#### M. Z. Bennett SCHOOL NEWS

#### BY LUKAS GREEN AND DERRICK INSCOE

It has been a very busy week here at M.Z. Bennett. Our gymnasium was used for voting on Canada's idea of what our new constitution might be. Canadians think that there could be a better way of changing the constitution than how our leaders have shown us. Canada said "No" to the Government's ideas.

M.Z. Bennett's AIP (Actively Involved Parents) had a fundraiser by selling Christmas items.

Family math night was Oct. 22 and everyone enjoyed themselves. Mrs. Graham's, Mr. Waitson's, Mr. Mashinter's, and Mrs. Spencer's classes went to the Kitchener-

Waterloo Record on Oct. 21. It was an introduction to our study about the newspaper.

Mr. Mashinter's class is doing the Canada Fitness Program. They have to do push-ups, curl-ups, shuttle-runs and standing long jumps. For doing this we get certificates with stickers on them.

Miss Lawson's class carved pumpkins for Halloween. Mrs. Spencer's class and many other classes did the same.

Mrs. Mattell's class and Miss Dunnet's class did pumpkin exploration activities last week.

The Grade 2's are going to the Safety Village on Nov. 4.

Our whole school had a wonderful Halloween parade on Friday, Oct. 30. It was so much fun and made everyone very excited about Halloween.

## Robert Little SCHOOL NEWS



BY MELISSA MORRISON & CHRISSY PERIERA

At Robert Little we celebrated the Blue Jays World Series victory. Almost everyone at school wore Blue Jay hats or shirts to celebrate. On Monday we gathered in the

gym to watch a few minutes of the victory parade.

We have intra-mural sports teams that play at lunch hour on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. There are eight teams with about eight players on each from Grades 3, 4 and 5. This year they will be playing soccer, basketball, floor hockey, scooterball and volleyball. We are very proud of their consistent interest and effort.

We also have a cross-country team with 30 runners. They have gone to at least four events at Cedarvale and Bronte Creek parks. They compete with approximately 150 other students from Halton County. The runners have always tried to go their best.

#### Acton High SCHOOL NEWS

#### BY TANYA MARISSEN

I entered through the doors of Acton High School for the very first time Sept. 8. Needless to say I was a little nervous. I had no idea what the students would be like or how they would welcome a new OAC student.

Well, the students don't have green hair and twelve fingers and the teachers don't have warts with hair growing out of them. In fact, everyone has done a lot to make me, a new student, feel welcome.

What amazes me is the familylike atmosphere at AHS. Everyone seems to know everybody else. I see teachers talking with students in the Bear Pit, Student Council selling Trick-O-Grams, people playing hacky-sack, and others trying to finish their homework or cram for a test.

The new computer systems in the library are great for getting information for a project or independent study. The weight room off the gym is useful for working out and Student Services give helpful advice on courses and post-secondary schools and I could go on and on, but hopefully you get my point.

As a newcomer to AHS, I am impressed with the friendliness of the students and the facility itself, and the devotion of the teachers. Everyone who goes to AHS has something to be proud of.



FOURTH PLACE: McKenzie-Smith's Girls volleyball team finished fourth of 10 teams in the Sam Sherrat Invitational Tournament Saturday in Milton. Back row, left to right, Denise Katsilieris, Amanda Thompson, Yvonne Hendry, Heather Ambrose, Jennifer Elliott, Bailey Galimanas, Mark Turner (coach). Middle row, Kristin Finley, Stephanie McKay, Kelly (Hammer) Holmes, Eleni (Tipper) Halis, Melissa Murdoch. Front row, Sandra Wray, Sherri Forbes. Absent, coach Anna Drummond.



NICE PLAY: McKenzie-Smith's Boys volleyball team played some of their best games this year and finished in fourth place at the Sam Sherrat Invitational Basketball Tournament Saturday in Milton. Proud team members are, back row from left, Mark Tadeson (coach), Jamie Birrell, Don Jones, Rob Avisman, Mike Morrow, Nick Vancek, Dave Walker (coach). Middle row, Matt Morrow, Andre Savard, Derrick McIntyre, Jeff Birrell, Front row, Scott McDonald.

### Acton High students get a taste for "the real life"

When students from Acton High arrived, earlier this term, at Terra Cotta they had at least some idea of what they were getting themselves into. They had already heard, from last year's participants, stories about the Grade 10 Outdoor Education program; most of them were looking forward to a

great experience and they were not disappointed.

For four days, they "lived" an education which included Social Sciences and Science, canoeing and orienteering, communications and camping skills and they loved every minute of it — well almost.

When you live and work in

close proximity to others for days you get a lot of firsthand experience to help you link classroom discussions to the real world and, along the way, you are bound to learn a lot about about participating. Ask any of the Acton students who took part and they will tell you that that's just the way it is.

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