

Autumn Fun!



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Halloween scene: Speech pathologist Kris Tanden plays a Halloween game with 4-year-olds in the Achieving Preschool Excellence Program at Farmington Community School. The program provides preschool classes and kindergarten readiness activities.

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To the mall: Clarenceville goes on 'tour'

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CLARENCEVILLE SCHOOLS

Talk about open classrooms! For the third year, Clarenceville School District students and instructional staff will take their classrooms to the Livonia Mall Monday through Friday, Nov. 15-19, in celebration of American Education Week.

Each day, at the intersection of Value City and Morvyn's, students and staff from Betsford Elementary, Grandview Elementary, Clarenceville Middle School and Clarenceville High School will participate in a variety of learning activities. Classes are scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

There'll be reading, writing,

and arithmetic. There'll even be singing and entertainment. At 1 p.m. Wednesday, the high school choir will perform in front of Son's. At 1 p.m. Friday, the Clarenceville Middle School choir will end the week-long celebration with a grand finale at the same location.

"It's a fun thing to do. I think we're the only school district in the country to do this. We're gutsy," said Rosa Govig, community education director.

Last year, one of the gym teachers "stopped traffic" by conducting a line dancing class in front of Jonathon B Pub, said Govig. This year, the class to catch is Betsford's interactive

"Galaxy" science class at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday. Viewers will see that science has become fun and exciting.

Superintendent Tom Tattan said this outreach event provides an opportunity to view "up close and personal" the quality instruction that takes place daily in classrooms throughout the district.

Included in the mall display are the district's Points of Pride posters, which highlight achievements for the 1998-99 school year, as well as photographs and art work reflecting the personalities of each school.

As part of the week-long celebration, building principals

Ellen Davis, Pam Swert, Joe Schiffman and David Simowski filmed "Coffee and Conversation" for Channel 10 to let the community know all the good things happening in the district.

Also, 14,000 placements will be distributed to area restaurants the weekend before the celebration detailing the class schedules and spotlighting student achievements.

The event is supported by the Livonia Mall, one of over 70 district partners in education.

If you would like more information about the American Education Week celebration, call (248) 473-8933.

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