

Mayfair Nursery enters its 25th year

Mayfair Nursery School celebrates its 25th year of operation with an open house for all former and present students and teachers from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21.

The non-profit organization, owned and operated by its members, has been based in Orchard United Methodist Church on Farmington Road since 1957. It is an affiliate of the Greater

Detroit Cooperative Nursery Council and the Michigan Council of Cooperative Nurseries.

Eight suburban mothers started the nursery in 1955 when they met in Forest Hills Missionary Church on 12 Mile Road. Subsequent moves took the group to Trinity Church in Farmington, then a 100-year-old German School, formerly located on Middlebelt.

Teachers who now preside over the classes of tots are Maxine Flagg, Rachael McCormick and Helen Woytowich.

Visitors to the school will find areas sectioned off for crafts, music, science, books and puzzles.

There is an area with a workbench for putting, and an area for the small fry to play dress-up. There is also an outdoor area with playground equipment. Field trips are planned throughout the year.

SELF-DIRECTED play and group activities both stress the social, emotional, physical and intellectual development of the child. Activities are devised to aid in the development of small and large muscle coordination.

Classes are available five days a week, morning or afternoon sessions.

Parents may choose from two or three-day sessions with a maximum enrollment of 22 children per session.

Teachers have the help of at least three mothers and sometimes an assistant teacher at each session.



Christopher Johnston takes some building chores upon himself, and gets a steady helping hand from Joanne Berres in the nursery now celebrating its 25th year of operation. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)



Four-year-old Michelle Donlon busies herself in the play house, in Mayfair Nursery School. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

Workshops enliven Christmas decorating

Williamsburg Christmas wreaths, with all of their historic, creative beauty, have proven to be such welcome holiday accents that The Community House has scheduled two additional workshops in making them.

"Classes filled so quickly," said a Community House spokesman, "that we are happy to be able to offer this opportunity in both daytime and evening classes."

The Williamsburg wreaths are made with fresh boxwood and/or evergreens. Each two-hour plus workshop session results in one wreath ready to hang.

In addition to this workshop, The

Community House is still taking registrations for Christmas oriented classes in Holiday Candy and Marzipan, Corn Husk Christmas wreaths, Corn Husk Angels, Gingerbread Houses and Festive Bow Making. All of these are available days or evenings and are from one to two sessions each.

Other classes with openings include Disco Dancing, a one-session workshop for both singles and couples.

Further information about all of these classes and workshops can be obtained by calling The Community House, 644-5832. The Community House is at Bates and Townsend.

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