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## Too cold for outside recess

Like students all over town, Halton Hills Christian School Senior Kindergarten student Emma Kitchen, 5, kept a watch on the thermometer as they had to spend some recesses inside Monday, due to the cold temperatures. The mercury dipped to -20C overnight Sunday, causing everyone to bundle up.

Photo by Ted Brown

## Local woman, pal take on gruelling Silk Road by bicycle

By **LISA TALLYN**  
*Staff Writer*

Georgetown native Kate Harris, and Melissa Yule, formerly of Erin, are back on their bicycles again, this time cycling the Silk Road to explore wilderness conservation across borders.

Throughout 2011, Harris and Yule, both young wilderness conservationists, are riding nearly 13,000 km through the mountains and vast deserts that span the Silk Rd. between Istanbul and northern India.

Along the way they are applying their academic training in biology, earth sciences,

conservation and sustainable development to investigate the natural and social impacts of existing and proposed Trans-boundary Protected Areas (TBPA).

This is their second journey along the Silk Rd. Back in 2006 Harris and Yule spent four months biking along an abridged section of the route through Xinjiang and Tibet in western China. Their plan for this trip is to finish cycling the Silk Road they left untrav-elled.

The goals of the ride are to research and raise awareness about the importance of con-

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Melissa Yule, (left) formerly of Erin, and Georgetown native Kate Harris intend to ride 13,000 km across the Silk Road from Istanbul to northern India this year.  
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