

Back to class for Acton students

The Halton District School Board is excited to welcome more than 60,000 Kindergarten to Grade 12 students to the first day of school on Tuesday, September 3.

The Board's 3,933 teachers, 1,828 non-teaching and support staff, and 210 Principals and Vice-principals are outfitting classrooms, tending to sports fields, polishing floors, cleaning buildings and organizing schedules to help welcome students to another productive and memorable school year.

Director of Education David Euale shares the excitement of students, staff and parents as the first day of school approaches.

"We are thrilled to embark on another school year in which students will learn in a safe, welcoming environment," he said. "We appreciate the dedication of

teachers, support staff and administrative staff, who have worked hard to ensure their schools and classrooms are ready for the first day of learning. A very special thank you goes out to our custodians and maintenance staff for the special shine they have given our buildings as they await the footprints of students."

Included in the excitement of a new year is the opening of two new schools as the Board continues to experience a growing student population: Dr. Frank J. Hayden Secondary School (3040 Tim Dobbie Drive) in Burlington and Irma Coulson Public School (625 Sauve Street) in Milton. (Visit the Board's website - www.hdsb.ca - for a full description regarding the naming of schools; click the 'Schools' tab at the top on the left-hand side of the homepage). With the addition of these schools, the Board has a complement of

84 elementary and 19 secondary schools.

Providing a safe environment for students is a top priority for the Halton District School Board. During the month of September, all elementary schools will be implementing a safe welcome system. It will provide greater safety in schools by ensuring all visitors use a single point of entry door before signing in. Buzzer access and security cameras will be installed at main doors while other doors will remain locked at all times. In addition, Board-funded swipe access devices - approved by Trustees earlier this year - will also be installed at selected other doors including school doors accessed by students and staff located in portables.

For more information and updates about Halton District School Board initiatives, visit www.hdsb.ca



SCHOOL BUS ORIENTATION: Acton area students who will ride school busses for the first time next week were briefed on bus safety with their parents at an orientation meeting on Saturday at Acton High School. They then took a short ride and received participation certificates. - Ted Tyler photos

'New kind of Parenting' translation available

Important information giving newcomer parents insight and ideas on parenting their teenage children has been translated into five languages: Arabic, Chinese, Polish, Punjabi and Spanish. The translated "New Kind of Parenting" booklets take parents through the stages of development from 10 to 16 years when teens experience dramatic emotional and physical changes.

Our Kids Network (OKN) produced the translated booklets to help new immigrants learn about and understand the changes affecting their teens and how to support them through this stage of development. They can be accessed online at www.ourkidsnetwork.ca on the Families page. OKN partners Halton Multicultural Centre, Halton District School Board and Halton Cath-

olic District School Board will have hard copies to distribute in September.

"Newcomer families and their teens can experience unique challenges. We know teens want to fit in with their Canadian peers, but they also identify with their home culture," said Kim Jenkinson, executive director of the Halton Multicultural Centre in a press release. "Access to the good information and practical suggestions in these booklets - and in their home language - is a tremendous support."

The booklets explain the different stages of adolescent development and include information about the connection between behaviour and how the brain works. Parents can learn ways to nurture and maintain positive, supportive relationships with their

children as they become teenagers.

"The 'New Kind of Parenting' booklets are based on research and common concerns that both parents and teens have identified," said Elena DiBattista,

director of Our Kids Network. "We hope that the information and parenting suggestions will help newcomer parents and their teens not just make it through the teen years, but thrive together."

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Sat. Sept. 14th
8 pm

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SAT. SEPT. 14TH
@ 8 PM

Bands must be signed up by Mon. Sept. 2nd for
Auditions on Wed. Sept. 4th @ 6pm
at the Ag Building,
Prospect Park

10 Bands only will compete for prizes

To sign-up to compete in the
Acton Fall Fair Teen Battle of the Bands,
please contact Tracey by
text at:
519-216-5379

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TRACEYW58@HOTMAIL.COM

or join our Facebook event at:
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