

**INKWELL**

**Turn Off TV Week**

For the third year in a row, Hillside Elementary School's PTA has sponsored "Turn Off TV Week" in conjunction with the national program coordinated by TV Free America, a nonprofit organization that encourages Americans to reduce, voluntarily and dramatically, the amount of television they watch in order to promote richer and more connected lives, families and communities. The Turn Off TV Week ran April 12-18 and there was a great response from Hillside students and their families. One-hundred-thirty students, including 32 families, turned off the tube for a full week. An additional 19 students did without TV for at least four days.

The event was kicked off with an all-school assembly and skit entitled "Turn Off the TV - Tune Into Fun!" performed by the Lights, Camera, Action enrichment class. Other special events included Family Fun Night and Hillside - Borders Benefit Weekend.

**Longacre gets approval**

The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools has approved Longacre's accreditation for the 1999-2000 school year. The association annually approves school membership in April based on periodic on-site visitations and on the basis of an extensive annual report filed by

**Child hurt in bus accident**

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On June 5 at about 3:30 p.m. a Farmington Public Schools bus filled with children collided with a Suburban at the intersection of 10 Mile Road and Raphael Road, according to police reports.

A 13-year-old girl complained of a neck injury and was taken to the hospital by her parents. She had no visible injuries at the scene of the accident.

The Suburban was totaled, while the bus was seriously damaged but drivable. Police didn't have damage estimates.

The Farmington Public Schools bus driver was ticketed for failure to yield. The driver has worked for the district full-time since 1994 and was a substitute driver for two years. The driver's bus has been hit twice in parking lots. This is the first time the driver has been ticketed on the job or the driver's bus has been damaged.

The driver has been suspended with pay pending an investigation.

Filled with 31 Our Lady of Sorrows parochial school students, the bus was headed north on Raphael and the Suburban was headed east on 10 Mile when the vehicles collided. The driver was alone in the Suburban.

"Everyone handled themselves professionally," said William Tausley, Farmington Public Schools transportation supervisor. He was at the scene immediately following the accident. "This is not a typical incident for Farmington schools. We haven't put the blame anywhere and we won't until we investigate the incident completely."

A Farmington school bus bumped into the back end of a car two weeks ago, but there was no damage, according to the transportation department.

Farmington bus drivers complete 74 routes a day.

each school. Since induction into North Central three years ago, Longacre has continued to meet the association's rigorous standards and remains a member in good standing.

North Central is the largest of the nation's accrediting agencies. It is a voluntary coalition of 8,000 schools and 1,000 universities in the 19-state region of central United States.

**Junior Honor Society**

Several 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students at East Middle School

were selected by their teachers to apply for the National Junior Honor Society. Supported by Principal, Eugene Seaborn, and Assistant Principal, Kenneth Sanders, East is the only middle school in the district to promote the NJHS. Each student obtained outstanding citizenship marks, maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.6 or better in all subjects, submitted an essay stating the reasons would like to join the NJHS, and completed 6 hours or more of community service. They also submitted a list of extracurricular activities, special recognition, and awards received since the fifth grade.

A Faculty Council selected the following students upon careful consideration of scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship and character:

Rebekah Achtenberg, Shannon Bailey, Veda Boykin, Kathleen Bruder, Chris Campbell, Charan Cheema, Molly Cichosz, Kathryn Cline-Smith, Caroline Coleman, Kevin Costakes, Nicole DeGrande, Chris Diehl, Colleen Dreher, Brittany Durham,

Nicole Fitchpatrick, Marisa Fontana, Jeffrey Forbes, Kristen Fountain, Kanchan Garg, Leigh Gasworth, Allison Gestink, Lindsay Gluf, Derrick Golta, Emily Graham, Paul Haapaniemi, Ashley Hayes, Rita Kashat, Tom Kawel, Julianne Kjolhede, Stephanie Klosek, Kristen Kluka, Collin Kravis, Kathryn Kuelbs, Emily Laird, Liana Lange, Caitlin Leads, Jessica Marinucci, Nako Mashimo, Rachael Morrison, Ashley Nelson, Linda Nguyen, Ryann Norris, Khalid Odeh, Jaclyn Palmer,

Natalie Pappalardo, Tom Reynolds, Joyce Rose, Arcei May Rozas, Crystal Rozas, Michael-Paul Schulz, Phillip Scott, Yohel Shibayama, Stephanie Silverstein, Justin Sloan, Stephanie Smale, Laura Spring, Alexander Springer, Katherine Steff, Elizabeth Stieber, Alana Stuart, Andrew Sump, Rob Thomas, Trevor Tobel, Theresa Wagner, Dan Warneke, Rachel Wasson, Stephanie Weesses, Stephanie Westcott, Laura Wilson, HuiWen Xi, and Brian Ziegler.

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