

# Clarencville names principal as new superintendent

By Marie Chestney  
staff writer

David Kamish's first full day on the job as Clarencville's new school superintendent will be Oct. 11.

But don't expect to find Kamish deskbound every day in the district's administrative offices on Middlebelt Road.

"I won't be a superintendent that stays at the board office," said Kamish, who is principal of Grandview Elementary in Clarencville. "I'll be out in every school building at least once or twice a week."

One of the first tasks he'll face in his new job is to help district officials decide what to do next after

voters last week overwhelmingly rejected a \$19 million, 30-year bond issue to fix up the district's four schools.

"We'll sit down and analyze the process we went through this time. We have to do a better job of presenting it."

Kamish said a request for higher taxes might not come before the voters until 1993.

Clarencville includes northeast Livonia, northwest Redford and southeast Farmington Hills.

SINCE LATE JUNE, it's been a long, bureaucratic road for the 55-year-old educator to the district's top job, and the journey isn't over

yet.

On Thursday, the Clarencville Board of Education named Kamish its new interim superintendent. Kamish won't lose the word "interim" from his title until he negotiates a contract with the board.

That contract is expected to be approved Oct. 10, the date of the next school board meeting.

"Agreeing on a contract won't be a problem, but it has to be done before I can officially take over," said Kamish, who will replace interim Superintendent Ralph Skrocki.

Since former superintendent Jerry Montecillo resigned in June, Skrocki has been running the district. Skrocki now returns to his former

post, assistant superintendent for finance.

Between now and Oct. 7, Kamish will be going back and forth between his new office in Clarencville Middle School and Grandview Elementary.

At Grandview, his primary task will be to acquaint Ellen Davis, the school's new principal, with her new job.

AFTER OCT. 7, Kamish will primarily be based at the middle school, learning the ropes of his new job from Skrocki.

Clarencville trustees wanted to name Kamish to the superintendent's job in late June, but hit a bu-

reaucratic snag.

To be named superintendent under a new Michigan law, Kamish needed to be enrolled in a special education leadership program at Eastern Michigan University. He also needed approval to enroll in the special certification program from the Michigan Department of Education.

Kamish and school officials spent the past three months getting all the necessary paperwork done to meet these two goals.

Kamish, a Wisconsin native, got his first teaching job in Clarencville in 1958. He has spent nearly his entire teaching career in the district, mostly as principal of Edgewood and Grandview elementary schools.

He is certified by the state to be a building administrator, but not a superintendent.

Before passage of a recent state law, he would not have been eligible to take over Clarencville's top post.

Michigan recently passed a law allowing districts to appoint superintendents who aren't state certified if the newly appointed superintendent agrees to obtain certification within five years.

Kamish has agreed to pursue courses leading to this certification at Eastern Michigan University.

Kamish has a bachelor of science degree from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and a master's in education from Eastern.

## around Farmington

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### ● ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

Monday, Sept. 30: A kickoff awareness meeting is scheduled for Odyssey of the Mind, a creative problem-solving program for children in Farmington Public Schools. The introduction is planned for 7:30 p.m. at O.E. Dunckel Middle School, 12 Mile east of Farmington Road. Guest speaker is Del Schreder, General Motors executive coordinator and creativity program coordinator. For more information, call Sylvia Kambouris, 478-1977, or Farmington Schools at 489-3359.

### ● IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Tuesday, Oct. 1: The Oakland County Health Division will offer an immunization clinic for Walled Lake and surrounding areas from 9 a.m. to noon at the Walled Lake United Methodist Church, 313 Northport. Immunizations for measles, German measles, mumps, polio, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, and Ha-

emophilus influenza type B will be available. For more information call 858-1305.

### ● FAMILY FIRST

Tuesday, Oct. 1: David R. Melton, president of Rutherford Institute of Michigan, will address a luncheon meeting of Family First in the Farmington Hills Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile Road. His topic will be "Freedoms under Fire." The public is invited. For reservations call 591-1980. Cost is \$5.

### ● RUMMAGE SALE

Wednesday, Oct. 2, and Thursday, Oct. 3: The Women of St. Fabian will hold their annual rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Fabian Church, 32220 W. 12 Mile Road. For more information call Kathy Whitehead, 553-4043.

### ● DEER HUNTING

Wednesday, Oct. 2 and Oct. 9: Outdoorman Joe Derek will talk about deer hunting from 7-9 p.m. The fee is \$12. For more information call Farmington Community Education at 489-3333.

### ● MAH JONGG

Thursday, Oct. 3: The senior adult department of the Jewish Community Center will begin a new five-week series of mah jongg classes 9:30-11:30 a.m. in Room 239 of the JCC.

Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield. For more information call Marilyn Wolfe at 661-1000, ext. 334.

### ● CLASSIC FASHIONS

Thursday, Oct. 3: The volunteer guild of the Community Center of Farmington-Farmington Hills will present its annual fashion show 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Novi Hilton. The cost is \$25. For more information call the center at 477-8404.

### ● RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE

Thursday, Oct. 3, and Friday, Oct. 4: The Hope Lutheran church rummage and bake sale is set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. to noon Friday at the church, 39200 W. 12 Mile Road. For more information call Joan Pfaffman at 489-7085.

### ● FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Thursday, Oct. 3, and Friday, Oct. 4: Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church plans its rummage sale for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days at the church, 25225 Middlebelt at 11 Mile Road. A bake sale is also planned. For more information call Maria Koutouras at 553-3425.

### ● GARDEN CLUB YARD SALE

Friday, Oct. 4 and Saturday, Oct. 5: The Farmington Club will hold a yard sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fri-

day and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday in the Carriage House of the Farmington Historical Museum, 33005 Grand River. Proceeds will help support the club's charitable causes.

### ● MUSICAL ECHOES OF IRELAND

Saturday, Oct. 5: Traditional Irish songs and dance will be presented at 7:30 p.m. by Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann (Ireland's Cultural Movement) at MacAuley Auditorium, Mercy College Campus, 8200 W. Outer Drive, Detroit. Tickets are \$12 and can be bought in advance at Donovan's Country Store and Irish Imports in Farmington, 478-0668.

### ● THINK TRIM

Saturday, Oct. 5: Lorraine Stefano will present a workshop on alternatives to dieting from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Community Center Farmington-Farmington Hills, 25706 Farmington Road. The fee is \$44. For more information call the center at 477-8404.

### ● CATARACT SURGERY

Monday, Oct. 7: Ophthalmologist Dr. Eric Zuckerman will discuss the latest advances in cataract surgery from 2-4 p.m. in the community room of Bolstford Hospital. The cost is \$1. Refreshments will be served.

The program is sponsored by the Vision Club of ElderMet at Bolstford. To register call 471-8020.

### ● MAGIC WITH BERNIE

Monday, Oct. 7: A four-week magic class for 6- to 12-year-olds begins 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, Maple and Drake, West Bloomfield. The fee is \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members. To register call Shirley Siegal at the JCC, 661-1000, ext. 335.

### ● HEALTH AMERICA

Monday, Oct. 7: Sen. Donald Riegle's proposed health care bill will be discussed at 7 p.m. during a meeting of the Farmington chapter of the Older Women's League in the Farmington Library, Liberty at State. Speaker will be Lisa Mulcrone, aide to Riegle. The meeting is open to the public at no charge. Register with Virginia Nicoll at 474-3094.

### ● ETHICS IN THE WORKPLACE

Monday, Oct. 7: Detroit area attorney and businessman Michael Timmis will speak on "Ethics in the Workplace" at 7:30 p.m. in Kresge Hall, Madonna University campus, Livonia. Timmis is a senior partner in the law firm Marco, Timmis and Inman and is co-owner, vice chairman and general counsel for F & M retail stores.

### ● HEALTHY HEART

Tuesday, Oct. 8: A series of six, two-hour blood pressure control classes begins at 7 p.m. in the Oakland County health offices, 27725 Greenfield Road, Southfield. There is a \$10 fee and pre-registration is required. Spouses and/or other family members are encouraged to attend to learn about medications, nutrition and lifestyle changes for cardio fitness. Call 424-7042.

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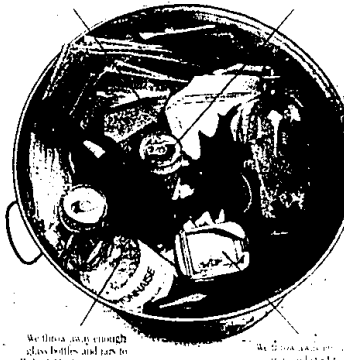
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