



I like Spike

Dinosaurs are not extinct in Acton, at least not the paper mache variety. The creation of "Spike" the Stegosaurus wound up at the Acton Public Library last weekend after many hours of effort by about 40 local youths involved in the project. Timmy Mashiter, applying paper to Spike's nose, helped lay the foundation while Mark Dumais, Derek Lambert and Bobby Davison were among the painters who applied the finishing touches to Spike. Children's Librarian Marie Vickery said Spike will help kick off the library's dinosaur theme this summer. (Herald photo)

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Grant given for low income earners

Parents and teachers linked up Thursday night at the inaugural meeting of the Kennedy Connection.

The group, which is made up of parents of George Kennedy students, was officially launched in the gymnasium of the school after about eight months of planning.

Karen Hewer, whose son had just started kindergarten, got the ball rolling in September 1987, when she knocked on the door of principal Carol Matheson with a proposal to form a formal parent group. George Kennedy has also had an active volunteer group, Mrs. Hewer said. What the school needed was an umbrella group to act as a co-ordinating

body.

A steering committee of 12 people spent the past months exploring different routes the group could take and looking at other parents groups such as the Home And School and Parent/Teachers Association.

The basic idea of the group is to enhance the communication between the parents and the school environment and to provide support for regular and extra-curricular programs set up in the school.

Mrs. Hewer was pleased with the response they had for their first night. "I thought we had an excellent response," she said.

Speaker Wally Beevor commented on the approximately 70 who turned up for the evening. He has spoken to parents groups where only five or so have shown up.

It is important, in terms of the success of the Kennedy Connection, to have input from all the parents in the school.

George Kennedy is a very diverse school, housing English and French classes, as well as special education classes, Mrs. Hewer said. It is also the largest school in Georgetown.

This is why it is important to have a parents group, she said. It is not just the teachers who are educating children.

The new Kennedy Connection executive includes: Karen Hewer as president, Janet Wooten as vice-president, Cheryl Potosky as secretary, Donna Kole as treasurer and Debbie McIvanna as community relations officer. There are also a number of standing committee members.

Computer kids

The Association for Bright Children presents "Computers in the Elementary School - Now and in the Future", Tuesday, May 31, at 8 p.m. in the Resource Centre, Georgetown District High School. George McCrae, Co-ordinator of Computer Education for the Halton Board of Education will give a short presentation on the rationale, objectives and long term plans for computer education in the elementary school. Bring your questions and comments as a discussion period will follow the presentation. For further information, contact Lyn Appar at 877-5801.



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