## Education Expo brings learning tools to kids

The metro area's learning expo returns with hundreds of learn-ing ideas and hands-on activities that will help kids make the

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Doutnetd. Admission is free. This education extravaganza brings together schools, organi-zations and businesses in this laarning fair for students of all ages. More than 75 exhibitors will showcase product and ser-vices for every area of education from early childhood to lifelong learning. It will include educa-tional toys and games, comput-ors and software; tutoring meth-children's books and videos, learning workshops and cultural centers.

New this year, five innovation stations will feature interactive areas for kids and important resources for parents: Cyber-School, Honework Headquar-ters, The Safety Zone, Fit & Fun Center and Lunch & Munch. Hundreds of prizes will be given away at each Innovation Station, including kid's fitness classes, bike helmets, smoke detectors and useful school supplies.

And useful school supplies. Prepare to entor the Safety gudes the direction of experts from Children's Hospital of Michigan. Surf the web at CyberSchool. Parents and kids can go online in search of great learning sites such as Yahooligans, Star Tri-bune's Humework Holp and Dis-ney Online's Pamily Com and Daily Blast. Familia can the first of a new class of mobile computers, as well as hundreds of computer related products. Kids can each ad Among Advan.

Kids can get a learning advan-tage at Homework Headquar-ters, where experts from Kumon Math and Learning Centers will teat their math and reading skills and show parents how to





Keep safe: Whitley Williams, 9, of Southfield, stops traffic at the Safety Zone, an interactive expo exhibit.

traffic at the Safety Zone, ar get involved with homework. Skip over to the Fit & Fun Center, presented by William Beaumont Hospital and Beverly Hills Racquet and Health Chub, to learn how to play and stay healthy with mini health sereen-ings and recreational activities from kid-sized weight and exer-cise equipment to soccer and Tae Kwon Do, demonstrated by Olympic contender Master Dominic Kim, gold mediate of the World All Star Team. **Kroger and Kindercare** 

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Re-energize at Lunch & Munch, a free snack bar featur-ing back-to-school edibles and tips on nutrition, compliments of For more information, contact Metro Parent Magazine at (248) 352-0990.



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Surf time: Above, Max Jacobsen (left), 10, and Josh Herbertson, 10, both of Birmingham, surf the web at the Education Expos Cyber-School where parents can enter to win an Apple eMate 300 computer.

Grand prize: Sarah Cahn (left), 10, of Southfield, shows off the Apple eMate 300, the Expo's grand prize. The model is the first of a new class of computers.

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