

Families, math add up to fun at Eagle Elementary

The idea of family fun usually doesn't include anything to do with mathematics. But Eagle Elementary School pupils and their parents broke the norm during the May 5 "Family Math Night."

About 90 kindergartners and first graders from the classrooms of teachers Julie Bennett, Margaret Forbes, Marilyn Schipani and Yvonne Taylor worked on a number of hands-on games and activities.

Those dealt with geometry, time and money, measurement, problem solving and multi-cultural math. A travel theme was chosen, as children visited three different destinations.

Schipani said it was rewarding, even "cool," to see parents and their children "working together and enjoying math at the same time."

"It's wonderful to watch the children and parents interacting as they complete the tasks of their choice," noted another staff member.

Other Eagle staff members participating to make the night a success were Shelly Sokol, Dawn Jones, Helene Blackman, Loretta Hines, Carol Lawrence, Amoni Bahora, Shari Carlson, Mary Jo Williams, Nicole



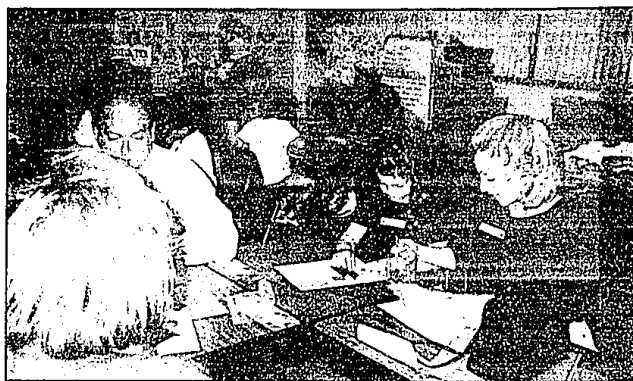
Collaboration: Nancy Henahan works on an activity with her son, first grader Case Henahan.

Sheena and Principal Arnie Rubin.

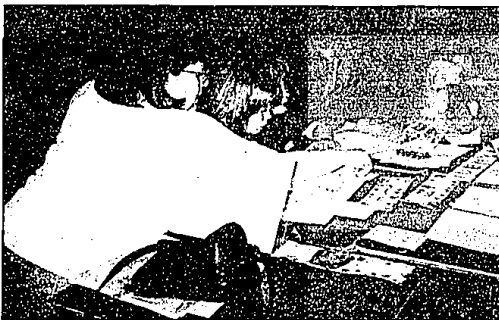
Two previous Family Math Nights took place this year at Eagle, involving students from

grades 2-5.

Staff members donated their time to work with the youngsters on learning activities that can be done at home.



Fun to learn: Kindergartner Emily Langnas works on a math game with her mom, Lisa (right), during the recent "Family Math Night" at Eagle Elementary School.



All in the family: Enjoying the hands-on activities are Patti Bolda and her children, Julie and Erik, who attend kindergarten and first grade, respectively. Eagle is part of the Farmington district even though it is located in West Bloomfield Township.

EVIDENCE OF EXCELLENCE: FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Following is a rundown of "Evidence of Excellence," notable school and community achievements as noted by the Farmington Board of Education at a recent meeting.

Student Round Table recognized

Monique Luse, president and North Farmington High School senior, gave her final report to the board of education and highlighted the year's activities and events. She discussed future

plans for the Round Table and announced next year's officers: Ben York, Farmington High School Junior, president; Brian Doughty, North Farmington sophomore, vice president; Alex Duncan, FHS freshman, secretary; and Amber Bahr, Harrison sophomore, community relations coordinator.

Meanwhile, members of the 1998-99 Student Round Table were recognized for their service during the school year and for increasing communication

between staff, administration, and students.

Recognized were: Amber Bahr, Harrison; Joni Brachel, Farmington Community School; Lindsay DeRose, Harrison; Brian Doughty, North; Alexander Duncan, FHS; Amy Lindgren, Harrison; Monique Luse, North; Lindsey Mergener, Farmington; Aaron Rycroft, North; Megan Springer, Harrison; Charles Stamboulis, North; Jake Taylor, Harrison; Andrew

Wood, Farmington; and Ben York, Farmington.

JA praised

Celeste Scott, director of educational services for Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan, explained the "JA" Connections Program which is intended to prepare high school students for the workforce of the future by developing students' interpersonal skills and teaching them interviewing techniques and related employment strategies.

At Harrison High School, students have taken advantage of the Junior Achievement/Staples Office Superstore partnership under the leadership of marketing teacher, Gloria McDonald, who accepted a certificate of recognition on behalf of the school.

Volunteers appreciated

The board unanimously adopted a resolution declaring May 18, 1999, as Volunteer Appreciation Day in the district. A cross-section of district volunteer

groups representing students, senior citizens, and the Farmington PTA Council were recognized at the meeting.

Accepting certificates of appreciation were Janet Holm, Farmington PTA Council president, on behalf of the PTA Council; Monique Luse, Student Round Table president, on behalf of student volunteers; and Bob Eastman, SAGE volunteer at Lanigan, on behalf of the district's SAGE volunteers.

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