

Superintendent Mike Flanagan stops to field questions from Power sixth grader Jessica Urbiel. Language arts students interviewed the superintendent when he visited the school.



photos by BARBARA REGBECK

Schools chief pays visit to 6th-grade classroom



Mike Flanagan explains his job, using a typical day from his appointment book.

They said they "expected a big man with a loud, booming voice who pounded viciously on tables to get his point across."

But student reporters from the Farmington Schools Writers Club were surprised, as they had a chance to interview recently appointed superintendent Michael Flanagan during a sixth-grade language arts class at Power Middle School.

Reporters Bethany Bonner and Alicia Ronello wrote a piece detailing Flanagan's views on education and his suggestions on how students, and the district, can be better.

Flanagan is in favor of an extended school day, hiring the best teachers, and was interested in hearing student opinions.

Flanagan urged the sixth graders to "work up to your potential."

Fund-raiser enlists elderly

Two Farmington Hills nursing homes will participate in Project Compassion's 3rd Annual Walkathon.

The Walkathon will be staged at seven shopping centers in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties in February 8:30-10 a.m. before the malls open to customers.

Individuals and organizations will sponsor nursing home residents, both ambulatory and wheelchair, making

pledges for the distance they walk or "roll."

MALLWALKING provides a safe and more social atmosphere. Residents can also go shopping after the walk and some even stay for lunch.

The date and locations of the "Mallathons" include:
• Livonia Mall, Oakhill Care Center, Farmington.
• Livonia Mall, Williamsburg

Convalescent Home, Farmington Hills.

Funds raised will be used to help nursing home residents to get out of the nursing homes throughout the summer by means of the special transportation provided by Project Compassion.

For more information and to get involved, call the "Mallathon" Hotline at Project Compassion, 832-7856.

Hills office hosts telethon kick-off

Robert Mylod, chairman and chief executive officer and his wife, Monica, 1990 Easter Seal Honorary chairpersons, hosted the annual Easter Seal Telethon Kick-Off luncheon at Michigan National Corp. headquarters in Farmington Hills Feb. 1.

Attending the kick-off luncheon was WDIV-TV 4 news anchor, Mort

Crim, former Detroit Lion quarterback Gary Danielson; 1990 Telethon child Jeremy Dawson; adult ambassador Frank Glowinski and 100 enthusiasts who have supported the Easter Seal Telethon since it first aired locally 18 years ago.

THE EASTER Seal Telethon will be seen on WDIV-TV 4 beginning at

11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 3, and will run until Sunday evening, March 4 at 7 p.m.

In metro Detroit, the telethon will be hosted by Mort Crim and Gary Danielson.

Funds raised will be used to support Easter Seal programs for people with disabilities.

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