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Shannon Speer, and her children Georgia, 11, and Max Speer-Remes, 9, check out the thumbprints in the mosaic that hangs in the front foyer of the school. The wall hanging features 280 different tiles— each unique and created

by the individuals who have anything to do with the school. Speer spearheaded the project to create a lasting reminder of her children's time at Glen Williams School.

Photo by Ted Brown

Glen students, staff leave their mark

Due to the vision of one parent at Glen Williams Public School, the front foyer of the school has a permanent reminder of the people who have had have a part in shaping the students who go to the school.

Shannon Speer wanted to leave behind a reminder of her daughter Georgia's time at Glen Williams, as she is

graduating this year. Today is her last day.

Speer approached the parent council and convinced them to go with her idea of creating individual tiles out of earthenware clay— one for each student and others (such as bus drivers, janitors etc.) at the school— to make a thumb imprint, as well as decorate it

with graphics, like jewelry, or any design they wanted.

The 280 tiles were fired by Carolyn Filter at Williams Mill, and assembled on a metal frame and hung in the foyer.

The Diversity Mosaic 2011 is a lasting reminder of those who have taken part in shaping the students at Glen Williams School in 2011.

Council voices opposition to highway plan

By CYNTHIA GAMBLE

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Calling it "money well spent", Halton Hills council unanimously approved at its meeting Monday night a report "adamantly opposed" to a freeway through south Halton Hills, based on Town-hired consultants' review of the Provincial study proposing two highways here.

"Quite frankly I think it is punitive to the citizens of Halton Hills that they are looking at putting in two major highways, and with very little benefit," said Mayor Rick Bonnette, saying council approved a limit of \$60,000 for the review.

The report, prepared by Town staff and four consulting firms, will be the Town's response to an Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) study— GTA West Corridor— that looks at improving transportation and transit avenues, from Vaughan to Guelph. A major component of the plan is to create two four-lane (initially) provincial highways— one north-south (option 4-2) that stretches on Halton Hills's east side to Hwy. 401/407 and a second (option 4-3), east-west that ends at Hwy. 401 at Tremaine Rd. in Milton.

"Our opposition to 4-3 is now based on fact, not on emotion," said Bonnette. "I know every member of council had concerns with 4-3 a year ago... and now we have something to back us up. These are legitimate concerns."

The exact alignment of the 175-metre (12-lane width) corridors through Halton Hills is to be determined at the next stage (five to seven years) of the study, but MTO has tentatively mapped out a pre-

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