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Grade 2 students at Halton Hills Christian School (front, from left) Alexis Vargas, Spencer Matthews participated in the Terry Fox Run last week. In the second row (from left) are: Sarah Bahm, Emma Sproule, Dara Dixon.

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Terry Fox Run gains traction at Georgetown schools

Students in Mrs. Van Der Wal s Grade 2 class at Halton Hills Christian School weren t going to let a little rain from setting out on their Terry Fox Run fundraiser.

They were dressed for the drizzly conditions and as school principal Marianne Vangoor pointed out, Terry didn t stop running because it rained.

The HHCS students walked about 4 km to the Georgetown Fairgrounds and back, raising $1,038 for the Terry Fox Foundation & Cancer Research.

Several other schools, including St. Francis of Assisi in Georgetown, also held Terry Fox Runs.

Fox s Marathon of Hope captivated Canada in 1980 with his incredible cross-country journey, which began in St. John s, Nfld. and came to an end in Thunder Bay, Ont. due to the return of cancerous tumours in Fox s lungs.

Today, there are more than 16,000 Terry Fox Runs that are organized annually that have raised in excess of $600 million for research.