

New report card in works for Walled Lake students

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Lori Poi, parent
—Report card committee member

Parents in the Walled Lake school district will get more information about their kids' school work from a new report card that's planned to debut in the fall of 2001.

The new report cards will include information about what level of achievement is expected during a marking period, in addition to how the student met those expectations. Information about a child's behavior and effort will also be included, according to Janet Scheetz, director of instructional services for Walled Lake Schools.

And each section will probably include teacher comments. "It will be more explicit," said Lori Poi, a parent of two elementary school students who's part of a group of parents, teachers and administrators that's work-

ing to revamp the district's report cards. "Hopefully this new report card will give (parents) more information to help their children in the classroom."

The committee is still figuring out the details of the new report cards. But school officials say the revamped reports will still include grades for each class and the grade point average that's required for college admission. "We are anticipating a report card that will have some sort of grades on it," Scheetz said. "It will always have the common things that kids need when they graduate."

The new report cards are the

final part of a district-wide plan to match what's taught in each grade with state benchmarks. Officials are in the midst of standardizing what's taught district-wide at each grade level.

The next step is to better communicate with parents, Scheetz said. That includes scheduling parent conferences and sending home progress reports at every grade level. A portfolio of each student's work will also be created, Scheetz said.

"By the time a parent gets a report card, it will almost be a summary of what they've already been told," Scheetz said.

Hills vet helps save dog's day

By JEFF COVINS
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It was an accident with a happy ending. A Livonia police officer, a driver and a Farmington Hills veterinarian joined forces on Thursday, Nov. 4 to make sure a Redford dog received the best possible treatment after being hit by a car.

The dog, a white female shepherd mix, was struck by a driver shortly after 6 p.m. at Inkster and Joy roads.

The unidentified driver took the dog to a nearby home for immediate treatment. Police were called, and Livonia officer Tim Larion was called to the scene.

An attempt was made to call several veterinary hospitals, but some were closed for the day, and others didn't want to treat a dog without the owner being present and able to pay.

Finally, the Jeffrey Animal Hospital in Farmington Hills



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Operating room: Livonia police officer Tim Larion watches as Hills veterinarian Heidi Morgan works on the injured dog. At left is Gwen Barnes, an assistant.

was called.

"We told them to bring the dog in," said Heidi Morgan, a vet at the hospital.

"She's doing pretty well today (Friday, Nov. 5), she's resting comfortably," she said. "Right

now we're just waiting for the owner to come in."

She said the Jeffrey Animal Hospital is looking to start a fund to help treat injured dogs who don't have an owner present.

Ellis, new mayor pro tem in Hills, is named SWOCC representative

Jerry Ellis, veteran Farmington Hills councilman, was unanimously elected mayor pro tem by his peers at Monday night's City

Council meeting, succeeding new Mayor Nancy Bates.

Ellis also was chosen 7-0 to succeed former Mayor Aldo

Vagnozzi as the elected official serving with City Manager Steve Brock on the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission.

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