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The uniqueness of individuals with autism was celebrated throughout Halton Hills in April as several local schools raised the flag in honour of World Autism Awareness Day.

Students and teachers were encouraged to wear red or blue one day earlier this month to mark the day designed to educate the masses on autism— a complex disability that impacts brain development in the areas of social interaction and communication skills.

"This event is important because autism affects our school community," said McKenzie-Smith Bennett (MSB) Public School principal Lisa Serebrin. "We want to raise awareness, be inclusive of all students' needs and celebrate our differences."

The school in Acton also held an awareness assembly to help shed light on the often misunderstood disability that affects one in every 94 children in Canada, like Grade 7 M-SB student Jacob Canning.

"We (children with autism) are unique and special, and that's fine," he told his fellow students at the assembly.

M-SB was joined by Silver Creek,



Schools throughout the area celebrated Autism Awareness Day on Wednesday, April 2. The day was particularly meaningful for students with autism, like McKenzie-Smith Bennett Public School students (left-right) Brayden Reed, Hayden Canning and Jacob Canning, who proudly display the Autism Ontario flag raised at the school following an awareness assembly.

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Park and Holy Cross elementary schools, amongst others, in raising the Autism Ontario flag. McDonald's Restaurant in Georgetown also joined in on the festivities.

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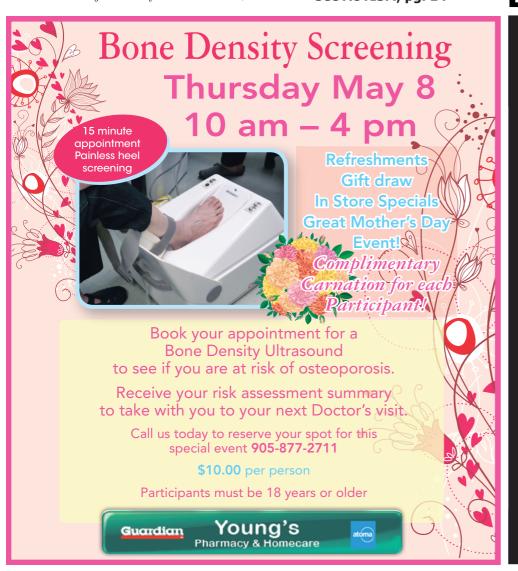


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- Experience in energy policy;
- Experience in management and operation of regulated assets, such as electricity distribution and generation;
- Experience in dealing with government and regulatory agencies;
- Experience in corporate finance and accounting;
- Experience in human resource management; and
- Experience in corporate structuring.

In order to express your interest in a position on the Board of Directors for Halton Hills Hydro, please submit your confidential Letter of Interest with background and qualifications by May 23, 2014 to:

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Applicants must ensure that no conflict of interest will exist with this appointment.

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