

Recording 'milestones'

Okay, we're into another year, the tree decorations are down, the outdoor lights are packed away, and the house has once again regained a sense of normalcy.

On New Year's Day I sat at the kitchen table transferring the dates of everyone's birthdays and anniversaries from the old calendar (2012) to the new calendar, now hanging on the kitchen wall.

As usual, I carried over the old milestone dates that I picked up from my dad's kitchen calendar when he died 10 years ago. I've continued his practice.

Some of the events I've transposed happened before I was born, like when my grandfather took delivery of a brand-new International Harvester Farmall 'M' farm tractor, in August of 1946. As it turned out, it would be the only time he purchased a brand-new tractor.

Both The Sidekick and I have our siblings' birthdays on the calendar, as well as their spouses and kids.

All of our own kids' and grandkids' birthdays are recorded and I have even noted birthday and anniversary dates of folks no longer with us, as a reminder of when they celebrated their own milestones— aunts and uncles, grandparents, all sorts of people who I knew as a kid.

I'll often look at a name on the calendar and think to myself "Geez, if 'so-and-so' was still alive today, he'd be 105 years old."

It makes me realize how I'm getting a bit older, and feel 'Old Man Time' is smoking by at the speed of sound, just like many of the oldtimers predicted.

As we stand at the beginning of another year, it can be sobering to assess the coming year, a practice I think the older sector of the population tends to do, rather than the youth.

When one crosses that 60 year mark, I believe we're more reflective of the coming year. Younger adults enter their own new year full of ambition and planning— start-

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ing a family, buying a house, or perhaps making a job/career change.

But I think my age group sees the new year as a time to reflect upon what needs maintenance, what requires replacement or what needs to be disposed of altogether. Most importantly, I think we ask the question: Where am I going in the next 12 months?

I'm sure my forefathers also stood at the portal of a new year, and had the same thoughts: What kind of a crop will we see in that field outside the kitchen window? How many lambs will be born this spring? Will the prices be better than last year?

When I reflect upon things like that, The Sidekick is quick to remind me that worrying about things like those above serves no real purpose— they are all factors beyond my control. (I tell her that's part of being a farmer—dammit, we gotta worry about something!)

During the coming year, I expect the calendar in the kitchen will remind me of milestones that my family and old friends have enjoyed, and I'll read them, and smile.

At the same time, I'm pretty confident that a year from now, I'll be sitting at the kitchen table, transferring the dates from 2013 to 2014, certain that there will be a few new 'milestones' to add to the calendar.

I just hope that any new milestones I record on this year's calendar are positive events.

All the best in 2013.

Parents of Grade 8 Students are invited to attend a PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Parents of students who will attend **Acton or Georgetown District High School** in September 2013 are welcome to come and learn more about Grade 9 programs, services for students, and diploma requirements. Parents should attend the Parents' Information Night at their home school (the school designated for their community). For more information, please contact the school office.

Acton High School
Wednesday, January 16, 7 p.m.

(519) 853-2920 <http://act.hdsb.ca>



Georgetown District High School

Tues., Jan. 15 (*note sessions by family surname)

6:30 p.m. (surname *A-L) - General information (*M-Z) - Specialized program information sessions (Essential Level, Special Education, French Immersion, ISP/IB & Gifted, Life Skills Centre).

7:10 p.m. (*A-L) - Specialized Program Information sessions (as above). (*M-Z) - General Information (905) 877-6966

<http://georgetowndistricthighschool.com>



Halton District School Board

School Year 2013-2014 Junior/Senior Kindergarten

REGISTER NOW

Note: If your child is currently attending one of our schools for Junior Kindergarten, do not register for Senior Kindergarten.

Junior Kindergarten	Senior Kindergarten
must be 4 years old by December 31, 2013	must be 5 years old by December 31, 2013

To determine your designated home school, access our website www.hdsb.ca and click on the "Schools" tab, then "School Locator". Call your designated school to find out which dates have been established for Kindergarten registration.

Please bring the following original documents with you to register:

- Proof of address: lease or purchase agreement or current property tax bill.
- Proof of age: birth certificate or passport or baptismal/faith document for your child.
- Proof of citizenship: birth certificate or passport or Record of Landing (IMM 1000) or Permanent Resident card.
- Proof of immunization or philosophical or religious exemption forms (completed medical authorization where necessary).

If you are not the child's parent, or if you have sole custody, please bring proof of custody (court order).

Parents should contact the Principal/Vice-principal if they require accessibility accommodations in order to register their child for kindergarten.

Please register your child by February 19, 2013.

For further information, please contact:

Phone: 905-335-3663
Toll free: 1-877-618-3456

Burlington: ext.3294
Halton Hills: ext.3435
Milton: ext.3307
Oakville: ext.3271

Note: The Ministry of Education is introducing the Early Learning Program (all day, every day kindergarten) over a five-year period. Information regarding which Halton schools will be participating in 2013-2014 is available at elementary schools and on the Halton District School Board website at www.hdsb.ca

If you require language assistance registering your student for school please contact Halton Multicultural Council (905) 842-2486.

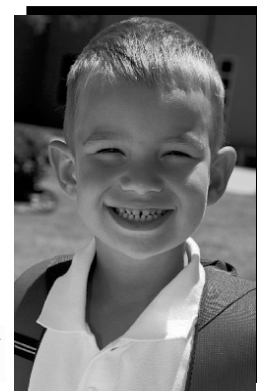
Si necesita ayuda en su idioma para matricular a su hijo/a, por favor llame al Halton Multicultural Council (Centro Multicultural de Halton) al (905) 842-2486

如果您需要语言协助办理您学生的学校注册, 请联系荷顿多元文化中心 (905)842-2486

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- Fellowship Lunch 12:00 P.M. • Ministry Meeting 1:00 P.M.

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