

Farmington Public Schools names West Oaks Civitan Club as the 2009-2010 outstanding partner

Farmington, Michigan---Farmington Public Schools' Community Partnership Advisory Council recognizes partners in education each year. This year's Selection Committee was lead by Annette Gasparotto. From nominations made by staff members, one partnership has been named as Outstanding and will be represented on the Partnership Wall of Fame which is currently in the main hall at the Maxfield Training Center. These partners were invited to the June 22 Board Meeting to receive a certificate of recognition and star of appreciation.

Outstanding Partnership

West Oaks Civitan Club with Beechview Elementary School

For more than 15 years, the West Oaks Civitan Club has supported reading activities at Beechview Elementary School in March, which is "Reading Month," with life-sized costumed book characters. In November 2008, the students elected "Clifford the Big Red Dog" president of the Beechview Elementary School Media Center. Members also read stories to students.

In the summers of 2008, 2009, and 2010, Peg Kulas and the West Oaks Civitan Club, have run the program "Six Books, One Summer." In this program, students are provided with free summer reading books. They receive three books at the end of the school year. Students and their families are then invited to attend a summer picnic at Heritage Park where they receive the remaining three books.

The Club also holds Parent Literacy Nights where parents are provided information to help guide their student in reading concepts. During these nights, students are entertained by West Oaks Civitan Club members. The students and their families meet storybook characters, complete activities and receive their own choice of books to keep. Leadership opportunities are provided to middle and high school students that return to Beechview to wear storybook costumes for these events.