



Reading them right: Highmeadow second-grader Bob Fox (right) reads to parents Jackie Sherbrook (left), Louise Chornoby and Pat Fox. Children read the books as part of a Young Author's Tea.



Wall of fame: Highmeadow principal Janice Colliton displays a few of her school's awards. Now the school has gained national exemplary status.

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ternative approach. Students spend the morning learning basic subjects while spending the afternoon taking up to four enrichment courses. The school is popular. For 58 openings next fall, there were 268 applications for the districtwide lottery. The school is open to all kids grades one through five. Highmeadow is also known for its strong parent involvement, both at the organized PTA and classroom volunteer level. Those factors add up to success, school officials say.

"I am absolutely thrilled for everyone there," said Farmington Superintendent C. Robert Maxfield. "It was really a labor of love with Jan Colliton, the teachers and parents all working together in the process. This is a tribute to everyone in the district." The award would also seem to refute arguments that children do not learn basic skills in an alternative setting. Highmeadow students score exceptionally well on standardized tests. The school had the highest percentage of satisfactory scores in

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the district on math, reading and science on the Michigan Education Assessment Program. Third- and fifth-grade students also scored high in the 1993 Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills. Third-graders had a median score

of 87.1 percent; fifth-graders had 86.1 percent. "They're sure doing something right," said Craig Kay, who conducted the visit for the committee. Kay, principal at Dassel Elementary in Dassel, Minn., visited

Highmeadow April 13-14. He said was impressed by several things, including the orderly way the school is run. "Everything was thorough," said Kay, whose own school has achieved national exemplary status. "They have an assembly every week where they share things. The manners, the respect there . . . Three hundred kids were listening and paying attention during the whole time." "You could tell there were high standards and everyone working towards those high standards." Kay's kudos included assistant

superintendent for Curriculum and Staff Development Judy White, who helped develop the concept behind Highmeadow, and Colliton, who has been principal since it opened. "I don't think it would have happened without Jan," Kay said. "She is the one who pulled it together." Colliton was deflecting praise, though. "From the day we have opened we've had a staff that has worked hard," she said. "For me, I can't fail. As a school, we can't fail. We have all this support built in."

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it to be leased very quickly." Downtown Development Authority Director Judy Downey agreed. She's working with Bush and providing suggestions on what types of businesses would be ideal for that location. "Like an upscale gift shop, an art or antique gallery . . . The things people will drive a ways to visit because it's a specialty shop," Downey said. Downey sees the location as a prime asset. "It's like Cargo Express," said Downey, referring to the spot on Farmington Road now leased by Shoe Carnival. "That wasn't empty for long."

I'm confident, given the appropriate amount of time, we can lease that space.
Mary Bush

Location is not the reason Books for Less owner Skip Rosenthal decided to close shop. It was a lack of time rather than a lack of business, he said. Rosenthal also owns Farmington Book Center and Books Abound, which he said will become a deep discount outlet. "My wife and I have three stores," Rosenthal said. "It's getting a little bit too much actually." Rosenthal is still an avid booster of downtown. He's encouraged by new businesses such as the Grand Cafe, and wants the trend to continue in the spot he's vacating, he said. "I want the downtown to be nice," he said. "That corner — from my viewpoint — is the most important of all."

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