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PLANS CONTINUE

Plans to organize a voluntary, year-round, "school within a school" program based at Gill Elementary School are continuing, according to principal Michael Duff.

Sixty-five Gill students have signed up for the program, slated to begin this fall. Duff said he has approached parents at Beechview Elementary to fill the remaining 33 slots in the program for grades one through five. Also, he is trying to fill a kindergarten program for the program, he said.

If Gill and Beechview students do not fill the program, the district may look to Lakeshore for interested parents and students, Duff said.

The program will run on a different schedule from August until July with appropriate breaks. Students in

the year-round program will go to school for the same number of days as traditional students.

The Gill program is a voluntary one, and is a pilot program for the Farmington Public Schools.

TOP STUDENTS

Two Farmington Hills residents are among four Detroit Country Day students scoring in the top 100 in the 1992 Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition.

Juniors Heather Shenkman and Jeff Gee, both of the Hills, were honored at a banquet sponsored by the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America at Lawrence Technological University.

Gee also took a third place recently in the Sixth Annual Oakland County Citizen Bee held March 11 at Oakland Schools. The best tested student knowledge of current affairs, history and politics.

STUDENT NAMED

Harrison High School student Rachel Nicholas was named that school's Student of the Month for March, according to information from the school.

"She has shown maturity, integrity and a sense of community with

most often in much older people," said a release. As a young black woman, she has helped disprove stereotypes through her dedication to excellence and community service, school officials said.

She is a charter member of the student service club Interact, which collects toys and distributes them to needy children each year. Her most creative accomplishment is a pre-school project in which students create a story from a painting or piece of classical music for younger children at the local public library.

OM WINNERS

Three Farmington Hills residents are members of Detroit Country Day Upper School teams which will head for the state finals in the Odyssey of the Mind competition this year.

The three are members of separate teams, all of which earned the right to state competition during the regional meet on March 7 in Oakland County. John Eregul is part of the

Atlas team; Heather Shenkman is on the Delayed Reaction team; and John Poczik is on the Hybrid Relays team.

The state competition will be held April 25 at Central Michigan University. Odyssey of the Mind is an international, creative competition in which students work in teams to solve problems.

ARCHITECT VISITS

A local architect who is working on projects in the Farmington Public Schools will take her job one step further, and teach students just what it is she does.

Michelle Ingalls, an architect with Greiner Inc. and a graduate of the district, will spend three days at Forest Elementary in early April where she will work in 30-minute segments with classes, teaching them about how designing and building a house.

Students will participate in a hands-on project, and their individu-

al creations will be placed in plots to create an entire subdivision at lesson's end.

Students will learn about an architect's tools, housing materials, house layouts, underground utilities and road systems.

EUROPEAN TOUR

Deanna Barton, a student at Southfield Christian and a resident of Farmington Hills, will participate in a goodwill exchange program through the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp this summer.

The camp is sponsoring its 23rd Annual International Exchange Program, in which four groups totalling 275 high school musicians will travel to Europe and 16 European groups will visit Michigan. The Michigan students, including Barton, will visit Germany, France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark and Sweden for one month. They will also perform throughout Europe.

While on tour, students will stay with host families, giving them a

first-hand view of life and culture.

ART WINNERS

Four Harrison High School students were awarded prizes in a competition sponsored by the Farmington Area Arts Commission March 25. Junior Janelle Kohler won \$100 for a ring. Awards of \$50 were given to seniors Christine Borowski for a sculpture, Rebecca Collins for a painting and Heather Phares for a graphic design.

Also, the Harrison Art Department is taking part in an "Arts to the Business" program, a partnership between the school district and local businesses. In March, Harrison students began exhibiting work in the Nissan Research and Development Center Atrium.

Currently Junior Samantha Loree is exhibiting work in the lobby of the Comfort Inn and freshman Michael Smith is exhibiting work at the Cottage Inn Pizza on Orchard Lake Road.

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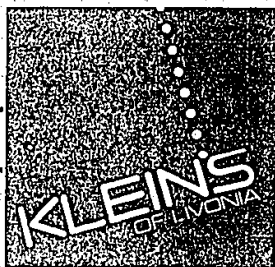
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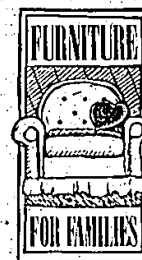
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