

CARRIER OF THE MONTH: FARMINGTON

Kyle McPherson, 13, of Westbrook Manor in Farmington Hills, has been named September's Carrier of the Month for the Farmington Observer. McPherson is the son of Kevin and Joyce McPherson and has a sister, Jillian, 16. He attends Dunckel Middle School and considers math and science his favorite subjects. He plays the piano and enjoys card collecting, swimming and computer games. McPherson is considering marine biology or chemistry as a career. When asked what he likes most his route McPherson replied, "I have nice customers, and I like having money to spend."



Kyle McPherson

If you want to be a Farmington Observer carrier, please call 810-901-4716

Realtors invited to Farmington schools

All realtors are invited to Farmington Public Schools annual Realtor Update at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, at the Farmington Training Center, 33000 Thomas Street. Packets containing current information about the school district to share with clients and Superintendent C. Robert Maxfield will present the latest happenings within the Farmington Public Schools. An optional school tour will also be made available after the regular program. Participants will be transported by school bus to experience a typical school day. To RSVP call School/Community Relations at 489-3349.

Webb to serve on commission

Matt Webb, a junior at Farmington High School, is joining his mother, Cathy, as a member of the Farmington Hills Commission on Children, Youth & Families. Webb was appointed Sept. 28 by Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi and the city council to fill one of the vacancies on the commission.

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Red Wings' tough guy Tomas Holstrom and Millie.

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Waterford district for three years. He also worked in the Brighton district for 24 years, including 13 as an elementary school principal. His was joined by his family at Tuesday's board study session. Rubin pushed about the Farmington Public Schools, which he's heard about while working in Brighton. He met with Eagle Elementary staff and students during a breakfast Monday. "I was so impressed with the dedication of the staff and the programs and activities they have in place," Rubin said. "When I worked in Brighton, people who lived there but who worked here in the district would

always tell me how it was a wonderful district." Rubin describes his management style as "participatory." "I like to get as many opinions as possible. The more heads, the better the ideas," Rubin said. "I like to empower staff and students." At Grayson Elementary, Rubin presided over the start of a meeting in a classroom where 50 students in grades 1-3 are taught in one setting by two teachers. The school also has a "looping" program where students have the same teacher when being promoted from the fourth to the fifth grade. Sixth-grade instructors then go to teach fourth

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Arnie Rubin
—New principal

grade as part of the cycle. Under Rubin, the school started a student council, increased the number of parent volunteers and conducted successful reading programs. Rubin has an education specialist degree from Michigan State University. He earned his master's and bachelor's degrees from Eastern Michigan University.

"He's here night and day," said Shelly Jex, Grayson PTA president. "He never says no to a new idea. If you want to start a new program and if it has to go until 10 at night, he's there. If you have to start at 7 in the morning, he's there. You always see his car here."

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