

Gardiner Public School is now Ethel Gardiner Public School

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Halton Hills Trustee Jeanne Gray talks to Ethel Gardiner Public School students just before cutting the ribbon to mark the official name change.

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six consecutive terms from 1998-2003.

“And let me tell you, she made it look easy,” said Kelly Amos, the current chair of the HDSB, who first met Gardiner in 2000.

“Ethel’s passion and focus made her a true advocate for do-

ing what was best for all students and staff and a champion for public education. She was a leader and truly cared about the school. I don’t know how many times we’d be debating an issue and she’d say, ‘How does that affect the students?’”

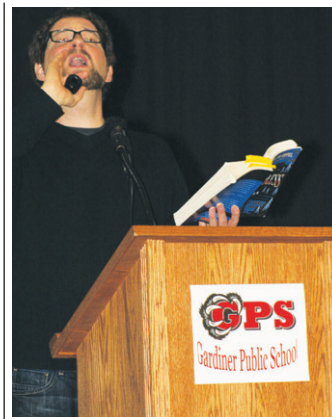
An HDSB report indicated the cost to change the name is insignificant as printing and letterhead is done electronically and “on demand.” The school plans to keep the sports teams’ name “Gardiner Grizzlies” and the School Council indicated its financial support to change the name on the outside of the school.

The school may begin to use their new name immediately; however it will not officially be changed until Sept. 1 because of Ministry of Education requirements associated with a mid-year name change.

Also on hand for the ceremony was the school’s first principal, Gurdeep Lall, who moved to Oakville’s Pilgrim Wood in March and has been replaced by local resident Debbie de Chastelain.

“If my mom were here, she would point out that it’s not the name on the school that makes it a very special place,” said Ethel’s son Paul.

“We’re just thrilled. We’re touched. Thank you.”



AUTHOR, AUTHOR: Renowned Canadian author Kenneth Oppel reads from his book *Boundless to Grade 4 -8 students at Ethel Gardiner Public School’s gym last week. Boundless is the story of a boy and his adventures on the maiden voyage of the longest, most glamorous locomotive in the world.*

Photo by Nelia Raposo



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: We all hope that someone in the crowd knows what to do should an emergency arise. Local residents who came out to GDHS’s School Council’s presentation from EMR Jim Beck were not disappointed. A great presentation of general—and hopefully life saving—information and techniques were demonstrated on what to do until help arrives. More people could help out if they just knew what to do. Beck offers First Aid, CPR and AED training, for more information please log onto www.jbhfirstaid.com. Participating (from left), Carol Bee, Chris Wienszyk, Valerie Slater, audience member, Jim Beck, Hunter Beck, Jennifer Greenfield, and audience member. Submitted photo

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