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## Parent seeks explanation for poster incident

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An irate parent of a Stewarttown Middle School student whose art teacher allegedly assigned his class to draw up "protest posters" emblazoned with pro-union and anti-government slogans hopes the incident will lead to more open lines of communication about what's being discussed in the classroom.

Parents of some Grade 7 students in Georgetown were incensed when their kids told them they were asked to draw the posters ahead of this past Friday's planned teacher walkout.

Parent Doris Mattear, who found out Thursday night about the apparent incident in her daughter's class, "blew a gasket" when she first learned of the posters.

"The teachers are there to teach, not to indoctrinate my kids," said Mattear, whose daughter attended school on Monday. Another daughter who goes to the school stayed home because of the flu.

Debra McFadden, executive director of human resources for the Halton District School Board, could not confirm whether the assignment had been given out, but promised a "thorough investigation" into the matter.

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## Art for the autistic

Eric Kohlfurst (left) watches as Glazed Expressions owner Ron Quinlan helps him outline a large letter "E" to apply glaze on as Kohlfurst was taking part in the Autistic Kids Crafting

program put on by Autism Ontario Halton at Glazed Expressions Friday evening.

Photo by Jon Borgstrom

## Brampton man charged after break-in how-to sheet found

A Brampton man is facing charges after Halton Police, running radar on Guelph St. Thursday afternoon, found an instruction sheet on the driver detailing how to break into cars.

As police approached the vehicle about 12:15 p.m. the officer noticed the occupants were acting suspiciously.

The driver was searched and police found the hand-written instruction sheet. A search of

the vehicle uncovered break-in tools.

Charged with two counts of breach of probation, possession of break and enter tools and multiple Highway Traffic Act charges is Timothy Paris, 42.

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