

# What is discipline—principal

There are various ways of exerting discipline to students, says M.Z. Bennett school principal Doug Magwood.

He was speaking to a small group of parents who had gathered at his school Monday evening to speak with board of education trustee Bert Hinton and himself about the educational system.

Mr. Magwood admitted he has resorted to corporal punishment (the strap) a few times this year. He said this was only the last resort. If the student involved does not learn his lesson by this, he does not get the strap again, he is suspended. Luckily, he said, he has never had to suspend anyone.

The subject of discipline came up when Mr. Hinton was discussing the separate and Christian schools. He said he felt students at these schools are receiving a better education because the boards cannot afford the frills the larger school boards give themselves. The teachers, he said, are more conscious of their jobs. "We need moral values and discipline," Mr. Hinton said.

Mr. Magwood said in his school he leaves the discipline up to the teachers. If students are sent to the principal's office, they know they deserve it.

Parent Lynn Whitten, who is also a teacher at Honey Pot nursery school, said the students must respect the teachers. She mentioned the foul language from some of the children. Mr. Magwood admitted the school was terrible for bad language.

Janet Richardson, another parent, said she thought the strap was a good idea. She explained she was a parent volunteer last year, and during that time got an insight about what goes on in the classroom. She said that teachers "take a lot of sauce", but the parents would not believe that their child would do such a thing.

Angela Wilkie, a third mother present, said she would not like to see her daughter get the strap. However, she admitted her son

might need it, but did not like the idea of it being done in front of the entire class.

Mr. Magwood pointed out that some children "you can get to, others you never get to." He said he has found that the children from a solid loving family are least likely to get into trouble at school.

Another matter of concern at the bear pit meeting was the possible cutback of kindergarten classes and other staff members.

Mrs. Whitten said she had heard the school needed 65 students to make up three kindergarten classes and right now there are only 64 registered. This, she pointed out, made two classes of over 30. "As a nursery school teacher, I realize what a handful 30 children can be," she said.

Mr. Magwood admitted this was true, and that at the moment, Mrs. Marlene Tilton will have her hands full with two classes the beginning of September. The other kindergarten teacher, he said, will be teaching another grade. If by chance, he said, at the end of September when hiring is completed, there are 65 or more students, another part-time teacher will be hired.

He said the loss of human resources is his major concern. The principal explained that when the middle school opened, enrollment dropped at M.Z. Bennett by 200. With this drop, he lost a secretary, and now possibly a kindergarten teacher. He has also lost a special education teacher who has been transferred to another school. Mr. Magwood noted that primary special education students must go to Robert Little.

The school is also losing half their library. Mr. Magwood pointed out the librarian, along with the teachers and secretaries, are included in the pupil teacher ratio (the amount of students to one staff member). As a result, he said, the resource centre will only be used half the time. He stressed that this was a great waste, and felt the librarians and the secretaries should not be included in the pupil-teacher ratio.

As of this date, there are still 28,000 people who have not forwarded their applications. If these applications are not received in the very near future, there is a possibility that payments will be disrupted. On March 28, follow-up notices were mailed to all recipients who have not submitted their applications. For your information, a copy of the notice is enclosed. During the coming month, this office will be very active in attempting to contact all those people who are late in applying or are late in replying to our correspondence. There could be many questions arising and an increase in the calls to constituency offices for information. Because of this, we propose to write to you again on or about April 10, to give you more definite information as to the status of the re-registration process and to advise you of any further action we are taking. Please be assured of our continued interest in assisting you with any enquiries you may be receiving.

Mrs. Whitten asked the principal and the board of education representative if the rumor circulating was true that the new math is being phased out. Mr. Magwood pointed out to Mrs. Whitten that "the new math is not new anymore". He estimated it had been around for at least ten years. He said, however, that both types of math are being used in Halton schools. Students still have to learn multiplication tables, adding, subtracting, dividing, etc. He said the main difference is that now, because of the switch over to metric, students are learning decimals first instead of fractions. In earlier years, he said, it was the other way around.

Mr. Magwood said he would do everything he could to keep calculators out of the school. Right now, he said, the only one in the school is on his desk which is only used at budget time. In later years, the principal said, students this age might be allowed to use the electronic devices, but they will have to prove to him they have mastered the basic skills before they are allowed the calculators.

Mrs. Wilkie, who moved to Canada nine years ago from Germany said calculators were allowed in schools in her home country, but "We do everything America is doing. We try it for five years, find out it is no good and dump it." Mr. Hinton said he is amazed at the number of ideas the Canadian system has adopted from the United States, that have not worked. "However, here, we think it is so great."

He said middle schools are the real threat to the small schools. He pointed out that the middle schools greatly reduces the number of students in the kindergarten to grade eight schools. He cited Limehouse school as one in danger of closure due to the middle school system. Mr. Hinton emphasized that he thought the middle schools in North Halton were "fantastic and highly organized." He said they had top of the line teachers. Mr. Magwood said he supported the middle school system. He said Centennial school in

Georgetown is one of the best and Acton has also had a good start. He figures in another few years, McKenzie-Smith in Acton will be just as good as the Georgetown school.

Mr. Magwood was openly disappointed at the lack of attendance at the open discussion. He said he realized he was competing against two national hockey league

games on television, but had expected more than the three mothers who did show up. He hopes more will turn out for the open house tomorrow night (Thursday).



**FIRE PREVENTION OFFICERS** of Halton met for the first time in the newly renovated Acton fire hall last week. Clockwise Wayne Smith, vice chairman, Oakville; Art McGlynn, Burlington; Jim Coulson, Milton; Peter Campbell, chairman, Oakville; Larry Brassard, treasurer, Halton Hills; Halton Hills fire chief Mick Holmes, and Harold Penson, Milton. They make up the Halton Region Fire Service Association's Fire Prevention Committee.

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We thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,  
Carmen Auger, Secretary for Dr. Frank A. Philbrook, Member of Parliament, Halton.

March 29, 1978,  
Mr. F.A. Philbrook, M.P., 321 Lakeshore Red. E., Oakville, Ont. L6J 1J4

Dear Sir:

We are still encountering difficulties in getting Guaranteed Income Supplement recipients to re-apply for extended benefits.

Yours very truly,  
W.A. Wright,  
Regional Director

### Smokey Smith's spring cleaning

We're doing our spring cleaning, In the family room and bar, Where we sit and smoke, and almost choke, From the nicotine and tar.

Where father sits and puffs his pipe, Where we smoke our cigarettes, While up and down the walls turn brown, Where we pay our social debts.

We've opened all the windows, To aerate the den, So the air outside can come and hide, Our smoke-polluted pen.

We have six tall smoking children, Who have taught us social tricks, With our fingers bold, the cigarettes hold, And call 'em cancer sticks.

We're the one big smoking family, We're the "chimney pots" by name,

There's brother Jack, who smokes a pack, And Susie smokes the same.

You'll find us in the music halls, Where we sit and lift a few, We seek a thrill, and get our fill, Until the air is blue.

When our eyes all smart, and we can't see, And we can't hardly breathe, With the smoke filled place, our own disgrace, We all get up and leave.

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