

# Community



Designing a poster to promote Environmental Month from April 22 to May 22 at Robert Little Public School in Acton are Grade 4 students Chloe Savage (left) and Amanda Beaulieu (right). (Herald photo)

## Robert Little School environmentally conscious

By LISA BOONSTOPPEL-POT  
The Herald

Many schools are taking an active role in preserving the environment and Robert Little School in Acton is leading the way in teaching students about the environment and administering conservation techniques.

For months, the school has been actively recycling and composting. Starting April 22, the school is embarking on "Project L.I.F.E." or "Little Inspires Fondness for the Environment."

Paul Hynds, the teacher at the school instrumental in organizing Project LIFE said it's a month of celebration for students, teachers and parents on the joys of the environment. Through the project, he hopes students, teachers and parents will have an increased awareness of the environment and their ability to impact on it.

"We wanted there to be awareness of the problem and make people realize they can take action too," said Mr. Hynds, who's now finalizing the activities going on during the month.

Events begin April 22 which is Earth Day. Students and teachers will be out planting trees on school property. Over the next few days, students will enjoy performances by professional troupes with an environmental theme.

In the first days of May, conservationists from the Mountsberg Conservation Area will release a bird of prey that's been injured and nursed back to health or removed from a dangerous environment like the airport.

During Pitch-in week from May 6-12, the school will concentrate on promoting litterless lunches and collect garbage on school property.

Class visits to Terra Cotta Conservation Area begin May while Ontario Hydro will visit the school May 14 to teach students about safety and energy conservation.

The activity month culminates May 22 with a grand Open House reception from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Displays from the Halton-Peel

Naturalists, POWER, Pollution Probe, Town of Halton Hills, Halton Region, Atomic Energy Canada, Ministry of the Environment and Ontario Hydro will be on view for students and parents.

Officials such as Halton Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy, Town of Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller, Halton Regional Councillor Rick Bonnette, Area Superintendent Dave Katz, Board of Education for Halton Hills school trustee Ariane Bruce and town councillors, Norm Elliott and Gerald Rennie will also be present at the open house.

Mr. Hynds said parents can also view traditional school projects and witness plays and performances by students.

"I believe this project will really make a difference to the environment," said Mr. Hynds. "They (the students) appreciate the wonders and diversity of our environment and feel they are a part of it."

"The children are very enthusiastic and willing to do anything to help the natural world around them," he said. "They're keen to reduce litter, but they need a lot of assistance."

Two projects stemming from environmental month the students are eager to start are stream rehabilitation and a schoolyard wildlife garden.

The stream rehabilitation project involves the planting of trees, shrubs, and vegetation along the edge of the stream (running across River Street) to stop erosion and create a more natural looking stream bank.

The schoolyard project will be an ongoing effort, said Mr. Hynds, involving students from all grades. A section of the school playground will be devoted to a wildlife garden where Oak, Mountain Ash, Maple, Apple and Evergreen trees along with various shrubs and perennials such as Asters, Lavender, Primrose and Trilliums will be planted.

Project LIFE is the most extensive project the school has ever undertaken.



Grade 3 students, April Coish (left) and Kim Lindsay (right) pick up lunch scraps to dump in Robert Little Public School in Acton's composter. Recycling and composting have been going on at the school for months but now the school is undertaking other extensive environmental programs. (Herald photo by Lisa Boonstoppel-Pot)

### —Parenting Tips—

#### Coping with croup

By VALERIE CUNNINGHAM, R.N.

It is a normal autumn evening and you have just settled your healthy toddler to sleep for the night. Suddenly an hour or two later, you hear crying, a barking cough that sounds like a seal, and crowing, rooster-like sounds between sobs, all coming from your little one. It seems, dear parent, your toddler has croup.

Croup is:  
a) the result of too much chicken soup  
b) inflammation of the voice box and/or windpipe  
c) the child's way of imitating animals at the zoo

d) the result of screaming and crying during the day.

Of course "b" is the right answer. Now what do you do? Try propping the child in a sitting position. Add a cool vaporizer to the room; offer some room temperature juice to drink; and forget about cough medicine until you check with your physician. Watch the child's chest and face. If the child is using all the chest muscles or breathing rapidly, or if he/she has any pallor or blueness around the mouth or if the nostrils are flaring, take the child to your doctor or hospital. Your little one is ill and needs specialized care and observation.

Valerie Cunningham, a paediatric nurse in independent practice, offers a variety of parenting courses and private consultations. She may be reached at 877-4398. In April and May she will lead two parenting courses for the Georgetown Parent-Child Centre. For further information call the Centre at 873-2948.

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### NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO CLOSE PART OF A PUBLIC HIGHWAY

This advertisement is to notify the public that the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills has made Application to the Ontario Court (General Division) for an Order closing parts of the unopened road allowances designated as Spey Street, First Street, Second Street, and Third Street in the Town of Halton Hills (Speyside). The part of Spey Street being closed measures approximately 166 metres in length and includes the full width of Spey Street as shown on Registered Plan 30 of part of the Village of Speyside; north of the Fifteenth Sideroad. The parts of First Street, Second Street and Third Street being closed each measure approximately 95 metres in length and include the full width of First Street, Second Street and Third Street, respectively, as shown on Registered Plan 30 of part of the Village of Speyside, between Spey Street on the west and Highway 25 on the east. This application is made in accordance with the provisions of the Registry Act.

The Application will be heard on Thursday, April 25, 1991 at 10:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, at the Court House, 491 Stoeles Avenue East, Milton, Ontario L9T 1Y7.

This advertisement is made pursuant to the Order of Mr. Justice LeSage, dated Thursday, March 21, 1991.

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