

McKenzie-Smith School News

BY MATT SCHILLER

Joseph trip cancelled!!

On Jan. 13 about 80 students from McKenzie-Smith middle school were planning on going to Toronto to see the educational program "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

Due to dreadful weather Mr. Zannatta (principal) and Miss Burr (music teacher) were forced to cancel the trip to Toronto.

But on the bright side, students that were going on the first trip had a decision to make with their parents; either get their money refunded or go on another educational program outing, the "Phantom Of The Opera."

Special Friends update

A few write-ups ago we said we

were going to give a few updates on Special Friends.

"Our training is over and we are ready for the big test." That's right, Special Friends training is over and all of them are either going to Robert Little or M.Z. Bennett Schools.

Alpine skiing report

At McKenzie-Smith school this year, the physical education department is planning two alpine ski trips per grade level. The participating students will leave for the slopes bright and early at 8:15 am and return to the school at 4:15 pm.

The Grade 6 trips are Jan. 8 and March 10; Grade 7 on Jan. 11 and March 11 and last but not least, Grade 8 on Jan. 20 and March 12.

I am sure they will have a great time. You should try it sometime!



FRUGAL GOURMETS: On the first morning of the Dine and Dash breakfast club the service team outnumbered the visiting students two-to-one, but that likely will change soon. Seated in the kitchen are, left to right, George Straw, Helenn Van Der Wal, and Janet Cullen. Standing behind them, from left to right, are Mary Van Dinther, Linda Budgell, Brenda LaRose, Dorothy Purkis and Chalene Smith. (Eric Balkind photo)

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Robert Little School News

BY LAURA KOBSA & BECKY BEHLING

At Robert Little we have four student teachers this term. Three of the students are from York University and they are teaching English classes, and the fourth student goes to the University of Waterloo and is helping in Mlle Adomiet's French class. Mr. Millar is teaching Mrs. Armstrong's Grade 5 class, and he

thinks they're great. Still, he says, when he graduates he'd like to teach Kindergarten. Miss Conly is teaching in Mrs. McIntyre's Grade 2 and 5 classes. Miss Conly wants to be a teacher because she likes to work with kids. She says when she graduates she'd like to teach Grade 4. Miss Wagner is the other student at York University. She's teaching Mrs. Black's Grade 1 class. She says her mom was also a teacher. When she graduates she'd like to teach a class between Kindergarten and Grade 5. Our fourth student

teacher (from the University of Waterloo) is Mme. Archard. She's teaching Mlle Adomeit's Grade 2 and 5 classes. When she graduates she'd like to teach a class between Kindergarten and Grade 5.

Mr. Coones has started a Grade 5 volleyball team. They will be practising Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. They will play other schools and finish off in a tournament at McKenzie-Smith.

Basketball students have been playing since November.

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The electric water heater is one of those appliances we don't often think about. One thing you can do, however, is to make sure your tank is set at 140 degrees Fahrenheit (60 degrees Celsius). This is the water temperature that manufacturers recommend. If you have a new model, or a Halton Hills Hydro rental tank, it's likely to already be set at this temperature.

Why 140°F? Higher temperatures than this increase the risk of scalding and increase your costs. Lower temperatures could facilitate bacteria growth. And, 140°F allows for the best and most efficient use of dishwashers.

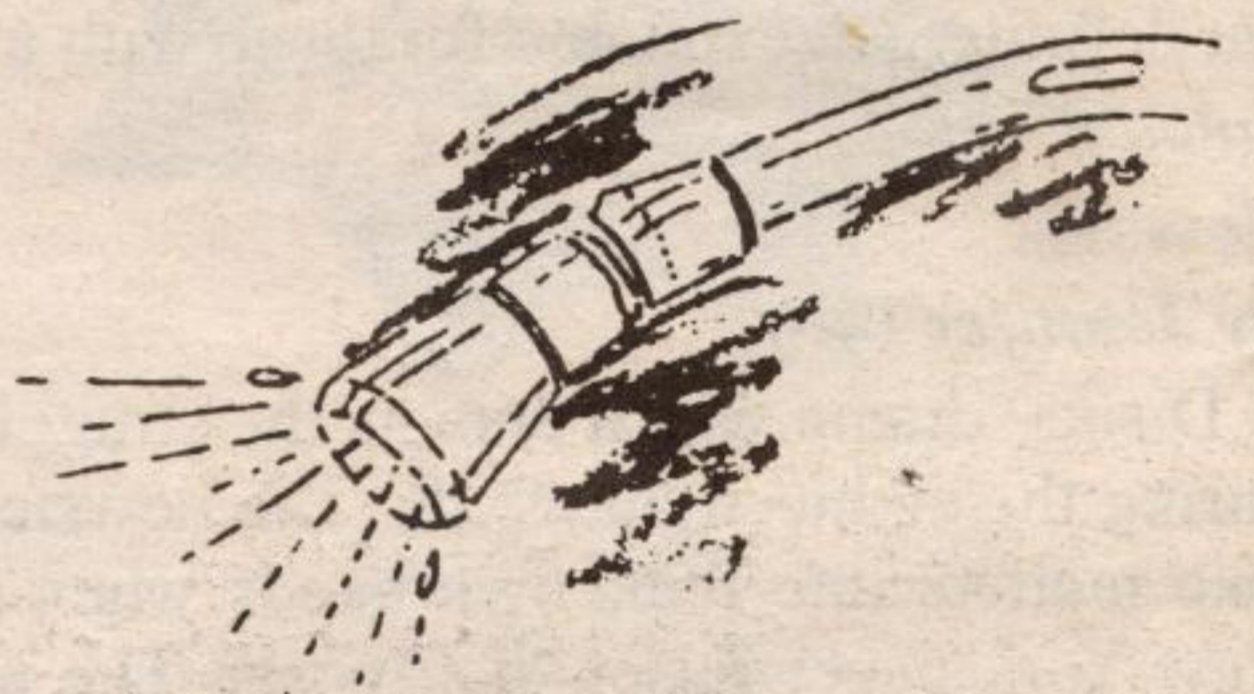
You can check your water temperature by running the hot water from the tap nearest the water heater into a cup for a few minutes. If a cooking thermometer registers close to 140°F, you have the right temperature.

We don't recommend you try to change your tank thermostat yourself. Unless you understand how to do it safely, there is the possibility of serious electrical shock.

ENERGY HINTS! Hot Water Use

Showers Not Baths!

Take quick showers instead of baths. And a good quality energy efficient shower head can reduce the amount of hot water used for a shower by 50 to 75 per cent.



Fix Leaking Taps

A leaking tap at one drop per second wastes 800 litres (175 gallons) of hot water per month. In most cases worn tap washers are the culprit.

Insulate Hot Water Pipes

Insulate the first 1 to 2 meters (3 to 6 feet) of hot water pipe from your water heater. Also consider insulating your hot watertank.



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