

Grade school for gifted moving to Hills location

Steppingstone Center, an elementary school for children with intellectual gifts and creative talents, is moving to Farmington Hills.

The facility is at Mercy Center, 28600 11 Mile. It will offer programs in art, computers, Orff method of music instruction, and familiarity with foreign languages, as well as swimming and gym.

There will be provisions for extended days-latchkey for working parents in addition to the basic mathematics, science, reading, language arts and social studies curricula.

An open house has been planned for interested students and parents to tour the facilities, meet teachers and discuss the educational programs available for students ages 6-12. It will be held 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31.

"Steppingstone's particular philosophy focuses on 'total child' development, which is based on the idea that the evenly developed child is usually the most satisfied and productive child," said Kiyu Morse, director.

"Because the gifted child at Steppingstone is with many other children of similar interests, abilities and learning styles, there is often a stronger basis for interpersonal communication and the development of peer relationships than might be found in the average classroom."

Before an eligibility determination for the school is made, students must have completed an individual IQ evaluation administered by a qualified psychologist.

THE CURRICULUM meets the performance objectives for certified elementary schools as established by the Michigan Department of Education.

The school operates on a traditional school year from September to mid-June and still has openings for students who would like to apply for the 1988-89 school year, which begins Tuesday, Sept. 6.

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Three full-time certified teachers instruct the early elementary, middle elementary and upper elementary classrooms of about 15 students each.

The art program has been developed and taught for the past few years by Pam Grossmann. Its emphasis is concerned with media use.

Grossmann begins drawing instruction with cartoon characters and proceeds into real-life studies with a variety of drawing and coloring media. Her undergraduate major was art at Michigan State University.

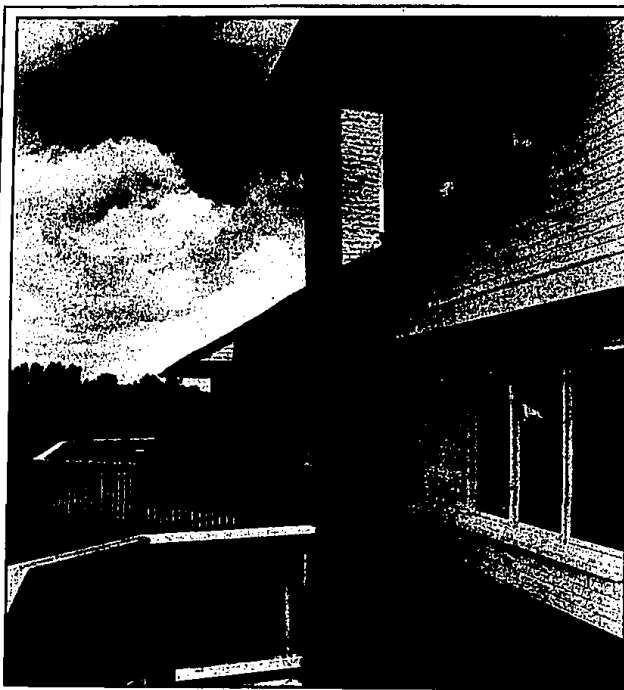
She is a free-lance commercial artist and has taught drawing techniques classes for five years at the Art Store and More in Plymouth. Three-dimensional arts and crafts are integrated into the classroom curriculum by the classroom teachers.

MUSIC WILL be based on a program of Orff-Schulwerk with appropriate variations to be integrated with classroom studies.

Director of the center for seven years in the Plymouth area, Morse holds a master's degree from the University of California.

She has served on the steering committee of the Plymouth-Canton Association for the Academically Talented (PCAAT), and taught science in the gifted program at Tanger Elementary School.

She has participated in a variety of seminars and workshops on gifted education, nationally and locally.



Homearama model

Large decks, contemporary post-modern design and white exteriors are popular in today's homes, as seen in The Devin, a model by S.S.R. Building Co. of Farmington Hills. It is one of 18 new-idea homes built especially for Homearama in the Autumn Ridge subdivision on Orchard Lake Road, just north of

Walnut Lake Road, in West Bloomfield. Hours of Homearama, sponsored by the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan, are 7-11 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. weekends. The \$4 admission includes a plan book of all homes.

Doctor directs free summer camp for asthmatic children

Dr. Bruce Dublin of Farmington Hills once again volunteered as medical director for Camp Sun Deer, the free camp for severely asthmatic children.

Sponsored by the American Lung

Association of Southeast Michigan (ALASEM), Camp Sun Deer is designed to meet the needs of asthmatic children, assuring a range of camping experiences while monitoring the medical condition of each camper.

Dublin, director of the Center for Asthma, Emphysema and Allergic Disorders, headed a team of 46 professionals the week of June 27-July 1 to provide 60 severely asthmatic children medical care and education along with fun-filled hours.

Camp Sun Deer is made possible through the generosity of Christmas Seals and volunteers like Dublin.

At Camp Sun Deer, near Battle Creek, the campers are encouraged to participate in "traditional" camp activities.

Trained medical professionals constantly supervise the variety of activities that let campers enjoy a week of adventures unavailable to them without the special medical supervision offered by Dublin and his team.

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Chamber updating directory

The Greater West Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce is updating its 1989 Community Directory.

The directory will be mailed to all homes in the area in January and given out to new residents as they move into the township.

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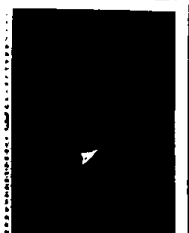


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