



Oh boy, what a way to start a day! Children at Village School Day Care Centre start their day off with a snack. Teacher Teresa Griffiths, left, serves, left to right Vicki Purcell, Corrie Golden, Jennifer Mellon, Robbie Hulsman, Susan-Lyn Leopardi and John Miller, back to camera.



Julie Bottomley snoozes during quiet time at Village School. Teacher Teresa Griffiths attempts to gently wake her up.

This week thru the lens

Fun at Acton's first day care centre
Photos by Helen Murray



Susan-Lyn Leopardi gets some help from teacher Teresa Griffiths in soaking her feet in paint, the preliminary step in foot painting.

Village School bustling with fun

Response has been better than expected to David Cromb's Village School Day Care Centre. Cromb explained he expected about 12 children, but now, after completing its first month, 17 youngsters are registered.

Day to day figures vary as some children are part-time some full-time, some there after school. Others are just there maybe once a month, Cromb explained.

The day begins at 7.30 when the doors are open. Parents drop their toddlers, and preschoolers off on their way to work, so they are arriving at the school at various times. Most are there by 9 a.m.

From the time the child arrives until 9 a.m. they have individual programs and free time. At nine they have snacks before heading outside to play, weather permitting. By 10.30 they are back indoors for an hour of learning time, working in groups.

Lunch is at 11.45 when the children receive a well-balanced meal. After lunch, it's quiet time. Most are able to sleep on tiny cots that are provided. However, some, Cromb said, are not used to sleeping during the day and are expected to just play quietly by themselves

and not disturb the other children. Soon it's time to wake up and enjoy a snack, usually around 3 p.m. depending how quickly they get their shoes and sweaters back on from their naps. Then, they go outside again for about an hour.

If it is raining, or too cold, Cromb explains, teachers Dian Bowers and Teresa Griffiths have programs for indoors.

By 4.30, he says, some of the children, usually the first ones to arrive in the morning, start to go home. At this time, the remaining ones enjoy another quiet time of story reading. The last child goes home about 6 p.m., Cromb explained.

The majority of the second parents are working in town, Cromb estimated, and usually pick their children up immediately after work.

Right now there are two age groups, he said. Two to five years olds are classed as preschoolers, while 18 months and up, until toilet trained, are toddlers. Eventually, Cromb says, he hopes to have facilities for infant care. There is room in the building (the former Alteo building on Main St.) for 18 toddlers, 25 pre-schoolers and his present mixture of children.

Cromb is pleased with several infants, he said.



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Jewellery, cash stolen

Cash and jewellery amounting to \$500 was stolen sometime on Friday from a home on Highway 25 north of Acton.

Halton Regional Police are investigating and found no signs of forced entry.

Cottage burglarized

Sometime between September 20 and 25 a cottage at Lot 32, Concession 1, was burglarized.

Halton Regional Police report a blanket and some food were stolen from the cottage.



Jamie Bottomley enjoys playing with play dough.



David Cromb, owner and operator of Village School Day Care Centre gets right into his job, by helping the children with their play dough projects.

Cash stolen

Thieves escaped with a small amount of money after breaking into a Bower Ave. home on Sunday.

Halton Regional Police are investigating the theft and believe the burglars got into the house through the rear door. There were no signs of forced entry.

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The Ministry of Transportation and Communications has completed a study which will result in the following work on Highway No. 25:

- Reconstruction from Wellington/Dufferin County Line to Dufferin County Road 3
- Culvert replacement in the Village of Hillsburgh.

This work will be carried out as part of the proposed resurfacing from Highway No. 24 northerly to County Road No. 3, and from Grand Valley northerly for 6.5 km.

The study has followed a planning process approved under The Environmental Assessment Act, 1975. As required by this approval, an Environmental Study Report has been filed with the Environmental Approvals Branch of the Ministry of the Environment (M.O.E.) and is available for public review at the following locations:

- Ministry of the Environment Environmental Approvals Branch 135 St. Clair Avenue West 10th Floor TORONTO, Ontario M4V 1P5
- Township of Erin Municipal Offices 115 Main Street Hillsburgh, Ontario
- Township of East Garafraxa Municipal Offices R.R. 3 Orton, Ontario

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