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■ **BOOK MARCH**  
Fourth- and fifth-graders can participate in the Farmington Public School districtwide reading incen-

tive program. The voluntary program, which allows children to win prizes for reading books from a pre-selected list, runs through March 4. Prizes vary at each elementary school. At Longacre, a child receives a pencil for reading four books; an invitation to at-

tend an assembly with author Bill Wallace for seven books; and a gift book for reading 12.

■ **PARENTING CLASSES**  
Parenting classes for parents of gifted and highly able students will take place 7:30-9 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 7 through March 21, at the Ten Mile School, 32789 10 Mile, between Power and Farm-

ington roads. Registration fees are \$30 for residents (spouse free) and \$45 single or \$60 a couple for non-residents. Fee includes a copy of "Guiding the Gifted Child" by James Webb and other materials. Classes are led by Jerry Kaplan and Nancy Serlin and focus on special problems and concerns of gifted and other bright students. The classes are presented by the

Farmington Public Schools Delta office. Another session takes place April 18 to May 23. For information, call 489-3399.

■ **PRINCIPAL WEEK**  
Farmington Public Schools is honoring its 26 building principals as Gov. John Engler has proclaimed the week of Feb. 13-19 as Principal Week in the state.

## Warner students sock hop to it at 'mall alternative'

While other students in the Farmington Schools anxiously awaited their buses to take them home one recent Friday afternoon, more than 300 Warner Middle School students decided to spend their half-day in school as Warner played host to a sock hop.

The event, titled "The Warner Mall Alternative," featured disc jockey D. Brown from Star Trax. While kids enjoyed lunch from Taco Bell, activities such as beach ball volleyball were going on in the gym and movies were being shown in the auxiliary gym.

The event was the brainchild of parent Linda Kaplan, who principal Dr. Darlene Russell describes as "a room parent for the entire school."

Door prizes, including Pistons and Red Wings tickets, were donated by local businesses and families of Warner students.

"I am very pleased with how it came off," Kaplan said. "But it would not have been possible without the assistance of the out-



After school: Warner Middle School students dance to music provided by D. Brown of Star Trax at the recent all school Sock Hop.

standing staff at Warner, the many parent volunteers who baked or chaperoned or in other ways helped with the day, and the

unbridled enthusiasm of the students. School spirit is definitely alive and well and living in Farmington Hills.

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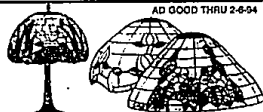
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