

THE INDEPENDENT & FREE PRESS

Visit us at www.theifp.ca



Making a Bench Buddy, pg. 3

Thursday, March 19, 2015

Halton Hills' award-winning newspaper serving Acton & Georgetown

56 Pages

50 Cents (+HST)

RAIDER ACTION

Raiders have dug themselves a hole in their playoff battle with the Jr. Canadians.

See page 33



WEATHER WOES

Halton Hills Hydro is dealing with numerous outages, as a result of weather. See page 3



facebook.com/Independent&FreePress
Twitter: @IFP_11



FACES OF MARCH BREAK: Six-year-old twins Cameron as a dragon and Addison as a unicorn were well protected by big sister nine-year-old Emma, the werewolf (centre). The Hoewing kids were at Georgetown Market Place with Grandma Gisela and waited in a long lineup for the face painting. They all thought it was worth the wait.

Photo by
Jon Borstrom

High school teachers could be on strike in April

By Rachael Williams
Metroland Media Group

The Halton District School Board is facing a potential teachers' strike in April if contract negotiations are not advanced.

An announcement was made over the weekend by Paul Elliot, president of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF), at an annual address to union members. Elliot named Halton as one of seven districts facing a "full withdrawal of services."

OSSTF Vice-President Harvey Bischof said it's more about how long it has taken to set up meetings with the board than the issues themselves.

"The movement has been exceptionally slow so we are increasing pressure to try and get the employer to sit down and talk with us," said Bischof.

The Halton District School Board (HDSB) issued a statement Tuesday saying negotiations between the Province and unions, representing teachers and support staff, have been underway since the fall, as outlined in the School Boards Collective Bargaining Act, 2014.

Bischof argued that although there have been ongoing negotiations with the Province, those decisions apply to all teachers and support staff and are not directly related to the concerns of HDSB employees.

"Members are frustrated that we are even still at the central table and seemingly far from an agreement there too," he said.

The roughly 2,000 teachers who are employed by the HDSB have been without a contract since August 2014. They are joined by teachers in Durham, Lakehead, Ottawa-Carleton, Peel, Rainbow and Waterloo districts.

Meetings have been slated for March, throughout April and into May.

"As a board we remain committed to reaching fair, negotiated agreements and avoiding any disruption to student learning," said HDSB

Continued on page 4



Thinking of buying or selling?
Call Effie Dimou for all your real estate needs.
905-877-5211
Dir: 416-991-4247

Effie Dimou
Sales Representative

www.georgetownrealty.ca
edimou@georgetownrealty.ca

RE/MAX
Real Estate Centre Inc., Brokerage

GEORGETOWN
CHEVROLET Buick GMC

33 Mountainview Rd. North,
Georgetown

905-877-6944

www.georgetownchev.com

OPEN 24/7

SPRING LOADED EVENT

2015 EQUINOX LS AIR & AUTO

CASH PURCHASE PRICE
\$22,995

INCLUDES FREIGHT, PDI, LEVIES, \$4,200 CASH CREDIT & \$750 OWNER CASH.

FULLY LOADED WITH THE FEATURES YOU WANT:

- AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION
- AIR CONDITIONING
- POWER WINDOWS, LOCKS, MIRRORS
- REMOTE KEYLESS ENTRY
- BLUETOOTH™
- 4G LTE WI-FI
- 17" ALUMINUM WHEELS
- SIRIUS XM SATELLITE RADIO
- BEST-IN-CLASS REAR LEGROOM
- FUEL EFFICIENCY 7.5L/100KM (CITY)

See Dealer for Details



Your Home Sold For 100% Market Value Guaranteed Or I Will Pay You The Difference*

Angie Cormpilas
Broker

RE/MAX REAL ESTATE CENTRE INC., BROKERAGE

905-877-3629 Direct

www.RealEstateGeorgetown.com