

Oakland students rate high on assessment tests

By BARBARA UNDERWOOD

Results of the 1978 Michigan assessment tests taken by fourth and seventh graders in October hold some concerns, but few surprises for Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills school officials.

"We have no reason to believe we won't be number one again when the state summary (by school district) comes out," Bloomfield Hills Jack Molloy said last week.

And if Bloomfield Hills is number one, Birmingham won't be far behind, if the initial results are any indication. Less than one percentage point has

separated the two districts in most instances.

For example, 86.5 per cent of Birmingham fourth graders and 85.9 per cent of Bloomfield Hills fourth graders attained the reading objectives on which they were tested.

In math, 95.4 per cent of Birmingham fourth graders and 94.7 per cent of Bloomfield Hills fourth graders attained the test objectives.

RESULTS ARE just as close in the seventh grade reading test with 90.5 per cent of Birmingham students and 89.1 per cent of Bloomfield Hills students attaining the objectives.

But both Molloy and Birmingham Supt. Roger Garvelink are concerned about the seventh grade math results which are significantly lower in both districts than they were in 1977.

Birmingham seventh graders attained 73.3 per cent of the math objectives and Bloomfield Hills students attained 74.4 per cent this year.

"We are still not as successful in seventh grade math as we would like to be," Molloy said. "It's back to the drawing board again. We will continue to emphasize math and that is from the district that still expects to be number one."

"We are not pleased with the results

in seventh grade math," Garvelink added. "We have to ask our curriculum people whether or not they agree with the emphasis of the assessment tests."

"IF THE tests are a valid measure at the level at which they are given, it is clear we have to review our methods and hopefully bring the results back up."

The test questions are taken from "a whole pool of objectives considered basic skills objectives that make up the common goals of Michigan education," Molloy said.

The tests were designed to "answer

the question of the mother who asked, 'What should my child be able to do at the end of first grade,'" he said.

The state department of education considers a child who passes 75 per cent or more of the objectives has done "acceptably well" on the assessment tests.

The Bloomfield Hills School District sets a standard of 85 per cent achievement and looks critically at all objectives in which students fall below that achievement level.

"WE LOOK at the lowest three or four items and ask why has this hap-

pened," Herbert Baker said. Baker is director of guidance and pupil personnel services for the Birmingham schools.

"The whole advantage of an objective based test is that we can go back and rebuild the curriculum to correct the weaknesses," Baker said.

"In general we are doing well in most areas but we will be particularly interested in reviewing the math curriculum leading up to the seventh grade. There seem to be some areas the curriculum committee might need to explore."

ALL YOU CAN EAT SPECIALS
WED: SPAGHETTI- \$1.99
FRI: FISH & CHIPS - \$2.89
(From 3 P.M. TO 2 A.M. Only)
CHRISTO'S FAMILY DINING
"BEER AND WINE SERVED DAILY"
26999 W. 8 Mile 533-0916
(3 BLKS. EAST OF INKSTER)

NEW YEAR'S EVE
'79

DINNER ABOARD

The Mayflower

SOD AND SCROD \$ 9.95
FILET MIGNON 10.75
BIG PUB 9.45
SCROD 7.45
LOBSTER TAIL 11.95
5:00 P.M. 'til ?

MAYFLOWER MEETING HOUSE MENU

CHEESE BAR
ROAST SIRLOIN OF BEEF
SCROD
HOUSE SALAD
INDIAN CORN CUSTARD
DUTCH APPLE PIE
CASH BAR
\$11.00 per person
not including tax and tip
5:00 P.M. - ?

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
also serving

SUNDAY BRUNCH 10-2 P.M.

Regular Sunday
Dinner
12:30-4 P.M.

MAIN ST. at
ANN ARBOR TRAIL
Plymouth
Reservations only
453-1620

CHRISTMAS EVE

Dinner in

The Mayflower Hotel

MAIN AND ANN ARBOR TRAIL
DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH

Reservations Limited
453-1620
Dinner 12:30-7:00 PM

NEW YEARS CELEBRATION
5:00-8:00 Special Ala Carte Menu
\$10.00 Package
\$20 per person
Includes Food, Favors and Entertainment
Reservations "Call Now" for your seating and dancing pleasure.
CALL NOW FOR RESERVATIONS
464-5555 or 464-5556
35780 Five Mile - Livonia

FEATURING

Dave Murphy
Tuesdays thru Sundays

The Leather Bottle Inn
• Businessmen's Luncheons
• Family Dining
• We Also Cater Weddings and House Parties
Open Dec. 24 Noon - 8 p.m.
New Year's Eve Day
Noon - 8 p.m. for dinner
New Year's Eve Party 9 - 4 a.m.
Advance Tickets Only
522-2420 28937 W. Warren
Garden City

THE COMPANY STORE
AN EATING ESTABLISHMENT
"Christmas Buffet"
Breakfast Served from
8 A.M. to 12 Noon
\$1.25 Adults \$2.95 Children
10 & Under
Dinner Served from 1 P.M. to 7 P.M.
\$6.95 Adults
\$4.25 Children
10 & Under
Call for Details
Make your Reservations Now
261-6800
Holiday Inn LIVONIA
30375 Plymouth Road (Across from the Terrace Theatre)

HAVE A TON OF FUN
With Us
New Year's Eve!
SUPER NEW YEAR'S PARTY!
Tickets include
• TWO GREAT BANDS
• PARTY FAVORS
• HOT BUFFET and LIQUID REFRESHMENTS
and
• CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST.
All for \$32.50 per person
FIRST COME - FIRST SERVED
For Reservations Call **534-2830**
Bonnie Brook
19990 SHAWANEE • CORNER 8 MILE RD. & TELEGRAPH • DETROIT

FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT AND LISTENING PLEASURE
"CHARLIE SPRINGER"
on New Year's Eve!
9:30 P.M. - 2 A.M.
Only \$40.00 a couple*
Plus Tax & Tip
at
Ollie G's
FINE FOOD - COCKTAILS
25241 GRAND RIVER
Near Silver Mile
*Your Celebration will include your dinner choice of Prime Rib, Filet Mignon or Shrimp Tonnio and Party Favors (cash bar).
Cash Bar after 2:00 A.M.
For Reservations Call 534-6400 after 4 P.M.
\$3.00 Deposit Requested on or before Dec. 29

NAPOLEON'S
Begin 1979 Here!
Reserve Now For
NEW YEAR'S EVE
Dinner Served
6 p.m.-11 p.m.
SPECIAL ENTREE MENU or BUFFET
• ADVANCE TICKETS \$10.00 per person includes
• Hat, Noisemakers and Favors
• Hors d'oeuvres served after midnight
• For Your Listening & Dancing Pleasure
• Disco Dance Group
• "FLYER"
Closed Christmas Eve Dec. 24 & Christmas Day
Call for Reservations
459-6370
we are located on
Main Street South of
Ann Arbor Trail in
Downtown Plymouth

Planning a Christmas and/or New Year's Eve Party?
Hats, Horns and Noisemakers For All Your Party and Decorating Needs
"Your Party and Fun Headquarters"
10% OFF with this ad.
Complete Party Kits
For 25 People
Starting At Only \$1350
ADVANCE NOVELTY COMPANY
12744 INKSTER
REDFORD • 535-8900
(Located Between Schoolcraft and Plymouth Roads)

BONANZA
"Atmosphere On A Budget"
Tuesday Night Specials
RIB EYE STEAK only \$2.39
Includes Baked Potato
Texas Toast & Salad Bar - Served from 4 p.m. 'til closing
CHOPPED STEAK only \$2.19
Great
SALAD BAR
13 Items to mix
5 delicious dressings
MONDAY IS SENIOR CITIZENS DAY! SENIOR CITIZENS RECEIVE THEIR BEVERAGE FREE! ALL DAY!
LUNCHEON SPECIALS
CHOPPED STEAK N.Y. PETITE BREADED
DINNER STRIP DINNER VEAL CUTLET
\$1.79 \$1.99 \$1.79
Includes Toast, Potato, Salad Bar
SERVED ALL DAY MONDAY - 11-4 TUES. SAT.
SOUTHFIELD 25610 W. 8 MILE RD. AT BEECHDALE RD. IN K-MART PLAZA
BELLEVILLE 26533 RIVINGTON RD. OFF I-94 IN K-MART PLAZA
LIVONIA 33466 W. 7 MILE RD. AT FARMINGTON RD. IN K-MART PLAZA
HOURS: MON.-THURS. 11 to 8 P.M. & SAT. 11-9 SUNDAY 11 to 8

Join Our
New Year's Eve Celebration
Includes dinner, split of champagne at midnight, party favors, and dancing to the sounds of "The Lost and Found"
8 p.m. til ?
\$45 couple
Private Rooms for Parties or Meetings
27910 W. 7 Mile Road • Livonia
KE 1-4960
CORSI'S
Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge

New Year's Eve at
The Sherwood Inn
35671 Plymouth Rd. • Livonia
9:30 toll!
• Six Drinks per couple • Onion Soup • Louisiana Shrimp Cocktail • Salad (Choice of 3 Dressings) CHOICE OF MAIN COURSE: Roast Prime Rib of Beef, New York Strip, Sirloin Steak, Surf & Turf • Baked Potato • Green Beans Almondine • Cheesecake • Coffee
\$70 per couple complete!
Phone 261-5500 or 937-1458
For your early dining pleasure we are featuring a special dinner menu 5:00 to 8:00 P.M.