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Down Under

Students look at life in Australia

ENBROOK ELEMENTARY Is off to Australia. Since the school mascot is the koala bear and March is Reading Month, all students in the Farmington Hills clementary will read their way to the land down under. Each page read will count as one of the 10,800 miles to Australia, so

month, started the school off to Australia at a schoolwide assembly March 1.

Throughout the month, students will study various areas of the country including the geography, history, people and animals of Australia.

On March 30, Celebration Day, classes will sing songs and share Australian tore.



Photos by Douglas Susalia





Kenbrook Elementary third graders Rebecca Goldberg (left) and Danielle Cordaro talk about Australia with Margaret Tolletson after her as-sembly for the school. Here, she holds a sheep

skin and a kangaroo pelt. Tollefson will be the school's resource person as students study her native country this year.

ala hand puppet to illustrate the native Australian animal to Kenbrook Elementary stumascot of the school as well.

Margaret Tollefson uses a ko-

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Inkwell provides news about Farmington-area primary and secondary students and education issues. The column appears monthly as part of the Observer's School Page, "Sendo ensistems to The School Page, Farmington Observer, 21898 Farmington Road, Farmington Mod, Farmington 18024, Include a tele-plane number where a contact person can be creached during the day. Items will not be taken over the phone.

math standout
 Todd Rope, a senlor at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills, placed in the top 50 of 19,300 high school students competing in the 33rd Annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition.

Rope was honored at an awards program at Eastern Michigan University on Feb. 24, where he received a bronze medal and a \$350 scholarship for his performance.

• logical response
Parents have an alternative to nagging, warning or
threatening their children, says school social worker
Miriam Levenhal in a recent edition of the newsletter
at Wood Creek Elementary in Parmington Illis.
She said the concept of "logical consequences" can be
used, giving the problem back to the child instead of
making it the parents' problem. "For instance," she
said, "If a youngster continually avoids picking up his
toys in the family room, he can be given the choice of
putting them away and playing with them the next day,
or the choice of you putting them away and the toys not
being available for play the next day."

petitions available
Nominating petitions are now available for residents
Interested in running for the Parmington Board of Education. Two seats will be open this June, as the fouryear terms of Janice Roinick and Jack inch expire.
Those interested in running for the board should file
petitions with the signatures of at least 20 registered
voters of the district by 4 pm. April 9, Petitions can be
obtained at the Parmington Public Schools business office at 32500 Shiawassee, Farmington.

Parents are staff have joined forces to encourage good citizenship. The Eagle Elementary PTA has initiated a new program to focus on one positive behavior each month. A "Manner Banner" displays the featured goal for all Eagle students to see as a visible reminder and reinforcement.

Also new is the "Thinking Problem of the Month" at Eagle, in West Bloomfield but part of Farmington Public Schools. Each month in the "For Kids Only" newsletter, a thinking problem is presented to stimulate thinking skills of all students. From the correct answers, a drawing is held with two winners — early elementary and older grades — going to lunch with principal Sue Johnson.

P power winners
Three students from Power Middle School have been named winners in the 21st Annual America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.
Andrew Martin Bouchard won first place, Nathan Hoag second and Don Chamberlin, third. All received certificates for their achievement.
The theme of this year's contest was "America And Me — How We Will Work Together."

As the school's first-place winner, Bouchard's name will also be engraved on a plaque for permanent display at the school. His essay will advance to the state level competition, from which the top 10 essays in Michigan will be selected.

His essay talked about the issue of pollution, discussing the problem and solutions.

A fitth grade reading group at Gill Elementary is reading to fellow second graders at the Farmilagor Hills school.

The filth grade guides choose a story to read to their partners once each week. The story treading session in followed by questions, and a computer printout with the title of the story and some pletures from the story they read.

Whale adoped
Lovee Mikel's second grade class at Longacre Elementary in Farmilagion has adopted a humpback whale named Patches, according to Information from the school.

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Students did special jobs to collect money for the adoption.

The class learned that Pacthes is a usual summer resident of Stellwagen Bank in Cape Cod, Mass. He rounds up his meals by blowing thousands of bubbles beneath a school of fish. As the green first rises to the surface, the bubble cloud traps the fish and brings them to the surface too.

The cloud hides Patches as he swims below the fish with an open mouth. He sometimes sneaks a quick snack by using clouds made by other whates.

self-esteem

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 An assmobly focusing on self-esteem will be held for Power and East middle school students in Farmington Hills in March.
 Laurie Stewart, a nationally known public speaker and consultant, will give a talk March 22 entitled "You Are Someone Special." Her session will address self-esteem, getting along with others and positive peer pressure.

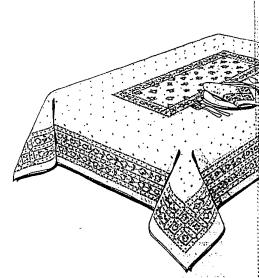
Pressure.

Engle art
Look for art by Engle Elementary students at the two
branches of the Farmington Community Library during
March at the school's annual Elementary Student Art
Show. Also, several students have work exhibited at rotading galleries at Botsford General Hospital in March
and at the district's central office throughout March and
April.

At the school itself, fifth graders pop art food sculptures are displayed; in the media center and in the main
hall showcase. In the future, watch for flying fish in
handmade papers by first graders in the main hall and
media center.

like dad
 Paul Steven Levin, a student at Harrison High and a
 resident of Farmington Hills, was named a National
 Merit Finalist in the 1990 program. Paul's father, Rich ard, was a 1980 National Merit Scholarship finalist in
 Massachusetts.

good sports
 Harrison High School was selected a recipient of the "Good Sports are Winnersi" sportsmanship award during the Michigan High School Athletic Association fall tournaments in football and soecer, according to information from the Farmington school district.



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