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FARMINGTON NOTES

Pupils give education high marks

It was American Education Week, and pupils at Larkshire Elementary School in the Farmington District had plenty to say on that subject.

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American Education Week is a celebration of the freedom to learn. Larkshire Elementary pupils and staff took that idea to a higher plateau. The weeklong event, Nov. 15-19, included an array of activities. An assembly capped off the week, featuring two shows by kindergartners, second and fourth graders and one by first, third and fifth graders presented for parents and faculty.

The celebration obviously left an impression. When third grade teacher Jeanette Swartz scanned reports written by pupils over Thanksgiving break, she noticed something. "Almost every piece had something about American Education Week," said Swartz, who was involved in putting the program together. "They had things like, 'I'm thankful I can read. I love science. . . . Almost everyone had something about education.'"

The theme was "Rainbow of Opportunity." So, pupils and staff constructed a school rainbow with each hallway representing a different color. Yellow symbolized light of knowledge; green for growing for the future and the past; red the flame of the future and blue the success of Larkshire pupils past, present and future.

Children also got a glimpse of the



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Their pledge: Larkshire Elementary second-graders Daniel Clay (left) and Andy Baum pledge allegiance to the flag during recent ceremonies at the school. In the back is Jay Edison.

past, learning how kids were taught during the landing of the Pilgrims. They also dressed up as doctors and nurses and historical figures such as Abraham Lincoln, Ben Franklin and Thomas Edison, illustrating the result of American education.

Such patriotic fervor spilled over into the assembly. Children sang "God Bless America," "America the

Beautiful" and "This Land is Your Land." One highlight was the reading of a poem written by staff member Cindy Juncaj titled, "Diversity."

Two bilingual pupils recited the piece, which starts off with the line: *Green is the opportunity our family felt when they recited America's open arms/Finally to the land of opportunity.*

Each day, a person from the learn-

ing center read a poem over the public address system from the book "Hallstones and Hallbut Bones."

A teacher committee coordinated the program. Swartz said she'd gladly do it again next year.

One of the most heartening things, she added, was seeing pupils volunteering to write reports.

"We helped each other," Swartz said.

Bank promotes her

Christine Lock, a Farmington Hills resident, has been promoted to first vice president of the Farmington Hills-based Michigan National Bank.



Lock is responsible for directing all activities of the investment banking operations group, including the money desk, wire transfers, securities settlement and safekeeping.

Since joining Michigan National in 1975 in the retail division, Lock has held progressively responsible positions, including: auditor, accounting officer-funds control, investment officer-funding manager, money desk manager, cash position manager and investment banking operations group manager.

A graduate of Michigan State University, Lock received her bachelor's degree in 1975.

Sample classes offered

Music Makers Educational Center is offering two sample classes of "Music Together" — music classes for infants, toddlers, preschoolers and their parents or caregivers — in the Farmington area.

The classes will be offered Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 11 Mile Road, west of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills.

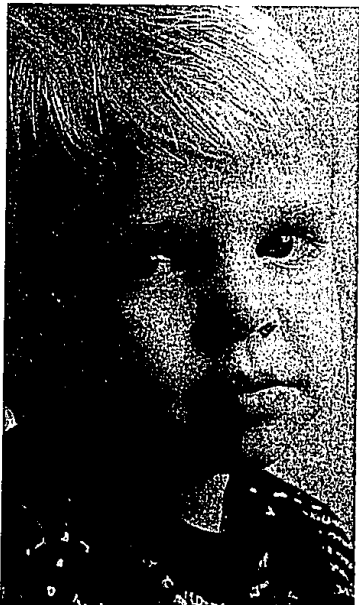
Children and adults may participate in one of these free 45-minute sample classes by calling Music Makers Educational Center at 380-9998 to make a reservation.

Registration for winter quarter Music Together classes, which will be the week of Jan. 3, will be accepted after the sample classes or by telephone through Dec. 17.

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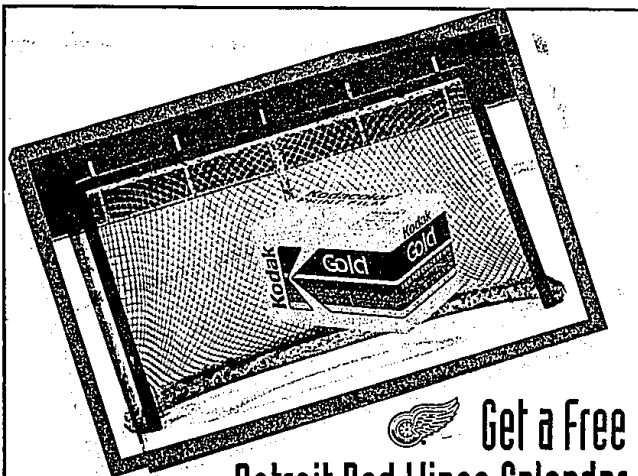
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