

# 'It's our community'



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Dan Higgins, owner of Visibles Marketing in Farmington, on left, talks with Kitty Ostach, of Farmington Hills Youth & Family Services, Kathleen Farmer, of Visibles, and Todd Lipa, program director for Youth & Family Services, about the new After School Program folder that was produced by Visibles, from the artwork by Brad Smith, of Farmington Hills.

## Unique map is now on After School Program folders

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It's colorful, it's clever, it's professional and friendly.

"It's our community," said Todd Lipa, program director for Farmington Hills Youth & Family Services, which runs the After School Program for middle schoolers in Farmington Public Schools and Clarenceville Schools, which serves some Farmington Hills students.

He's talking about the brand new folder he and Kitty Ostach will be taking to about

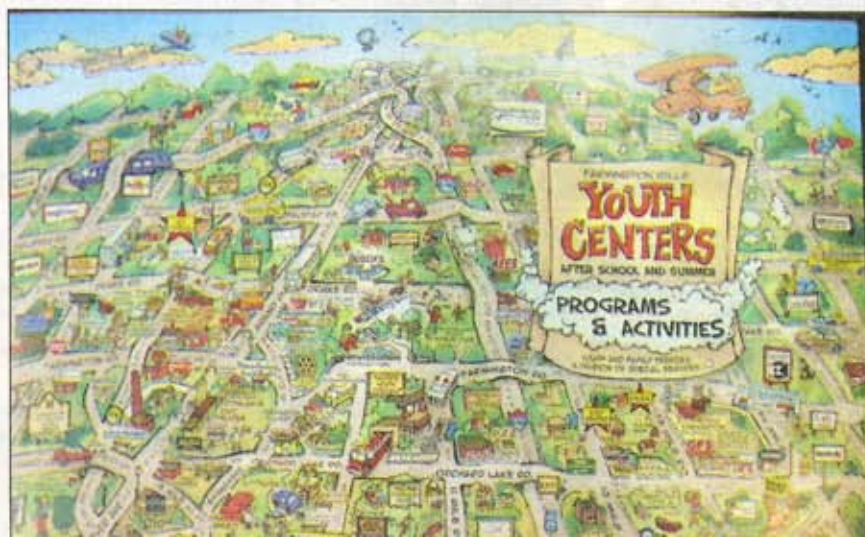
1,200 fourth-graders, starting this week — introducing them and their families to the After School Program, which they can join next school year as fifth-graders.

The folder is unlike any other. Created by Farmington Hills artist Brad Smith and his son, Alex, it depicts the Farmington/Farmington Hills community in a cartoon scene with lots of details, including businesses, organizations and people who have contributed to the success of the nationally-recognized After School Program.

The program, celebrating its 15th year, operates after school, until 5:30 p.m. at six centers — the Costick Center, Jon Grant Community Center, Ice Arena, POP Center, Warner Upper Elementary and the Farmington YMCA. Students are transported to the centers from their schools and can participate in a variety of activities. Families pay a one-time \$35 fee for the school year.

Having the cool new folder to give to families is exciting.

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This colorful, fun folder was created by Farmington Hills resident Brad Smith and produced by Visibles Marketing. It's the marketing piece for the Youth & Family Services' After School Program for middle school students in Farmington Public Schools and Clarenceville Schools.