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tradition of bolstering their kids in sports. But some dads I know shuttle their daughters back and forth to soccer practice and ballet

forth to soccer practice and ballet lessons alike.

Even a couple of good sports performed in a local production of The Nuteracker ballet. Hey guys, recital time is just around the corner.

Today's dads want to be a player in their children's lives. The National Take Your Daughter To

Work Day inspired many dads to take their daughters and sons to the place where daddy "writes checks, tells people what to do, drinks coffee, talks on the phone and gets money."

The 4-year-old who spends a day at daddy's job site driving the hi-lo really has something to talk about at the next show and share. Wouldn't it be ideal if moms and dads could take turns being the primary caregiver, each, oh,

two or three days a week? Children would have an equal chance of developing strong personal relationships with their dade, as well as their moma. That is not, however, the norm. Since time is usually a factor, dads in particular have been challenged to devise alternatives. A group of six neighborhood dads with young daughters got creative. Not unlike the scouts or the YMCA's Indian Princesses, they

formed a group known as the Dads, Daughters & Desserts club

Dads, Daughters & Deaserts club of Springhrook.
Conceived in October of last year, it allows the dads to nurture a life-long relationship with their young daughters, and heve a lot of fun along the way. The dads plan, orgenise and execute activities that have ranged from Phaser Land, The Detroit Historical Museum, bumper bowling, the Detroit Science Center, to impromp-

tu get-togethers and the Farmington Hills Valentine's Day Father-Daughter Dance.

Meanwhile, the girls have their own aspirations for this special group: camping in the Rockies, hopping the A-train to Chicago, or perhaps sojourning to Euro-Disney. No matter what the event, it always seems to end up with the sert somewhere.

This is light years away from memories of my childhood and

Students clean-up on car wash lesson

Customers at Colonial Car Wash must have thought they were caught in a time warp when they pulled in for a car wash re-cently.

The employees who greeted them and aprayed their cars looked to be about 7 or 8 years old. The one-day employees were actually second-grade studenta from Gill Elementary School learning how a business operates.

mark and Holly Owen, owners of Colonial Car Wash, looked for a way to contribute to the real-life educational experiences of children attending Farmington Public Schools. What they came up with was a field trip experience for youngsters that helps them understand how a business operates.

Students watched a slide show of how the business was built from the ground up. They toured the car wash, observing all the operations, and then they were put to work. After punching the time clock, students rotated from station to station where they greeted customers, sprayed cars and even counted money.

"You wouldn't believe the questions these kids ask," Holly Owen said.

Lix Walsh, whose class was chosen to participate this year, asked to be included again next

The Owens have structured the field trip to be fun for the children while also being educational. Stu-dents learned about the process of starting, operating and maintain-

ing a business. They also learned the importance of developing good work habits, that quality work-manship is important, how good customer relations affect a busi-ness and how skills they learn in school are needed in the work-

Farmington Public Schools em-ployees are revising and updating the Partners in Education Re-source Book for teachers which lists community members who are willing to share experiences and experiise with students in any of several types of activities from speaking to classes to host-ing field trips.

Anyone interested in being in-cluded in the book should call School/Community Relations at 489-3349 for an information sheet.



On the job: Fifty second-grade students from Gill Elementary School became one-day

Red Cross lists bloodmobile sites

The following is a list of Red Cross Bloodmobiles for the month of July:

July 14 — Walled Lake: Gi-bralter Plastics, Inc./TCI Cablev-ision, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (810) 669-12258.

July 15 -- Rochester: Elka Club, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., (810) 649-9314.

9314. July 21 — Rochester: Avondale Convalescent Home, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (810) 551-4422. July 31 — Rochester Hills: Meadowbrook Christian Church, 1:30-7:30 p.m. (810) 956-8597.





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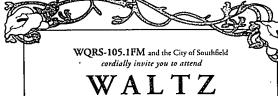
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