

Grade 3 students teach Acton High teachers about computer program

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Matthew Dayman, Chris Dennie, Haley Ellis, Kimberly Freeland and Ashley Holman, all Grade 3 students at M.Z. Bennett, made their way to Acton High this past week.

These eager and intelligent young students demonstrated their projects on the computer program, HyperCard, to the entire staff at Acton High.

"The students used a video disc player, scanner and computer to create on-screen projects, instead of the traditional paper and pen technique," explained Dave Mashinter, teacher at M.Z. Bennett.

The students were able to combine information from encyclopedias with actual videos, photographs and sounds that could be displayed easily with the simple touch of a button on the computer.

"They learned a new process in which projects and assignments can be completed with modern technology," praised

Mashinter of his students.

Ken Ellis, librarian at AHS, said he was "amazed at what these young students were able to do with the computer when I first visited them at their own school.

"As a result I invited them to demonstrate their knowledge to the staff at Acton High.

"I thought it would be a good idea if the teachers could see exactly what younger students are capable of accomplishing."

The students became familiar with the computer and the HyperCard program as they worked for about 40 minutes per day on computer projects for the past two months.

Mashinter boasts: "The students were able to solve their own technical problems, as well as gain a keen sense of how to find and draw up different files."

After the presentation the students were all presented a certificate of merit and an Acton High School decorative pin for sharing their knowledge and ability with the teachers.

Family Benefits can be cashed early

Families and individuals receiving financial assistance from the Province of Ontario will receive their Family Benefits allowances earlier this month.

The move is a departure from the routine for individuals and families who qualify for assistance under the Family Benefits Act, and who normally receive benefits that are cashable at the end of each month.

According to a press release received by The Acton Tanner yesterday (Tuesday), "This change is meant to ensure timely access to their entitlements during the holiday period."

Family Benefits allowances, for this month only, will be cashable on Dec. 23, 1993.

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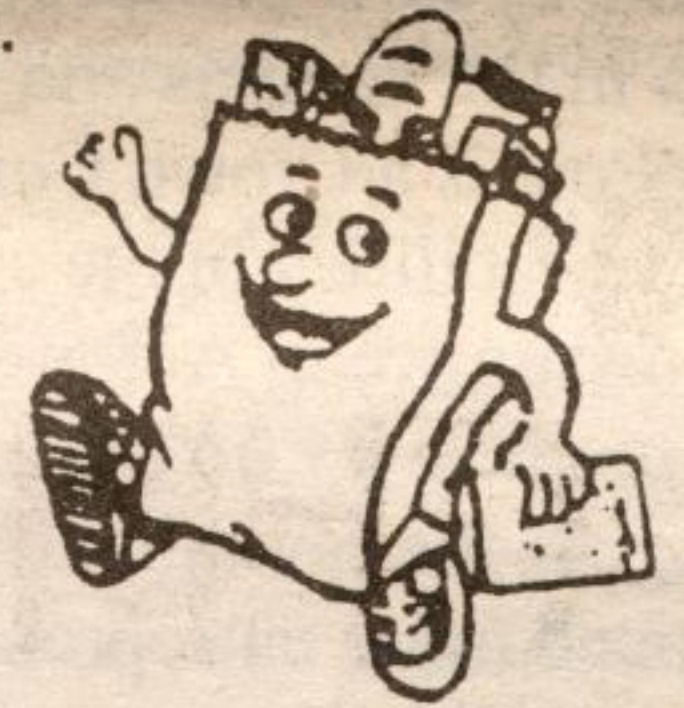
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RECIPE CORNER

Bread Dressing with Mushrooms, Oysters, Nuts, Giblets, etc. (About 5 cups)

There is no set rule for the proportions of ingredients in bread dressing. It should be palatable, light and slightly moist, well-flavoured, but bland. Chopped green peppers, nut meats, sautéed mushrooms and drained or slightly sautéed oysters may be added to it. Stock or oyster liquor may be substituted for milk.

Chop: Giblets.

Melt: 1/4 cup butter.

Add and sauté for about two minutes: (2 tablespoons or more chopped onion) and the chopped giblets.

Combine these ingredients with: 4 cups crustless day-old or slightly toasted, diced white, whole wheat or corn bread crumbs

- 1/4 cup parsley
- 1/4 to 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 teaspoon dried tarragon or basil
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
- Milk, stock or melted butter to moisten very lightly (2 or 3 eggs)

You may add: 1 1/2 cups nut meats: Brazil, pine, pecans, walnuts and one of the following: 1 cup browned sausage meat

- 1 cup or more sliced mushrooms sautéed with onion
- 1 cup chopped or whole drained oysters
- 1 cup chopped or whole soft-shell clams
- 1 cup cooked chopped shrimp.

Bread Dressing for Fish (2 cups)

A fine, but plain, unsophisticated dressing.

- Combine: 1 1/2 cups bread crumbs
2 tablespoons chopped onion
1/2 cup chopped celery
2 tablespoons chopped parsley
1 or 2 beaten eggs
Season these ingredients well with:
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon paprika
1/2 teaspoon dried tarragon or dill seed
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(1/4 teaspoons nutmeg)

Use: Milk, melted butter or soup stock to make a loose dressing.

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