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will talk about the benefits inclusion in the classroom brings to all children."

Bill Henderson, principal of Boston's Patrick O'Hearn School and who has been an educator in Boston for 29 years is the keynote speaker.

He holds a bachelor of arts degree from Yale University, a Masters of Arts degree from Boston's Patrick O'Hearn School and a doctorate degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

He began his career as a teacher at the middle school level and has worked as a staff trainer, curriculum specialist

and assistant principal.

Since 1989, he's served as principal of the Patrick O'Hearn School, which serves children from diverse ethnic, linguistic and abilities from early childhood through grade five.

Described in the promotional material as "a nationally recognized, fully-inclusive, multi-racial and high-achieving school," the school has gained national recognition for its efforts toward inclusion. Students who are involved in regular education, students who have mild, moderate and severe disabilities and students considered

talented and gifted learn together and from each other.

Teachers and support staff team to work with all children in integrated classrooms.

The conference is divided into three sessions:

■ **Many Faces, One Future** — Members of the Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council will discuss their evolution from informal inception in the late 1980s. MCMR's mission statement, building principles, action plans and controversial issues will be discussed.

■ **We're All in this Together, A**

Panel Discussion — We are all "different" in some way. A parent panel will represent this rich diversity and explore how inclusive classrooms can and have impacted their lives.

Meyers and Michael Hittie, a Southfield teacher, are the facilitators. The panel includes Rana Khalaf, a Hillside Elementary mother; Jeffrey Cohen who has a special needs child; Jim McKay, parent of a gifted child; Nina Liberati, a parent who has a special needs child who will soon enter school and Denise and Arthur Glinz, parents of a "typical child."

■ **Every Child, Every Day, in MY School?** — Interactive groups will explore commitment and strategies of participants' schools in including all students in learning well together. This is a central tenet of Whole Schooling, a school renewal framework adopted by the Michigan Network for Inclusive Schooling.

"Including all children relates to our ability to provide multi-level, authentic teaching experiences, building support around each learner and partnering with families and the community," organizers said.

The cost is \$40 per person and

includes continental breakfast, lunch and materials. To register, please call Judy Guillery at the Farmington Training Center by Friday, April 12 at (248) 489-3386.

Continuing education unit credits are available.

The event is sponsored by the Michigan Network for Inclusive Schooling Whole Schooling Consortium of Wayne State University, the Farmington/Farmington Hills Multicultural-Multiracial Community Council and the Farmington Public Schools Inclusion Forum.

Local youth artwork on display at Wendy's

Children's artwork is on display at two Wendy's restaurants in Farmington Hills this month in honor of *Celebrate Youth Arts* month. The program is jointly sponsored by the City of Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division, ArtServe Michigan, Wendy's restaurants, and the Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education Network.

Participating students were given a certificate of achievement, as well as a coupon for a Wendy's lunch. Also, at the Wendy's on 10 Mile and Grand River, one student per school was awarded the *Best of Show* prize, with the opportunity for their artwork to be showcased in Lansing, at the State Library and Museum, in April.

Thomas Dale, a fourth grader from Our Lady of Sorrows School won for his three-dimensional moving collage of a car and landscape, and Stephanie Raymundo, a sixth grader from St. Fabian's School won for her stippling technique of a hand holding an ice cream cone.

Twenty-five of the *Best of Show* throughout the state will be selected by a group of Michigan artists for this special exhibit. In addition, one Michigan school or after-school organization will win a \$500 grant from Wendy's to further support their art education program.

Artwork of students from St. Fabian's and Our Lady of Sorrows is on display at the Wendy's restaurant at 38177 W. 10 Mile Road. Artwork of students from Wood Creek and Longacre Elementary schools is at 30725 W. 12 Mile.

For more information call the Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division at (248) 473-1856.

REC NEWS

The following is a list of recreational activities offered through the city of Farmington Hills. For information about any of these events, call (248) 473-1800:

ADULT SOFTBALL

Team registration for adult softball is now being accepted. Call for more information on men's, women's and Co-ed leagues.

FRIDAY NIGHT MADNESS

Kids ages 6-12 can go mad at the Costick Center from 7-10 p.m. There will be swimming, snacks, dinner, movies and plenty of games! Scheduled nights are April 19 and May 17. The cost is \$10 per person and you must pre-register at Farmington Hills Recreation Division by 4:30 p.m. on the day of the event.

SWIM CLASSES

New classes start the week of April 27. Call 473-1800 for more information.

ADULT SAND VOLLEYBALL

Accepting new team registration for co-ed 4's, three-person and two-person volleyball.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Registration for summer programs is now open for residents. Non-resident registration begins April 23.

OPEN GYM

The William Costick Activities Center gym, on 11 Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster, is offering adult basketball 9-11 a.m. Sundays, adult volleyball 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays and teen basketball 1-3 p.m. Sunday. Cost for residents 17 and younger is \$2, and \$4 for non-residents; and \$3 for residents 18 and older, \$5 for non-residents.

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