

In the schools



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North Halton celebrates education week with student awards

Yearn to learn

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The Continuing Education Department of the Halton Board of Education will hold an information session for adults tonight (Wednesday) at the Georgetown Library

and Cultural Centre, 7-9 p.m.

There will be a slide presentation and discussion by an education panel, comprised of people who are involved with furthering education.

The event is being held in conjunction with Education Week, and is cosponsored by the North Halton Literacy Guild.

It was a night when the Halton Board of Education honored its best. Wednesday evening 84 students were honored as representatives of excellence in their schools and the Halton Education system, at the Thomas A. Blakelock High School in Oakville.

Chosen to represent Georgetown's and Acton's public schools were: Acton District High School student Susan Craig; Georgetown District High School, Charles Gibbs; Centennial, Lisa Vogt; George Kennedy, Mark Peterson; Glen Williams, Todd Shelley; Harrison, Zena Alrawdah; Joseph Gibbons, Stephanie Sage; Limehouse, Kristen MacKay; M.Z. Bennett, Greg Finley; McKenzie-Smith, Nicola Haessler; Park, David Doole; Robert Little, Joe Greg; and Stewarttown, Brandi Gillett.

Principals were sent forms in January asking them to select the student they felt best represented their school for excellence.

Students are chosen for excellence in the areas of academics, athletics, self improvement, community work and student leadership.

This is the fourth year the Celebration of Student Excellence has been used to kick off Education Week, which runs from April 17 to 23.

'Disappointing' to trustees

Education grants rise .5 per cent

By CHERYL MOODER
Herald Staff

The board is caught between a rock and a hard place when dealing with budgets, said Ron Warren.

The assistant superintendent to business services echoed the disappointment of trustees at Thursday night's board meeting when the budget was passed.

This year's provincial grants increased by \$317,000 or a half of one per cent above the 1987 level.

A small increase in provincial grants means local taxes will rise by 11 per cent, said Mr. Warren.

In monetary terms this would compute to \$96 a year or \$7.90 a month on a residence in Halton assessed at \$6,500. This is the average value in Halton, Mr. Warren said.

The Halton Board of Education budget for 1988 increased 10.6 per cent over last year's budget.

This year's budget increased by \$19.7 million from \$185,099,988 in 1987 to \$204,780,012 in 1988.

Chairman Pat Hillhouse made the comment that there was not much opportunity for the board to cut back on programs without affecting the young people in Halton.

She made the point that with the small increase of per pupil allowances by the Ministry of Education local taxes have been significantly increased in 1988.

In the 1988 budget, \$5.7 million will be spent on new incentives, which, Mr. Warren said, are required to maintain or improve the quality of education in Halton.

The renewal of the music program, which will have 12 new teachers hired at the elementary school level and new instruments bought for elementary and secondary schools, will cost \$400,000.

An increase in textbooks, which will bring Halton up to the Ontario School Intermediate and Senior requirements, will cost \$650,000.

In order to bring class size down in Grades 1 and 2, \$265,000 will be spent on hiring 20 new teachers.

Learning materials for Grades 1 and 2 classes and intermediate science classes will cost \$200,000.

The computer program, which is partially covered by Ministry grants, will cost \$2.7 million.

Other incentives, which include the expansion of the discovery centre, computer services at the administration level, new curriculum developments and special education, will cost \$1,515,000.

Teachers meet

The April meeting of the Ontario Association of Superannuated Women Teachers will be held on Tuesday April 26 at Mayfield United Church.

Social hour 11 a.m. Luncheon at 12 noon.

Ken Davis from Canadian World Development will show slides on Haiti.



Science at its best

It was biological, physiological and down right scientific for six Georgetown and District High School students, who participated in and received awards in the Halton Regional Science Fair and Hamilton District Science Fair. Participants

included (bottom left) Grade nine student's Sara-Lynn Wray, Andrea Webb and Diane Graville, and (top left) Grade 10 student Michael Warbeck and Grade nine students Sarah Geb and Diane Morrow. (Herald photo)

Kings, rooks, Knights invade M.Z. Bennett

Georgetown elementary students became kings, queens and knights at the MZ Bennett Public School Chess Tournament held in Acton last week.

Students from 15 Halton schools, including George Kennedy, Park and Centennial, competed in the six categories representing the chess pieces.

Greg Taylor of Centennial took the Rooks trophy home for first place, as schoolmate Colin Mountain collected his medal for second in the Bishop category.

First place King was Scott Johnston of George Kennedy. Centennial's Daryl Stansfield was second place Queen.

Honorable Mention for third place went to Centennial's Robbie Pilgrim for the Queens, and Kennedy's Aynsley Saxe for the Knights. Tournament organizer Ray Shier said that future chess tournaments may offer more than honorable mention to third place winners.

"Next year, I'll try and get a third place ribbon," said the MZ Bennett teacher.

Last week's chess tournament was held in MZ Bennett's library, and featured supervision by the teachers. Results were computed by teacher John Robson at George Kennedy School in Georgetown.

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