

Free Press Youth page

Parents visit principal have tour of facilities

by Jennifer Rowe
 "Some parents just don't care!" That is the attitude of some people. However, a lot do care and this is proven each Thursday. On this day parents were invited to the school to go on a tour and ask any questions or give any opinions that they may have concerning our school. I sat in on this last week to take notes for this article.

Dean Fink, our principal, was the host and explained how this program is arranged by Bill Coats. Each Thursday a different group of parents is invited. Our tour started off in the library with the floor being turned over to Ken Ellis. He stresses the need for parent volunteers in the Resource Centre. After a description of the services available we proceeded on to Student Services. Here we were told of the counsellor's job and if you have any problems or questions involving your child's program this is the place to go. To pick up the pace we headed towards the gym classes. These classes are quite full, but for everyone in the school an intramural program is offered.

Small, busy
 Next was the year one typing class, and then the Home Ec room where tea biscuits were busily being prepared by the students. Another room where volunteers are much appreciated is the reading room. Miss Sue Baker told us how she runs her classes for students with reading difficulties. Here comprehension exercises and just general reading habits are worked on. Speed reading is another aspect of this small yet busy room. We then met Brian Downes as he was passing through the hall between classes. He has divided his class into two sections, business and consumer math and technical math.

Perhaps one of the most interesting and impressive rooms was the typing room. Here the secretarial practice class was working through a regular business period. They have the Lester Hill Corporation in full operation. This is a make-believe company and the students do everything from taking orders to processing, invoices and paycheques. Each department has a head and the big executives are Roy McMillan and Mrs. Mary Louise Cayer. If every company was run as well as this one is we would have no problems.

Students at Lord Elgin

By Susan Meiler
 On Wednesday, December 3, Rick Boychuck's grade 11 computer science students went on their second trip to Lord Elgin high school Burlington. The trip lasted all day, which gave us the opportunity to run a lot of programs. Using the IBM 1130 computer first hand allows us to have our programs back in about 10 or 20 seconds, much faster than the usual one or two day wait. It also gives us experience in using the computer and knowing how it works.

White stuff

Tuesday's east wind brought in the largest snowfall of the season so far. Drivers were apparently careful.

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 We then moved on to the Art room and then the Industrial Arts shop. The parents noticed that the shop was quite small but Mr. Fink told us that the new school will have three shops. Last but not least were the Biology and Science Labs. Here we saw the year three Biology class in session. This is perhaps the first step towards the unit system. Each student and his partner work together enabling each to work at his own pace. We finished the tour by returning to Mr. Fink's office

where a discussion took place. The parents felt that school has changed a great deal since they attended. However, they all seemed quite impressed with the attitude and work that was being accomplished by the majority of students. One major issue that I'm sure is an important one is the question of the new school. After a look at the cramped facilities at Acton high I'm sure there is no doubt as to the need for a new school. Programs such as these show that not only do parents care but so does the school.

Acton high notes

by Jennifer Rowe

Feeling the pressure of tests and exams? Well, smile because holidays are on the way. On December 19 the school is out until January 5 so a nice long holiday is in store for all of you who worked so hard. Last week the grade 10's had a reading test. This test was given by Miss Sue Baker and is designed to determine student reading ability as far as speed and comprehension goes. Also this enables Miss Baker to spot people who may have problems in reading so that they may correct them now.

On Saturday, Acton hosted the boys' basketball tournament. Our boys did very well against schools from all over the province. Those practices may sometimes seem like a drag but they certainly pay off.

Everyone, keep working on your skits for the Christmas assembly! The grade 10's are working to put together what they consider to be the best assembly ever, however they need your help in order to make it a success. Ticket sales for the Christmas Dance are underway. You will have just one more day to get your tickets. The group is "Charity Brown" and the dress is semi-formal. Just \$3.00 a person or \$8.00 a couple, will get you into this Christmas Ball. If you decide to come at the last minute, you'll have to pay the penalty of fifty cents more per person.

Last Friday, Mr. Downie's Ancient History class went to the Royal Ontario Museum for the study of the Egyptian culture.

Therefore, the editors welcome inquiries or appropriate material from the public. Is there a particular question you would like answered or a topic explored? If so, drop a line to Clare Henderson or Boris Shean at the high school. Six issues of the newsletter are scheduled for this school year — three in each semester — to accompany report cards. This should ensure distribution to all parents. For others, the newsletter is available at any of Acton's banks, thanks to the co-operation of our town's four bank managers. If you still can't get a copy, contact the high school. It is hoped that the community newsletter will provide still another avenue of communication between school and community.

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THE TRAFFIC WAS BUSY during the basketball practice in Robert Little school's gym Monday. Here Brian Wong hurls a ball at the basket as two other players return with balls they have just retrieved after letting their shots go. The hour long practice included a game, in which positional play was stressed, shooting and rules. Approximately 30 youngsters attended the after school session.

Acton high school's newsletter

Issue number two of Acton High School's Community Newsletter "came off the presses" last week. Produced by teachers and students, one of its aims is to inform students, parents, and the community of educational activities and philosophies at the high school.

This cannot be a "Community" newsletter, however, if all the material in it originates from the school.

Money for funeral costs

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