

### **Principal's Corner** French Immersion questions answered

**Bryne Davies, Principal Georgetown District High School** 

At our recent Transition meetings with Centennial and Stewarttown parents, several questions were raised about French Immersion, which I would like to answer today.

Like all other high schools in the north, Georgetown DHS offers "early" French Immersion. These students began studying in French for 1/2 days beginning in Grade 1.

GDHS is unique in offering "late" French Immersion to students who began studying in French for 1/2 days beginning in Grade 7. Halton Hills students who want to continue this program must attend GDHS. As with any student, those students who live more than 3 miles from the school will be provided with transportation.

In grade 9, early immersion stu-

dents must take History, Typing and Math in French in addition to their regular French language period. It is recommended that late immersion students take History, however, they may opt for one of the other 2 courses instead.

Since French is compulsory in Grade 9, it is expected that students will continue in Immersion for at least one more year. Otherwise, students dropping French Immersion would join their classmates in the non-immersion, "French Core" program, which tends to focus more on grammar and writing than on "language experience".

As you can see, the issues may be complex, depending on the student. For more information, you may also wish to speak to our Head of Moderns, Margaret Bentley, who can be reached at the school at 877-

#### **Lighten Up Canada**

Jack Carpenter, who has been known to don a red nose or two, congratulated the Georgetown Marketplace Mall last week on being the first mall in Canada to officially endorse Lighten Up Canada Day, which is on February 5. He unfurled the official flag with the help of Photo by Wendy Long. a mall employee.

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