

District earns budget award

The Association of School Business Officials International has awarded a Meritorious Budget Award for excellence in preparation and issuance of a school system annual budget for 2000-01 to Farmington Public Schools.

This is the fourth year that the district has received this award under the direction of Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations Cheryl Cannon.

The Meritorious Budget Awards was designed to enable school business administrators to achieve a standard of excellence in budget presentation.

The award is only conferred to school systems who have met or exceeded the Meritorious Budget Program criteria. The Association of School Business Officials International is a professional association which provides programs and services to promote the highest standards of school business management practices.

The district's budget is available at the Farmington Community Libraries, both in Farmington and Farmington Hills, for public information as well as at the district's administration building.



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SEEING THE DOCTOR

You can do more than make an appointment if you are to see your doctor about an arthritis problem.

If you prepare correctly, you can assure yourself that the time you set aside for this matter will be well spent. It is best to have either written or well-organized answers to questions the doctor will ask if arthritis pain is your problem.

These questions will include when did the arthritis begin, is it with you daily, or does it come and go, what joints hurt, what makes the pain worse, and what makes it better? Is your arthritis intense in the morning when you wake, or at the end of the day? Also, what medicines, treatments, or other physicians have you seen prior to the present appointment? Were any blood tests or x-rays taken, and if so, what were the results?

The doctor will also want to know about other aspects of your health during the time your arthritis came on. Did you have fevers, a rash, or feel undue fatigue? Did you start any medicines for other conditions, prior to the beginning of your arthritis?

These answers help your doctor focus on the likely cause of your ailment from the choice of over 100 different types of arthritis that it is possible you could have.

Obtaining an accurate history of your joint condition is vital. The subsequent examination of your joints, the ordering of laboratory tests and further x-rays, the choice of medicine, and the instructions of how you should care for yourself, stem from what you tell the doctor.

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GUEST COLUMN

Board, Governor honor school principals

I am pleased to announce that the Farmington Board of Education has joined Gov. John Engler in proclaiming the week of Feb. 11-17 as Principals Week in Michigan.

This annual observance serves as an important reminder of the key role played by school principals in creating excellent educational programs and settings.

In the words of Gov. Engler, "The principal's leadership skills and abilities directly affect the performance of teachers striving to achieve their goal of quality instruction for every student."

That is certainly the case in the Farmington School District. An extensive body of educational research indicates that school principals are the critical ingredient in effective schools. This is not to say that teachers and support staff aren't important. What it does say, however, is that without strong leadership, a school cannot function effectively.

Our principals are required to wear many hats. On any given day they are instructional leaders, professional coaches, mentors, peacekeepers, community relations specialists, team builders, parent education specialists and many other roles.

Using computer language, effective principals are truly multi-tasking. The men and

women who serve as principals in Farmington illustrate the ability to wear these many hats with spectacular results.

I hope that parents and community members will use Principals Week as an opportunity to thank the principals with whom they come in contact. I assure you they are easy to find, since they are in their schools from early morning till late at night. I'm sure you will join me in extending our highest regards to the following principals:

Early child centers

Alameda — Helene Blackman
Community School — Terry Klenz

Fairview — Katherine Obizak

Elementary schools

Beechview — Norma Jean Sass

Eagle — Arnie Rubin

Flanders — Mary Joyce Reader

Forest — Lloyd Lewis

Gill — Gayle Zimmerer

Highmeadow — Beverly Miller

Hillside — Janice Colliton

Kenbrook — Margaret McKinley

Lanigan — Marva Turner

Longacre — William Smith

William Grace — Mark

Morawski

Wood Creek — Berna Ravitz

Wooddale — Lasenia Jones

Middle schools

O.E. Dunckel — Pamela O'Malley and Sharon Cooper

East — Eugene Seaborn and Kenneth Sanders

Power — Donald Hammond and Robert Kovar

Warner — Mildred Taylor and Jim Purdon

High schools

Farmington — John Barrett, Robert Crawford and Lydia Runckel

Harrison — Rando Horn, Dennis Noe and Mary Brown

North Farmington — Rick Jones, Ron Jones and Linda Fox

Alternative Academy — Dianne Duthie

Community Education/High School Completion — Terry Leland

Special Services

William E. Miller — Ben Chin

Cloverdale — Roger Martin

O'Connell — Ben Chin

Visions Unlimited — Lynne Noelle

Robert Maxfield is Superintendent of Farmington Public Schools.

Midfield terminal still needs a name

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What would you name the new midfield terminal at Wayne County's Detroit Metropolitan Airport?

The \$1.2-billion project, under construction south of the existing Smith Terminal and scheduled to open in December 2001, as yet has no official designation. "It's up to the county," said Matt Friedman of Marx Layne public relations, a spokesman for Northwest. The decision is Wayne County's, he said.

The Observer is inviting suggestions. Consider the following:

■ The entire project will cost over \$2 billion, including the new runway, the 11,600-vehicle parking garage, access roads and the planned 9-story hotel.

■ It is the largest-ever public-works project in the history of Wayne County and Michigan.

You can mail your idea about what to name the midfield terminal to The Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail it to rpearl@oe.hometeam.net. Suggestions will appear in a future article.

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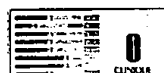
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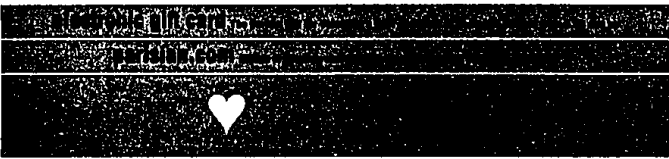
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