

# Uniqueness Of Wood Creek

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At Wood Creek, including tape recorders, film projectors, library books and conference rooms. They can sign equipment in and out whenever they feel like using it. And "nothing gets broken or bent," Freedman proudly announces.

The degree of success teachers have, on the other hand, depends on how confident they feel. "They're not afraid to say 'I don't know' and go find out the answer," according to Freedman. Teachers meet with their principal once a week for a general rap session in which all gripes are aired. "When a teacher gets nervous, it's time for a curriculum change," he says. "Teachers just don't seem to fit in such a relaxed atmosphere."

As you walk through the school, you find the building decorated with student artwork instead of purchased commercial paintings. The purpose is to encourage creativity, Freedman explains, and to make each child feel part of his environment. You might even come across whole classes of children painting and decorating one of the billboards that line the halls.

times accompanied by their teachers during class hours. Each class of third through seventh grades has both a male and female teacher in what Freedman describes as "one of the most successful team teaching efforts anywhere in the country."

He says: "One teacher can't possibly know all the answers; this way there are two of them to work up with the solution to a problem. Together they can face any dilemma that may arise head on instead of postponing the answer or dismissing the problem entirely."

A bit further down the hall are classrooms for deaf students, including pre-schoolers and kindergartners. Funded by Oakland County, the program for the deaf means integration into classes with normal students, some from all parts of the world.

The school recently celebrated "International Day" in honor of all the Greek, Japanese, Indian, Korean, Chinese and Black students there. Some children come from Sarah Fisher Home, an orphanage nearby, to classes each day. "Even some who were considered chronic truants from the home can't wait to come to school here," Freedman says.

Even on our tour, Freedman was happily assailed by a dozen kindergartners, each clamoring for a horseback ride "like the other kids got." And one small boy had no qualms about asking "Mr. Freedman" to help him with a broken zipper on his jacket.

ARCHITECTURALLY, Wood Creek is unique. Some of its best features are: Reduced window space that allows for flexibility in furniture arrangement and lower maintenance costs. Resulting artificial lighting can be controlled for optimum use. Each room has a door-window with access to outside. Self-contained classrooms, gaily carpeted and decorated with colorful maps and the finest equipment, can be made into three separate classrooms by closing two sliding walls. "The open-concept classroom is a marvelous thing," Freedman says.

A reading laboratory houses a reading specialist, equipped with diagnostic, remedial and enrichment materials.

Two rooms for the deaf provide a permanent location for handicapped children. Their specialized equipment is financed through county funds.

Children in kindergarten through second grade still experience the security afforded by "traditional" classrooms with one teacher.

The handsome media center around which classrooms are clustered is stocked with audio-visual materials as well as the usual library resources. It lends itself to a variety of use—individual or group instruction in the "learning well," individual or group reading and research, and peripheral conference rooms for individual or group use.

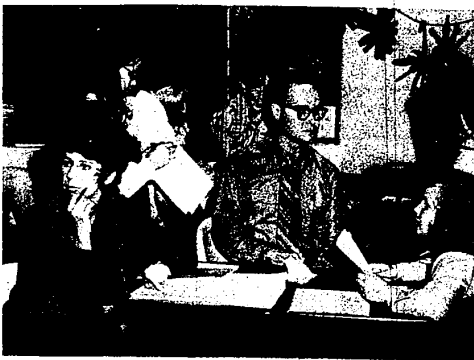
Furnishings are color-keyed for a pleasant and harmonious background for the children's learning experiences.

ALL THESE accomplishments are available to students next year, though, if Freedman's predictions come true. After only a year in existence, the school may be losing more members of its hand-picked staff if a millage proposal fails to win voter support June 14.

"We've been hit hard," Freedman says. "Seven of our teachers have received their notice. In all justice, to do our best we should be able to maintain the same professional staff for at least another year. After all, our staff is a handicapped marvel of compatibility, zeal and skills and it did take a full year to find them!"

By union rule, teachers with little tenure go first and replacing them will be difficult. Every school must be able to tolerate change but, as Freedman says, "what we're talking about is the whole heart of Wood Creek. The kindergarten teacher, two third grade teachers, two third grade and one fourth grade teacher would be lost—the foundation of the school."

Hope is not yet lost, but as one young teacher said recently, "If the seven of us do have to leave Wood Creek, I'll always remember this as the greatest year of my life."



TEAM TEACHING is the byword for success at Wood Creek with students sometimes getting twice the help they sought. Fifth grade teachers Carol Paski (seated) of Southfield and Landon Swanson of Farmington combine efforts to aid one student while the rest goes on about their business. (Event photo)

### Joins Sorority

FARMINGTON  
Holly Albertsen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Albertsen of 28101 Wellington Rd., Farmington, was initiated into Sigma Sigma Sigma social sorority recently at Adrian College in Adrian. She is a 1970 graduate of North Farmington High School.

### Musicale Having Tea

The Farmington Musicales will hold its annual Membership Tea on June 2 from 1-3 p.m. in the Farmington Community Center.

The program for the occasion will be presented by Mary Duimague, soprano, and Betty Monahan, violinist. Mrs. Paul Notestine, outgoing president, will serve as program chairman for the tea.

The 1970-71 executive board serving as hostesses will be: Mrs. Archie Mallette, tea chairman, Mrs. Donald McDaniel, Mrs. Notestine, Mrs. James McMillan and Mrs. Richard Truitt.

### Heaney - Sundquist

A Funeral Home For Over 75 Years  
23720 FARMINGTON ROAD  
PLENTY OF PARKING IN OUR NEW LOT

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION

FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the annual election will be held in Farmington Public School District, County of Oakland and State of Michigan, on Monday, the 14th day of June, 1971, for the purpose of electing one (1) member of the Board of Education for a term of four (4) years ending June 30, 1975, for which position the following persons have been nominated:

Elizabeth Brennan  
Albert A. Darian  
David Lawrence Kevellgan  
Mervyn B. Ross  
Charles Weston

and for the purpose of voting upon the following proposition:

Shall the limitation on the total amount of general ad valorem taxes which may be imposed for all purposes in any one year upon real and tangible personal property in Farmington Public School District, Oakland County, Michigan, be increased as provided in Section 6, Article IX, of the Constitution of Michigan, for a period of four (4) years from 1971 to 1974, both inclusive, by four and one-half (4 1/2) mills on each dollar (4.50 per \$1,000.00 of the assessed value of property as finally equalized for the purpose of defraying a part of the operating expenses of the school district?

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the polls for said election will be open from 7:00 o'clock A.M. to 8:00 o'clock P.M., Eastern Standard Time, and that the voting places will be as follows:

Precinct No. 1: Farmington Junior High School  
33000 Thomas Street

Precinct No. 2: Danchel Junior High School  
32800 Twelve Mile Road

Precinct No. 3: Eagle Elementary School  
29419 West Fourteen Mile Road

Precinct No. 4: Middlebelt Elementary School  
34000 Middlebelt Road

### COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 289 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1967

I, C. Hugh Dohany, County Treasurer of Oakland County, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of April 14, 1971, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 18 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, affecting taxable property in the Farmington Public School District, Oakland County, Michigan, is as follows:

Local Unit	Voted Increases	Years Increases Effective	
Farmington Public School District	9.00	1964 to 1973 Incl.-Debit. 1965 to 1973 Incl.-Oper. 2.00 1965 to 1973 Incl.-Oper. 3.00 1964 to 1973 Incl.-Oper. 3.00 1967 to 1973 Incl.-Oper. 4.00 1968 to 1973 Incl.-Oper. 1.00 1968 to 1973 Incl.-Oper. 4.00	
Township of Farmington	2.00	1964 to 1973 Incl. 1964 to 1969 Incl. 50 1965 to 1969 Incl. 1.00 1967 to 1973 Incl.	
County School District of Oakland County	50	Unlimited 50 Unlimited 50 Unlimited	
Oakland Community College	1.00	Unlimited	
County of Oakland	25	1967 to 1971 Incl. 25 1967 to 1973 Incl.	

Oakland County Treasurer's Office  
C. HUGH DOHANY, Treasurer  
Dated: April 14, 1971

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education of said school district.  
KATHRYN STIRLING, Secretary of the Board of Education  
Dated: May 24, 1971  
Publish: May 29 & June 3, 1971

### CHILDREN ARE allowed to talk anytime they wish and surprisingly enough, according to Freedman, it's not so much fun to talk anymore when you can do it all the time, so the students wind up talking about school!

They sit on the floor many

### Church Collects Papers

The First Presbyterian Church of Farmington has offered use of a corner of its parking lot as a collection center for discarded newspapers.

The church is at 26165 Farmington Road at 11 Mile, Mrs. Wallace Kortjlaan of Earth Alive says the church has set aside an area next to a Boy Scout trailer as the collection point. A trucker has volunteered to take the papers away for disposal.

FREEDMAN is duly proud of "his" establishment, since it was he, at the request of School Sup. Roderick Smith, who supervised the entire construction and interior design of Wood Creek. After a year's leave of absence spent recruiting top teachers from many states, Freedman finally saw the school open this year.

He explained that his first requirement: for teachers, aside from outstanding professional skills, was warmth and humanness and a desire to communicate with children with genuine empathy. "No teacher here is afraid to go up and hug one of his students and vice-versa," he says.

Those depositing papers at the church site are requested to gather them into bundles either taped or tied to prevent their blowing away and making the area unsightly.



### THAYER FUNERAL HOME (NEW CHAPEL)

Grand River at Liberty Street - Farmington - GR 4-4131

### PUBLIC AUCTION

Auction to be held at: FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING 31555 Eleven Mile Road

on JUNE 5, 1971 at 10:00 A.M.

Articles to be sold are bicycles, misc. parts and other unclaimed articles at the Township Police Department.

FLOYD A. CAIRNS  
Farmington Township Clerk

Publish: May 22, 29, 1971

### OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE \$50,000.00

FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND  
STATE OF MICHIGAN

### TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES

Sealed bids for the purchase of tax anticipation notes of Farmington Public School District, County of Oakland, Michigan, of the par value of \$50,000.00 will be received by the undersigned at 32500 Shawnessee Street, Farmington, Michigan, until 7:00 o'clock P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on the 14th day of June, 1971, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read.

The notes will be dated June 11, 1971, will mature February 15, 1972 and will bear interest at a rate of rates not exceeding 7 1/2% per annum. Both principal and interest will be payable at a bank or trust company located in the State of Michigan to be designated by the original purchaser of the notes which paying agent qualifies as such under the Statutes of the State of Michigan or of the Federal Government, subject to the approval of the Farmington Public School District. Denominations and form of notes to be at the option of the purchaser at the time of maturity.

The notes shall be subject to redemption in direct numerical order at par and accrued interest on the first day of any month prior to maturity upon 30 days' notice served by registered mail upon the known holder or holders thereof, or published in a newspaper or publication circulated in the State of Michigan which carries as a part of its regular service notices of the sale of municipal bonds and notes.

For the purpose of awarding the notes the interest cost of each bid will be computed by determining, at the rate or rates specified, the total dollar value of all interest on the notes from June 11, 1971, to their maturity and deducting therefrom any premium. The notes will be awarded to the bidder whose bid on above computation produces the lowest dollar interest cost to the municipality. No proposal for the purchase of less than all of the notes or at a price less than their par value will be considered.

The loans in anticipation of the operating portion of the School Tax for the fiscal year July 1, 1971 to June 30, 1972, which tax is due and payable December 1, 1971.

A certified or cashier's check in the amount of 2% of the par value of the notes, drawn upon an incorporated bank or trust company and payable to the order of the Treasurer, must accompany each bid as a guarantee of good faith on the part of the bidder to be forfeited as liquidated damages if such bid is accepted and the bidder fails to take up and pay for the notes. Checks of unaccepted bidders will be promptly returned.

Bids shall be conditioned upon the unqualified opinion of the purchaser's attorney approving the legality of the notes, to be secured at the purchaser's expense. The purchaser shall furnish notes ready for execution at his expense. Notes will be delivered at a place to be agreed upon with the purchaser. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. Bids upon containing the bid shall be plainly marked "Proposal for Notes."

KATHRYN STIRLING  
Secretary, Board of Education

APPROVED: MAY 25, 1971  
STATE OF MICHIGAN  
MUNICIPAL FINANCE COMMISSION

Publish: May 29, 1971

### Visit a House of God

#### Judson Baptist Church

28301 Middlebelt Rd., Farmington  
(Between 12 and 13 Mile Roads)  
Rev. Fred G. Farris, Pastor

Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Bible Study 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Services 10:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
Nursery Facilities at all Sunday Services

#### Highland Park Baptist Church

28600 Lahser - Southfield  
A.M. REV. GEORGE H. SLAVIN  
P.M. PASTOR

Sunday Services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Nursery Facilities at all Sunday Services  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
Home of Southfield Christian School  
357-3739

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

21200 SOUTHFIELD ROAD AT EIGHT MILE ROAD  
SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN

WEDNESDAY: 11 a.m. Morning Worship  
6 p.m. Baptist Youth Fellowship  
THURSDAY: 7:30 p.m. OASIS HOUR  
R. Merrill Jorstan - Pastor  
6 p.m. Vesper Fellowship

#### CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Southfield Road between 8 and 9 Mile  
The Rev. John Osgood Hart, Rector

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion  
10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon  
Church School and Nursery  
Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. on First Sunday

#### SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Oakland at Grand River - Farmington

WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:15 a.m. (Nursery)

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9 a.m.

Parsonage GR 6-0487  
Church Office GR 4-6880  
Carl H. Schultz, Minister  
Organist - Audrey Greenwald

#### CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

20300 Middlebelt Rd.  
Livonia, Michigan

9:00 a.m. Worship Service  
10:15 a.m. Church School  
11:15 a.m. Worship Service  
6:30 p.m. Youth Group  
7:30 p.m. Evening Service  
Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Prayer Service

WESLEY A. JOHNS, Minister GR 4-9092

#### Church of Christ of Southfield

22355 W. 11 Mile Road  
353-2648

Sunday  
10 a.m. Sunday School  
11 a.m. Morning Worship  
6:30 p.m. Eve. Worship

Wednesday  
7:30 p.m. Bible Study  
G. E. Montgomery, Minister

#### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

Grand River at Warner  
Worship Service, Church School and Nursery  
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Ministries  
Rev. H. C. White  
Rev. B. Bryce Swiler  
Parsonage GR 4-7568  
Office GR 4-6573

#### Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church

Sunday School Church School 10 a.m.  
"Lower, Deeper, and Broader"  
Northwestern Hwy. at Marquette 254-4448

#### First Assembly of God

25228 West Twelve Mile Road  
9:45 Sunday School 11 a.m. & 8 p.m. Worship Services  
7:30 p.m. WEDNESDAY Family Night  
Nelson W. Muhling, Pastor Phone: 353-9222

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Shawnessee at Farmington Rd., Farmington, Mich.  
Rev. Walter C. Sallagham Minister

11 a.m. - Morning Worship  
9:45 a.m. - Bible School  
5:45 p.m. - Youth Groups  
7 p.m. - Evening Worship  
7:30 p.m. - Wednesday Prayer Service

#### St. Stephen Presbyterian

Maple at Drake Road  
West Bloomfield

Celebration-Worship 10 a.m. Sunday  
Dialogue - Education 11 a.m. Sunday  
High V. Stewart, pastor  
626-2400

#### Evangelical Covenant Church

24311 W. 11 Mile - Telegraph  
Chrysler Rd. & 8-0225  
Edwin T. Demers, Pastor KE 3-9363

9:30 a.m. Sunday Services  
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7 p.m. Evening Service

#### UNITED METHODIST

29887 W. 11 Mile Road  
Farmington 478-8850

Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.  
Men's Meeting - 10:30 a.m.  
John Phelps, Minister at Home  
8 Teachers, Member at Home  
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#### LUTHERAN CHURCH

48th Street, Grand Rapids  
SERVICES OF WORSHIP 10:45  
CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30  
Rev. Donald W. Wuehlschinkel  
Pastor

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