

# Here's a peek at school day

Following is the 1998-99 schedule for Farmington Public Schools, as reported in the district's August "Update" newsletter.

■ **Morning kindergarten** at Flanders, Forest, Kenbrook and William Grace will be from 8:09 to 11:06 a.m., with afternoon kindergarten slated from 12:06 a.m. to 3:03 p.m. Students in grades one through five will attend from 8:09 a.m. to 3:03 p.m.

■ **At Eagle, Gill/Gill Year Round and Wooddale**, morning kindergarten is 8:19 to 11:16 a.m.; followed by afternoon sessions from 12:16 to 3:13 p.m. Students in grades one through five will attend from 8:19 a.m. to 3:13 p.m.

■ **Hillside** will have morning kindergarten from 8:50 to 11:47 a.m.; afternoon kindergarten from 12:47 to 3:44 p.m. and school for other grades from 8:50 a.m. to 3:44 p.m.

■ **Morning kindergarten** at Beechview, Lanigan, Longacre and Wood Creek is from 8:58 to 11:55 a.m.; followed by afternoon kindergarten, 12:55 to 3:52 p.m. Classes for students in grades one through five will run from 8:58 a.m. to 3:52 p.m.

■ **At Highmeadow Common Campus**, grades one through five, all students will attend from 8:58 a.m. to 3:52 p.m.

■ **Farmington High School** students will attend

from 7:40 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.; with students at Harrison and North attending from 7:35 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The alternative academy program runs from 8 a.m. to 2:25 p.m.

■ **Middle school students** throughout the district (Dunckel, East, Power, Warner) will attend from 7:50 a.m. to 2:13 p.m.

■ **Alameda Early Childhood Center**: morning preschool, 9:15 to 11:45 a.m.; afternoon preschool, 12:30 to 3 p.m.; morning kindergarten, 8:44 to 11:41 a.m.; afternoon kindergarten, 12:41 to 3:38 p.m.; grades one through two, 8:44 a.m. to 3:38 p.m.

■ **Fairview Early Childhood Center**: morning preschool, 9:15 to 11:45 a.m.; afternoon preschool, 12:45 to 3:15 p.m.; morning kindergarten, 8:44 to 11:41 a.m.; afternoon kindergarten, 12:41 to 3:38 p.m.

■ **Farmington Community School**: morning preschool, 9:15 to 11:45 a.m.; afternoon preschool, 12:30 to 3 p.m.; morning Headstart, 8:50 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; afternoon Head Start, 12:41 to 3:38 p.m.

■ **Special Education**: Cloverdale, 8:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.; O'Connell School, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Visions Unlimited, 9:15 a.m. to 3 p.m.; William E. Miller School, 8:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

## POLICE AND FIRE CALLS

The following are police and fire incidents that occurred in Farmington and Farmington Hills during the past week.

**RUM AND RUN**

**In Farmington Hills:** Police ticketed a 28-year-old Hills man after he left Rite Aid Pharmacy with a bottle of Bacardi rum without paying for it Aug. 27. The man later returned to the store and identified by store personnel.

**RAPE**

**In Farmington Hills:** A 26-year-old Farmington Hills woman said a man forced her to have sex against her will on two separate occasions Aug. 14 and 16 and then put a pillow over her head causing her to black out Aug. 19. The victim said she met the man in March and reluctantly let him stay at her apartment but he later moved in June as part of his probation requirement.

**BREAK-INS**

**In Farmington Hills:** A thief stole an AM/FM cassette stereo, a set of golf clubs and a cellular phone after punching the door lock on a 1998 GMC Jimmy parked at Twelfth Estate Condominiums on 12 Mile the night of Aug. 25-26. During the same night, a cellular phone was stolen from a GMC Jimmy. The door lock was also punched.

Someone busted out a window and helped himself to a leather pouch with \$100 cash inside that was inside a 1997 Ford F-150 truck parked at Powerhouse Gym on Halsted Aug. 26.

A cell phone was stolen after a thief pried open a console in a 1998 Jeep Wrangler parked on Spring Lane the night of Aug. 25-27.

A thief smashed a window and stole a cellular phone from a 1996 Ford Contour parked at Diamond Forest Apartments Aug. 27.

**CON GAME**

**In Farmington Hills:** An 85-year-old Detroit Baptist Manor woman received a phone call telling her she won \$110,000 in a sweepstakes contest. However, she had to send the company \$7,000 to cover taxes before she could receive her check. The caller also instructed her not to tell her family or friends about the bounty. The woman's daughter contacted Farmington Hills police, who informed her not to send any money because it was probably a scam. Someone in the Troy FBI told Hills police that it is an ongoing problem. Such crimes are a misdemeanor in Michigan and difficult to enforce.

**VANDALISM**

**In Farmington Hills:** Someone heaved a heavy rock through a double-pane glass window at Grace and Wild Studios on Industrial Park the night of Aug. 26-27, causing \$500 damage.

Vandals used bricks to break two double-pane windows at Fairview Early Childhood Center on Onkerton Drive the night of Aug. 26-27. Damage estimates were not available.

## Election from page A1

locations.

Farmington City Hall is at 23600 Liberty, while Farmington Hills City Hall is at 31555 11 Mile. The nearest Secretary of State office is at 35576 Grand River.

Absentee ballots for Farmington Hills voters should be available in the first part of October. Before the August primary election, voters who vote absentee were sent a dual application for the primary and general election. "We're ready to go with those people who requested both," said Farmington Hills City Clerk Kathy Dornan.

Farmington Hills voters 60 years of age and older automatically are mailed applications for absentee ballots. For the general election, those applications will not be mailed.

"Others may still apply, call or stop in at city hall and the applications will be mailed out," Dornan said.

In Farmington, applications for absentee ballots are now available. As in Farmington

Hills, the Farmington clerk's staff also sent dual applications to those requesting absentee ballots prior to the August primary. "If they checked the appropriate boxes, they will get one for November," said Farmington Deputy Clerk Janice Schmidt.

The last day a ballot may be mailed to a voter is 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31. "At that point, we prefer that people come in and vote the absentee ballot," Schmidt said. "The earlier voters apply for a ballot, the better."

Races that will face voters in the two communities include:

■ **State Senate, 16th District:** Republican Willis Bullard vs. Democrat Ruth Toller.

■ **State House, 37th District:** Republican incumbent Andrew Raczkowski vs. Democrat Stephen Dibert.

■ **Oakland County Commission, 19th District:** Republican Terry Sever vs. Democrat Deborah Goldberg.

■ **Oakland County Commission, 18th District:** Republican incumbent David Moffitt vs. Democrat Ryan Gesund.

Local voters will join with voters statewide in casting ballots on two issues:

■ **Legalization of physician-assisted suicide**, put on the ballot by Merian's Friends. The proposal would overturn a new law that takes effect Sept. 1 — making assisting a suicide a felony. The proposal also provides guidelines for assisted suicide.

■ **Clean Michigan bond:** A \$600 million bond to clean up urban industrial brownfields, upgrade state park facilities and roads, provide pollution control runoff, clean up sediments in nine rivers, provide for lead contamination abatement, and provide for clean water to protect rivers, lakes and streams.

To reach the Farmington city clerk's office, call 474-5500; Farmington Hills city clerk, 473-9564; Michigan Secretary of State on Grand River, 476-4538.

## First day from page A1

hockey team, comprised of players from Farmington, Harrison and North.

Meanwhile, the first day will be a bit more challenging. That's because the estimated 12,000 students will attend full-day sessions instead of half days and because ongoing construction on bond issue projects will make it tougher to navigate around six of the district's schools.

Other than that, the beginning

of 1998-99 is expected to go smoothly, said Diane Bauman, director of school and community relations.

"Definitely," Bauman said. "It's not going to be as normal as last year's (opening) because we are under construction. But they've made all kinds of (contingency) plans for anything that could go wrong."

Students will encounter different phases of construction at

Farmington and North high schools, Dunckel Middle School, and Gill, Kenbrook and Longacre elementary schools, all part of the \$93.1 million bond issue approved in September 1997.

Bauman said that lunch prices will remain the same, with \$1.75 for elementary school students and \$2.20 for secondary school students. A prepaid program is available, with information at (248) 489-3319. Parents of elementary school youngsters who want to find out what's on the lunch menu can dial up (248) 489-3718.

But school start times for elementary schools are being shifted, according to the district, "to accommodate transportation pending any contract negotiations." (See related article for building schedules.)

There are other examples of change prevalent in the district. Longtime Farmington High principal Jim Myers is now part of central administration, having been succeeded by former assistant principal John Barrett. Taking over in Barrett's old place is co-counselor Bob Crawford.

With Mike Duff's retirement as principal at Gill, taking over the helm there will be Gayle Zimmerer. Power Middle School has a new assistant principal in Robert Kovar, replacing the

retired Norm Luebke.

Also on the go: Bev Miller moves from Lanigan to Fairview, where she will be administrative coordinator of the reading recovery department; former Fairview principal Mary Lou Somerville takes over in the same role at Alameda.

Over at the district's main offices on Shiawassee, Brian

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**Diane Bauman**  
—School community relations

Swinehart and William Tousey begin their first years as Farmington schools' athletic and transportation directors, respectively.

Swinehart will get to oversee the first season of the district's three-school varsity ice hockey team, the Flyers. Students from all three high schools will be combined on the squad, to be coached by East Middle School teachers Glenn Breuhan and Bernard Buller.

One thing that won't be changing is the tradition of high school football on Saturday afternoons. A plan to go to Friday night football won't take effect until the 1999 season.

Parents of new students who have questions about where to enroll their children can call the K-12 Instruction and Student Services department, (248) 489-3329.

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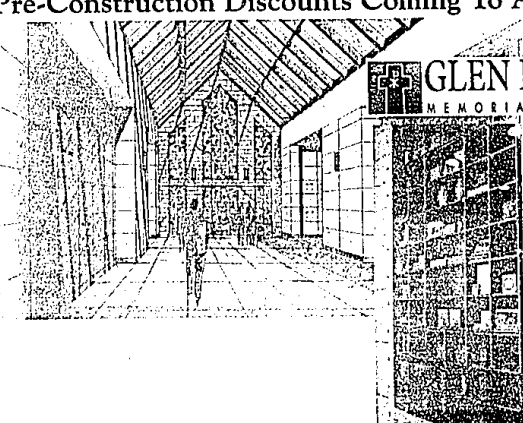
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