

Two students in top four per cent

Two Acton High School students are in the top four per cent of all the students in Ontario who wrote the Junior Math contest.

The contest is sponsored by the University of Waterloo and is a nation-wide event. All students write the same test, on the same day, at the same time. Fifteen students from Acton took part.

Michael Donat stood eighth in a field of several hundred students in Peel-Halton. Martin Osso stood 22 out of the same category.

Teacher Rick Boychuck explained that this is the best showing for Acton high school in four or five years.



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS Martin Osso and Michael Donat ranked among the top four per cent of students across Ontario who competed in the Junior Math contest. Teacher Rick Boychuck, standing, says it was the best the school has finished in years.

Helpful volunteers make craft day successful

The combined efforts of parents, community volunteers, teachers and high school students made craft day at M. Z. Bennett a fun day for all who were involved.

Thursday afternoon, May 25, the students were divided into various craft groups which were instructed by knowledgeable parents and high school students.

Grade one students enjoyed making finger puppets with Mrs. Brouwer, clay sculpture with Jeannette Wuebbolt and Laurie Early. Students in Miss Blades grade one class enjoyed the company of Mrs. Jago who instructed pottery and Mrs. Slaves for embroidery. Plaster brooches and medallions were constructed by students in Miss Lawson's class. This craft was taught by Mary Keki, Pam Andres and Gloria Walton. Mrs. Karen Barber taught paper techniques to these grade one students.

Grade two students decided to tackle things which were a little more difficult. Students from Miss Richardson's class made hand puppets with help from volunteer, Mrs. Knapman. Corinne Andrews and Chris Veiricek gave sand casting lessons.

Sewing pincushions with Mrs. Hargraves and clay pottery instructed by George DeHaan and Susie Bennett went over well with students in Mrs. Kwasnicki's grade two class.

Students in Mr. Lawson's grade three class made fun for people under supervision of Mrs. Steckley. High school students Patricia Foster and Sharon Johnson taught children the technique of sand-casting.

Mrs. Derbyshire taught decoupage while Jessica Busher and Kara Rosenquist instructed students on some of the finer points of pottery work.

Kindergarten classes were thrilled with a pottery display by John Bartolac. Popsicle craft was instructed by parent volunteers Mrs. Homer, Mrs. Kovacs, Mrs. Andres and Mrs. Nealey.

In the junior division the students were able to get into more difficult and challenging activities.

Gary Lumbers, John Mitchell and teacher Mr. Hynds taught woodsculpture to interested students. Cake decorating was instructed by Mrs. Gloria Watson, embroidery, Mrs. Kidd and Mrs. McKee, matchstick crosses, Beverly Anderson, Victoria Lenizky and Heather Burt, silk screening, Bill Humenick and Allison Moore, dried flowers bookmarks and mini pictures, Mrs. Kay Alger and Mrs. Oliver.

The popular craft of macrame was taught by helpful mothers, Mrs. Pope, Mrs. Johnstone and Mrs. Gillias. Popsicle stick jewellery box lessons were given by Mrs. Homer and Mrs. Andrea. Rug hooking lessons were given by Mrs. Mylrea. High school gym teacher Ann Lepik taught parachute rhythmic to enthusiastic students. Sewing was instructed by Mrs. Edmundson and liquid embroidery by Mrs. Jaffray.

Member of the crafts day committee, Marlene Tilton, extended thanks to all those who helped make craft day a big success. Mrs. June Levy, high school art teacher, worked along with Mrs. Tilton to organize and prepare the volunteers for the craft sessions.

Mrs. Tilton said the committee was very pleased with the work of the 21 high school students who helped out on Thursday. Mrs. Tilton feels that enough interest was generated and craft day could become a yearly enterprise between the high school and M. Z. Bennett.

A tea and luncheon was served after school for all the helpful volunteers whose help was invaluable.

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High school news

By Janet Rowe

With only 17 days left in the school year, the pressure is on. Final assignments are due and tests are being given.

Last Monday, students were given time to clean out their lockers. Library books and textbooks were found and returned to the staff members.

Tomorrow, Thursday, June 1, the annual athletic banquet will be held at Acton high. The dinner will begin at 6 p.m. after which the award presentations will be made.

The final event of the evening will be the dance. An Outers glass drive will be held this Saturday, June 3. So put out all your glass and support the Outers.

Last Saturday the Algonquin campers returned from a nine day canoe trip. Mosquitoes and black flies were very popular in the camp area of the group, but these did not stop them from canoeing, hiking and exploring. With only one day of rain the trip turned out to be great.

Robert Little news

by Scott Nolan
Kris Dawkins
and Janet McLeod

Students of grade 3 and Mrs. Gardiner's class went to Hamilton Place to see the play *The Wizard of Oz* on May 25. They had lots of fun.

Constable Andrews, a policeman from Acton, came to our school to talk with the children about crime and how to prevent it. Everybody enjoyed having him very much.

Three-pitch is going very well for both boys' teams and girls' teams. The standings are as follows: Girls, Leafs 26, Blue Jays 21, Rangers 14, Canadiens 12, Islanders 9 and Expos 7. Boys, Bears 21, Wolves 21, Lions 21, Tigers 8.

Cuba 8, Coyotes 5.

This week our school was visited by two friendly animals. They were Samantha the raccoon owned by Jackie McMullen and Henry the Duck owned by Tammy McDonald.

Also this week the Health Unit was here to give some people their booster shot.

Next Tuesday and Wednesday the Dental Team will be at our school to serve out fluoride jells.

Most of the grade 4 and 5 classes are getting ready for Robert Little Field Day coming up in the first week of June.

Also the 4's and 5's are finished Canada Fitness. Most of them did very well.



BRAD EATON MAKES a dried flower arrangement Thursday at the M. Z. Bennett craft day.



ACTON HIGH SCHOOL art student John Bartolac, centre was on hand at the M. Z. Bennett craft day to show the students how to do sculpturing. Engrossed in his work are kindergarten students Jason Cockburn and Kasey Aredale.

M.Z. Bennett news

by Diana Dunn

Last Wednesday the North Halton Music Festival was held at our school. We had two entries in the festival, the Primary Choir and the Junior Choir. Both of these choirs won first place in their classes. We are all very proud of them.

On Friday, we had an assembly so we could all hear the choirs sing. They certainly did a beautiful job of singing. The teachers who organized the choirs were Miss Lawson, Miss Richardson, Mrs. Lawson and Miss Blades. They also were given help and advice from Miss Powell, the Music Consultant for the North Education Area.

Thursday afternoon was our Craft Day at M. Z. Bennett. This event went very well. Several of the newspapers came to the school to take pictures of the various crafts which were taught. Some of the activities included rug hooking, book-mark making, silk screening, pottery and many others. A great deal of thanks must be extended to all the teachers, high school students, parents, and other people in the community who helped make the day a success.

Guide and Brownie news

Second Acton Guides

At the Monday night meeting, of the second Acton Guides Karen van der Eyken was a special guest. Karen came to demonstrate square lashing to the girls. This skill will be very useful for our camp in July.

Next Monday, June 5, the Eden Mills Guides will visit our meeting.

Third Acton Brownies

by Debbie Obrigavitch

On Saturday, the third Acton Brownies enjoyed a refreshing swim in the Acton Lions Pool. The first Brownie Pack was invited to come along.

During the day some of the Brownies were tested for their Swimmer's Badge. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

Fourth Acton Brownies

by Linda Wildish

It was letter writing time on Tuesday, May 23 for the fourth Acton Brownie Pack. The girls will be corresponding with an English pack.

It is hoped that we will be able to learn many interesting things about Guiding in England. Our pen pals live in Ash Vale, Hants, England.

Golden bars were presented to Natalia Vasselucci, Gabriela Vasselucci, Niki Zmlja and Jane Dawkins. Kristine Dawkins received her craft badge.

The artist badge was presented to Natalia Vasselucci and Gabriela Vasselucci.

St. Joseph's

by Tatjana Jansen and Joanne McArthur

On June 3 and 5 track and field competitions will take place at Nelson Stadium in Burlington. There will be buses taking the students on both Saturday and Monday. On Saturday, the bus will be leaving at 8:15 a.m. and on Monday at 8:40. All students are asked to be there ten minutes before the bus leaves.

Today, Wednesday, a May Crowning took place at our school. This is when a crown of flowers is placed on the statue of our Lady Mary. The whole school took part in this important event and the grade seven and eight students said the rosary.

At 7:30 p.m. this Thursday June 1, there will be a meeting in family life for the junior division. Parents from grades four to eight will view films and movies which will be used in the program.

Next Thursday, the grade eight students who are going to Bishop MacDonnell high school next year, are visiting there. They are going for a tour and to get their grade nine timetable. They will be going by car and staying for the morning.

McKenzie-Smith

by Carole Lovell and Chris Baginski

Tomorrow some of our students will be participating in an important track and field meet at the Acton high school. Some of the events will be shot put, hurdles, long jump and triple jump and races.

Some of the graduating students are practising a couple of songs to perform at the graduation. The songs to be sung are Danielle and the Goodbye Girl.

Last week the McKenzie-Smith choirs picked up three firsts and three seconds at the annual North Halton music festival.

The grade six choir, triple duet and Boys Changed Voices won the firsts. Joe

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