

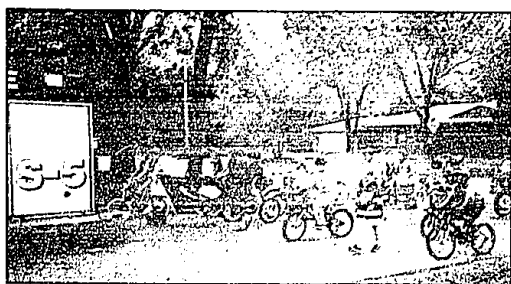
Kenbrook unveils new-look school with dedication, carnival

Kenbrook Elementary's students, parents and faculty enjoyed a very special and sunny day on Sunday, May 23 with its school dedication ceremony and annual spring carnival.

Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi, state Rep. Andrew Raczkowski, and Principal Peggy McKinley participated in the dedication.

Vagnozzi presented a proclamation from the Farmington Hills City Council. Raczkowski read part of a letter honoring Kenbrook from Gov. John Engler. A yellow ribbon adorning the school's renovation plans was cut to signify the grand opening of the newly renovated school.

Over 170 parents, teachers, students and friends took part in the dedication. Farmington schools Superintendent Bob



On their way: Kenbrook Elementary School's bike parade begins their trek.

Maxfield also joined in on the carnival later in the day. Just before the dedication ceremony, over 100 people participated in a bike parade through the neighborhood.

Kenbrook was the first school in the district to have its renovations completed. Over 420 students attend Kenbrook, representing over 350 families. Built in 1958, the school population had outgrown the school's size.

Following are some of the improvements:

- Four new classrooms.
- New, expanded cafeteria (to accommodate

two lunch sessions daily) with performance platform.

- New art room, instead of "art on a cart."
- Enlarged and renovated music room.

- Renovations to the heating and cooling system.

The new performance area already was used during 1998-99, providing enough space for students' families to watch comfortably.

Meanwhile, the media center now boasts natural lighting.

Held along with the dedication was Kenbrook's annual spring carnival, deemed a huge hit with everyone attending.

Over 700 people enjoyed the Indoor Midway, Junior Midway, fortune telling, outdoor games such as the "Slippery Pole" and "Belly Bouncers," face painting, crafts, cake walk, bake sale, "Pocket Lady" and "Kenbrook's Kafe."

Food included a combination of carnival fare (hot dogs, pizza and popcorn) along with more ethnic offerings, such as Greek salads,

pite sandwiches, nachos, and Greek lasagna.

According to Kenbrook publicity chairman Denise Albrecht, a key to the program was the work of committees, organized by Bob Miller, chairman and father vice president.

Parents gave their time and energies to plan the event, with committee chairmen devoting "countless hours of time," according to Albrecht. Over 180 volunteers, coordinated by Karen Moody, helped to make the carnival possible.

Heading up the raffle was Anna Zanger, while tickets were handled by Lisa Redman and PTA President Renee Comstock. School custodian Dave Peterson offered extra help throughout the set up, clean up and actual event.

A breakdown of committees is as follows:

- Kitchen: Maria McKendrick, Therese Jamison, Bridgett Fowler, Karen Weiss and Kathy Pouch.

- Midway Games: Diane Phillips and Laura Krause.

- Parade and decorations: Robin Lendal.

- Junior Midway, craft room and face painting: Denise Albrecht, Deb Wallace and Liz Wooden.

- Outside games: Bob Miller, Rick Medlen, Tom Emerson and David Jamison.

- Bake sale: Phyllis McTighe, Laurie Wethington and Diane Meidell. Dozens of moms and dads donated baked goods.

Also, "basket raffles" and sports memorabilia were auctioned to raise money for the school. Children from each classroom contributed items for "theme baskets" such as outdoor fun or gardening.

Many of Kenbrook's teachers also helped run the games, crafts and face painting.



Fun day: Enjoying the occasion were (left) state Rep. Andrew Raczkowski, Farmington Hills Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi, Kenbrook Principal Peggy McKinley and Renee Comstock, PTA president.

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