

Farmington Observer



hallways

A page of Farmington-area school news

Winter shows varied faces



My Missing Shovel

I lost my shovel
In the blowing snow
It was very bright red
Handle as white as
A polar bear
Oh! wait, it's over there.

— Jacob Dunsen

Skating

I skate, you skate
Round and straight
I fall down
On the icy ground
And fell down
Up again, down again.

— Lesley Lawlor

Sledging

The big hill is steep
Icy and deep
Mom is scared
We go down in pairs
Bang into bales of hay
Slide right away.

— Jessica Gabel

Sledging

I like to go sledging
On the big hill
All the sleds upsetting
Wet, cold, angry, chill
Hot chocolate to warm me
Another hill to see.

— Kelly Derocher

Purple Shovel Go Away

I have a purple shovel
It works with trouble
It dances
On its head
When I use it
Like a sled.

— Shayna Maclean

Igloo

I made an igloo
It was brand new
It was nice
Made of ice
It was cold inside
Wind blew colder outside.

— Kristin Tudball

Perspective — key to poetry

WHEN WE think about something happening, we usually think about it from our own point of view. This is natural. However, the poet must go a step further.

The poet needs to think about how the incident would appear from someone else's viewpoint. Perspective can make or break a poem.

Sometimes, a poet sees something happening — like a snowman melting in the sun — and the poet chooses to write about the event.

The poet may choose to speak as the snowman itself, experiencing the thaw, or the poet may choose to write about the happening as an observer — someone who witnesses what happens.

Choosing the point of view makes all the difference in the feeling the poem imparts. It is sometimes said that a writer may entirely change a scene by changing the point of view, or perspective of the storyteller.

Think about a beautiful, or exciting, or very special winter scene you remember. If there is none, take a winter's day walk and look and enjoy the world around you.

The clouds continue to puff on by as in the summer-time, but the difference in winter is you can see your breath on the air, make snowballs galore, or go sledging.

Winter is a festival all of its own. Read the poem, "The Snowman." Think about snowmen you have seen. Take a winter walk, then sit and write about what you saw from first your own point of view and then from the point of view of the object. It sounds like fun, doesn't it?

The Snowman

The snowman stands
Three feet of white
Sideways slanted
In the hot sunlight.

The snowman's grin
Has turned to a pout
His carrot nose
Is falling out.
His pointy chin
Drips drops on him.

We'll gather snow
Pack it tight
Around the snowman's body white
Then straight he'll stand
Wave a mittened hand
And smile away the day.

— Victoria Day Najjar

Jaanelle Swartz, second grader from Larkshire Elementary in Farmington Hills, wrote the following winter poem in response to my poem, "The Snowman."

— Victoria Day Najjar

Najjar is a Farmington resident, an English teacher at Bloomfield Hills Andover High School and a nationally published poet.

Blowing Snow

When it blows
See the snow
The snow builds up
My pup acts up
Grab a trashcan lid
And then I slid.

— Robbie Trim

Two Sledging

Beth scrunched sitting
Straight, ready . . . go
Over the snow
Watch for the bumps
Sled turns over
Foreheads with lumps.

— James Carlisle

Make An Igloo

You make a big ball thin
We dig a big hole in
The shape turns around
Stamp it on the ground
Make a chimney
Tall and skinny.

— Chris Bacon

Snow Fort

Three of us made
A four corner fort
Packed in snow it stayed
Feels hard and wet
All will play
Save it for another day.

— Joey Monday

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Inkwell provides news and information about Farmington-area primary and secondary schools. The column appears monthly throughout the year as part of the Observer's "School Page." Send news items to: The School Page, Farmington Observer, 33203 Grand River, Farmington 48024. Include a telephone number where a contact person can be reached during the day.

HIGH ACHIEVERS

Forty-four students from St. Paul Lutheran School in Farmington Hills were named to the honor roll for the first marking period of the 1986-87 year.

The students carry at least a B average in the subjects of religion, memory work, reading, language arts, science and social studies.

Fifth graders include: Matt Adwell, Scott Belsley, Nick Burgess, Caitlin Burke, Kathryn Childress, Jeff Cooper, Jimmy Hoefft, Megan Irish, Corey Lapworth, Jeff Marinel, Chrissy Wainery, Trina Roberts and Jenni Seaman.

Sixth graders include: Erin Barnaby, Angela Benson, Corrie Berger, Audrey Childress, Jenny Danileczyk, Dana Davenport, Chet Gardner, Eddie Harris, John Hulkoft, Jamal Jones, Colleen Layne, Jared Marinelli, Amy Sletoff, Lisa Slator, Susan Tarbet, Kristen Torrez, Robbie Veach and Ahmad Palmer. Seventh graders include: Carrie Berger, Jim Braggalla, Diane Ford, Mike Kennedy, Casey Lapworth, Gary Wind and Eric Yanke. Eighth graders include: Christa Berger, Jeff Hyland, Anne Ring, Calvin Roberts, Amy Stahlbush and Christina Werth.

SAFETY PATROLLERS

Students at Farmington Public Schools' Larkshire Elementary were trained as safety patrollers at a special seminar in October.

"We explain the duties of a safety patroller and demonstrate the best way to do the job," said AAA Safety and Traffic Manager Robert Cullen. The training concluded with a swearing-in ceremony.

Each year, about 30,000 students receive safety patrol training through AAA of Michigan.

"If a safety patroller is on duty each day of the school year, by the time school is over, he or she will have donated about 300 hours of time to protecting fellow students," Cullen added.

DUNKEL DONATION

The Farmington Chapter of the American Association of University Women has donated \$200 to Dunkel Middle School for educational purposes. The gift was accepted by the Farmington school board Nov. 4.

Dunkel has allowed the AAUW to store books for its annual book sale in a portable classroom at the middle school, according to school officials.

STEPPING DOWN

Several Farmington school employees resigned during September and October, according to information from the district.

Esther Gordon, secretary at Alameda, Kim Grass, instructional aide at William Grace, Linda Philage, developmental kindergarten aide at Fairview, and Linda Ulrich, art therapist at William Grace, have all left the district. Their resignations were accepted by the school board on Nov. 4.

In addition, Paula Crawford, special education teacher at Forest Elementary, is on a child-rearing leave for the remainder of the 1986-87 school year.

3 RETIRE

Retirements of three employees were accepted Nov. 4 by the Farmington school board.

Retirees include: Rita Baker, resource room teacher at William Grace Elementary, who will retire effective Dec. 19. She has worked in the district since 1975.

Irene Klapperich, secretary at the district media center, who leaves her post effective Dec. 24. She started in the district in 1964.

INSTITUTES SLATED

Farmington high school students will have a chance to join others in the state during the sixth annual Summer Institutes for the Arts and Sciences.

About 500 high school students from around the state will have the opportunity next summer to study career exploring, creative and technical writing and the use of lasers at one of five Michigan higher education institutions.

The state Board of Education selected the final five sites for the institute early in November. They include:

• Eastern Michigan University, June 28 to July 11. Students will explore future careers in art or science by focusing on the automotive industry, high technology, the arts, and natural resources.

• Grand Valley State College, July 12-25. Students will use the environment as a laboratory, as well as studio classes to study ceramics, drawing, painting and photography.

• Michigan Technological University, June 21 to July 3. Students will study technology and the environment, considering relationships between physics and chemistry and also study technical and creative writing.

• Olivet College, July 12-25. Focus at Olivet will be on theater, instrumental music, and creative writing in the creative arts and social sciences.

• Western Michigan University, July 26 to Aug. 8. The use of lasers and computer-generated images plus creative writing will be the focus. Science instruction will cover statistics and the natural and physical sciences.

• Thirty-two-year Farmington Public Schools veteran Robert Zimmerman, instrumental music teacher for elementary schools, who left the district effective Nov. 28. He began his career with Farmington in September 1954.

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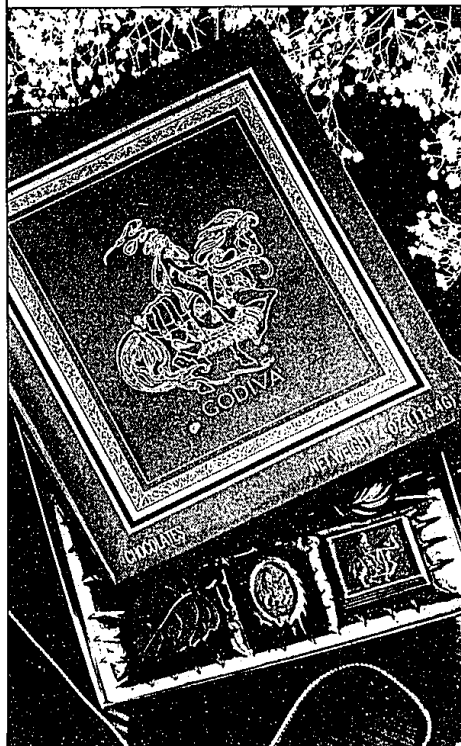
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Your Godiva, with season's greetings



YOUR GIFT

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We've discovered that people who love to eat Godiva chocolates often hate to give them away for Christmas. Not because they're Scrooges. But because Godiva chocolates are so good people can't resist eating them—even when they're for someone else. Now, however, if you buy at least \$20 worth of Godiva chocolates, we'll give you a beautiful red and gold Godiva gift Ballon filled with milk and dark chocolates (worth 7.50). That way you can give your chocolate and eat it too. And people won't confuse your lack of willpower with a lack of Christmas spirit.

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