

Elementary projects earn awards

FARMINGTON HILLS — Awards were given to three elementary schools for the work they have done in the "Keep Farmington Beautiful" program. The awards were presented to student and teacher representatives from the schools at the Farmington Hills Council meeting, Tuesday night by Farmington Hills Mayor, Robert McConnell.

FIRST PLACE award was given to Wooddale elementary. A fifth grade student, Paul Rufus and Mrs. Elaine Palmer, a Wooddale teacher, accepted the award. Amy Gallo, a second grader accepted the award for second place Shiawassee school. Program chairman Mrs. Ann Marie Kennedy was also present to accept the award.

Middlebelt school won the third place award. However, the middlebelt representatives were unable to attend the council meeting to receive their trophy.

School principal, Frank Dewlesky and Mrs. Palmer headed the program at Wooddale which included both in-class study and out-door work and study sessions.

STUDENTS IMPROVED the appearance of their school by picking up litter, planting shrubs, which were purchased by the PTA and the Board of Education, and raking, weeding and planting grass seed.

The school purchased bird feeders which were placed around the school grounds to attract more birds to the area. Several students entered the Farmington Kiwanis Club Bird House Contest. Six of the students won prizes for their efforts.

The students also passed out litter bags, attended nature study programs and planted tree seedlings at Oakland Community College.

SHIAWASSEE principal Ronald Jackson and Mrs. Kennedy headed the Shiawassee program. The school held a general clean up day, Oct. 9, in which all the students participated.

The student and teacher beautification committee purchased six trash receptacles for outside the building. The students set up a schedule for taking the receptacles in and out of the building.

The first graders and their parents and teachers built a sand box with materials which were donated by the parents.

An after school garden club has been responsible for planting shrubs around the school and starting a vegetable garden.

Students at Middlebelt school built playground equipment using old tires, and telephone poles among other things.

THE STUDENTS also built planters, seeded bare areas around the school, developed nature trails and cleaned up the woods behind the school.

They have also organized the MAPC (Middlebelt Anti-Pollution Club). The club organized a clean up day, encouraged parents to organize car pools and had an aluminum collection drive.

Proceeds from the aluminum collection drive were used to purchase a tree for the school.

Middlebelt principal is Richard Rutter.



Paul Rufus accepts the award for Wooddale, and Amy Gallo for Shiawassee. (Photo by Ralph Evert)



Keith Miller, Jonathan Freeman and Troy Watts work on the project at Wooddale Elementary. (Photo by Fran Evert)

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Tickets may be obtained by sending a self addressed envelope and check or money order to the Farmington Area Jaycees, P.O. Box 33, Farmington, Michigan, 48024.

The rodeo will be held on the corner of 12 Mile and Farmington Roads July 19, 20, and 21.

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