

Traffic Blitz Coincides with Back to School

DRPS officers have been targeting school zones to remind drivers to slow down and pay attention to the roads as students head back to school.

The DRPS Traffic Services Branch, in conjunction with officers from all Divisions, initiated a zero-tolerance traffic enforcement campaign targeting school and community zones from Tuesday, September 6 to Friday, September 9, 2016.

Last year's campaign resulted in more than 1,000 Provincial Offence Notices issued to drivers for various infractions, including more than 500 tickets for speeding, with one speeder also being found to be impaired while driving near a school

zone in Port Perry. There were 25 notices issued for distracted driving offences.

Drivers are reminded to slow down and put down their electronic devices while driving at all times. Please be aware of increased pedestrian activity around schools with classes back in session.

S/Sgt. Glen Courneyea of the Traffic Services Branch would like to remind drivers that fines double when caught speeding in Community Safety Zones. "A \$95 fine for driving 20 km/hr over the limit on a regular road costs a driver \$180 when in a Community Safety Zone. Please reduce your speeds and be extra cautious near schools."

RE/MAX Jazz Joins Mission to End Hunger

Re/Max Jazz Inc., Brokerage has joined the mission to end hunger as a Platinum Level Sponsor for the upcoming 7th Annual Outdoor Movie Night for Hunger, Sept 9th starting at 6:30 pm. The event will take place at Blessed Pope John Paul II Catholic School, 160 Cachet Blvd., in Brooklin.

Founder and host Cheryl Gordon says, "Every year the event grows larger and the costs of running the event grow along with its popularity. Thanks to the kindness and support of RE/MAX Jazz we are able to host this wonderful event again this year! A big thank you going out to owners

Dave and Noel Coppins."

RE/MAX Jazz is located in the heart of Oshawa at 21 Drew Street and 193 King St E. A full service brokerage, RE/MAX Jazz proudly offers cutting edge technology, innovative marketing tools and state of the art logistics to buyers and sellers across Durham Region.

For more information about Cheryl Gordon's 7th Annual Outdoor Movie Night for Hunger, visit www.OutdoorMovieNightForHunger.ca or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CherylGordonsOutdoorMovieNightForHunger

From the Archives

John Whiteford Boot and Shoe Store, c.1910



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A black and white photograph of John Whiteford's Boot and Shoe Store located at 48 Baldwin Street. John Whiteford and his wife Miriam are standing on the porch at the front door and their son Ernest Whiteford and daughter Lottie (Rahme) are standing to the right in front of the porch. The Whiteford store and dwelling were demolished in 1967.

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As with all things in the newspaper world, it's a work in progress. See you at brooklintoncrier.com

Our Brooklin Kids By Leanne Brown

When Your Child Needs Surgery



My daughter is having an operation. She is a brave girl but I can tell she's a bit worried. I can't blame her. On TV, hospitals are scary places where graphic trauma events take place with patients in life or death situations. Those ER dramas can be unsettling, even for adults. However, unlike trauma events, elective surgery is something for which you can prepare.

It's normal for children to feel anxious. They require more emotional preparation for surgery than most adults and are much more easily confused by the event. But a child who has been given age-appropriate information and a realistic expectation of what will happen feels empowered and less stressed.

Learn what you can

Fear and anxiety come from the unknown. So one of the first things my daughter and I discussed was that we would be able to go to a pre-operative visit where she could ask questions. Being at this appoint-

ment with those who are taking care of your child will allow us to learn more about the surgery, her condition, and the hospital itself.

What's going to happen

Tell kids what they need to know and answer their questions honestly. Ask your child what they already know. This way you will be able to clear up any wrong information they may have.

Children may fear anesthesia, pain and even death. Explain to your child she will not feel, hear, or see anything during the operation because of a special "sleep medicine" called anaesthetic. She will not wake up during the operation, but will when it's over. Use non-scary words. Don't say, "You'll be given gas" or "You'll be put to sleep." Kids may confuse "gas" with the fuel and "put to sleep" with what happens to pets.

Use hospital resources

My family took the tour offered by the hospital for children about to undergo surgery. The interactive experience was hosted by our Child

Life Specialist who showed us the pre-op procedures like taking blood pressure and choosing special pajamas. My daughter tried out the heart monitor, the "sleep" mask and learned all about the IV (intravenous) they would use for her operation, making the hospital feel familiar, friendly and predictable.

Remain calm and brave

If you exhibit anxiety, your child will model the behaviour and this can have an impact on how your child copes with being in the hospital as well as the recovery. It's important address your own fears first. This is not always easy. Talk with someone you trust before talking with your child so that you can be the pillar of support that they need.

At the hospital

Remind your child how proud you are of them for being brave even if they're crying. Let your child know when you will be able to stay with her and where you will be when you can't. Usually you can be with your child for the onset of anesthesia and will be able to be there after they awaken.

Final preparations

My daughter has packed her hospital bag with her favourite comfort

items and we've picked up a jumbo box of popsicles for after the surgery. While she is still scared, she has come to understand that this procedure is simply the way to "fix" the problem and to keep her healthy.

She's also reminding us that people get presents when they're in the hospital.

I see a new Beanie Boo in her future...



A Brooklin Toddler's Random Thoughts

"I don't want to go night night today."