly," Grandstaff said.

Julie Mills sent her 8-year-old and 5-year-old daughters to the class.



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Kylian Coburn walks through the aisles of parents during the graduation ceremony for the Elements of Etiquette class on Tuesday.

She said she was impressed with what McKayla and Meredith learned.

"What I really like is that they are learning lifelong skills," Mills said. "It's teaching them to be little ladies."

The courses were offered as part of MTEC's Community Education Program and will likely be offered again this summer.

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register their children at www.elementsofetiquette.com or by calling 304-476-7168.

Grandstaff recently completed a similar program in Morgantown. "Afterward," she said, "parents told me that their children were teaching the adults not to slouch and how to properly eat soup."

Grandstaff earned her certi-

fication in Business, Social and Children's Etiquette from the Etiquette Institute of St. Louis, Mo. She is a lifetime member of the Etiquette Institute and a member of Toastmasters International.

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