



Emily Sutton (back row, from left), Morgan Ellis, Jonathan Young; and Dominic Gee (front row, from left), Surya Krishnan, Fatirah Albeez participate in a math project at Barnard Elementary School in Troy that has added up to more than \$100,000 for St. Jude Children's Hospital during the past 16 years.

16 years, \$100,000

■ Troy students' fundraiser supports St. Jude hospital

Barnard Elementary students in Troy used their math skills to add more than \$100,000 to the fight against children's cancer.

Students have been using

their annual Math-A-Thon for 16 years to raise funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

This year, 72 Barnard students raised \$3,200. Since the program started at Barnard in 1994, the school has raised \$105,695.

"It was important for me

to help St. Jude, and I had fun doing the math," said Barnard student Emily Sutton. "It made me feel better about myself because I was helping the kids. Helping is always the right way."

The Math-A-Thon allows students to collect pledges

for every math problem they successfully complete at home. The program is strictly voluntarily for the students.

Barnard is considered an "elite" school since it raises more money than most schools across the country. St. Jude sent Barnard

students certificates and T-shirts to thank them for their efforts. The hospital, founded in 1962, is a leading pediatric treatment and research facility focused on children's catastrophic diseases. St. Jude does not refuse treatment to any child who may be unable to pay for services.

Southfield author launches series to help others

Southfield entrepreneur Amanda Butler joined with others from around the world recently, sharing their journeys of success and triumph over personal and career challenges in the new book "You Will Overcome."

In this book, which she co-wrote, teacher and designer Butler tells her story of suddenly leaving the corporate world without a plan B to transform her life into one of true success and vision.

Butler now teaches these transition skills and processes in a series called "The Diamond Power Within," using a system she developed to assist her in her own journey, "The Diamond Co-Creative System."

Butler is president of Keenawah & Associates and Founder of Stellar-Gaia Alliances. With the experience of more than 20 years as a corporate executive, she now works as a "life navigator" who inspires, guides, educates and supports individuals and groups in their exploration and discovery of their brilliant "diamond

FYI

Amanda Butler is offering the following events:

■ Free Intro to The Diamond Co-Creative System, 7 to 8:30 p.m. July 20.

■ Empowerment Saturday, July 24, "Calling Out an SOS — Success Of Self," free intro, 10 to 11:30 a.m. with soul readings by appointment only, noon to 6 p.m. (a half-hour with recording is \$55).

These events will be at Life Learning Center, 3121 Rochester Road, Royal Oak. RSVP at 248-761-9568 or keenawah@att.net and receive a free CD, "Create & Thrive in the Life You Desire!" For more information, call 248-761-9568, e-mail info@keenawah.com or visit www.keenawah.com.

essence," their desires and their true purpose.

With hundreds of thousands of Americans losing jobs, battling anxiety and depression and struggling in dysfunctional and codependent relationships, this spiritual series

is designed to heal the past and empower people to build a powerful new foundation for their lives.

In areas where traditional therapies, medicines and training have failed, Butler says her methods are revolutionizing

men and women's lives. She teaches clients meditation to receive messages and create the ability to focus on their next steps.

"I have struggled for so long to find the answers, and in the workshop it happened — I have

relief finally," said Jean, an Ann Arbor entrepreneur.

Butler specializes in helping individuals become aware of and heal codependent and dysfunctional relationships within themselves and with others.



Amanda Butler is shown working with a client. In a new book, innovator, teacher and designer Butler tells her story of suddenly leaving the corporate world without a Plan B to undertake transitioning her life into that of success and vision. She now teaches these transition skills and processes in a series called "The Diamond Power Within."

TODAY'S MEETINGS

- Bingham Farms Village Council, 8 p.m.
- Birmingham City Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Bloomfield Township Board of Trustees, 7 p.m.
- Clarkston City Council, 7 p.m.
- Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m.
- Farmington Hills City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Ferndale City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Lake Orion Village Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Madison Heights City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Oak Park Board of Education, 7 p.m.
- Ortonville Village Council, 7 p.m.
- Rochester Board of Education, 7 p.m.
- Rochester City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Rochester Hills City Council, 7 p.m.
- Southfield City Council, 7 p.m.
- South Lyon City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Village of Ortonville Council at Brandon Township Offices, 7 p.m.
- Waterford Township Board of Trustees, 6:30 p.m.

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FARMINGTON/ FARMINGTON HILLS Schools may charge \$35 for nonathletic activities

Farmington Public Schools families may pay a \$35 annual fee per student in grades five through 12 to participate in extracurricular activities next year. The fee would apply to nonathletic activities such as debate clubs, theater and music groups, and language clubs that extend beyond the school day. "This is not a new thing," said David Reese, assistant principal for Farmington High School. "This is happening across Oakland County. In neighboring school districts, the number starts at about \$50." An administrative committee presented the idea to the school board June 22, and the board is expected to vote on it at a later date. The committee estimates the fee would raise \$262,500 next year.

— Special writer Pamela Zinkosky

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