



BAKE SALE: The Acton Jr. YMCA held a bake sale on Friday. These were just some of the youngsters who enjoyed the leftovers. From left: Brandon Hopcraft, 4, Jeff McBean, 9, and 4-year-old Chelsea Wright. About \$110 was raised to help send the kids to camp. (Doug Harrison photo)

Art show, concert and exams

ACTON HIGH NEWS

BY JOYCE BRADLEY,
PRINCIPAL

Course planning for 1996-97: It's already that time again. This year, because of short timelines, students are starting the planning process before Christmas. At the end of this week they will be bringing home program books with information about Sept. '96 to June '97 courses. If you have questions about what courses your students should take, call Dave Jones or Louise Krueger in Student Services or make an appointment.

College and university applications: Dave Jones and Louise Krueger have been working with graduating students all fall, getting students ready to apply for post-secondary programs. All of the applications should be in by now. If your son or daughter is planning to go on to further education in September and has not com-

pleted an application, send them to Student Services ASAP!

Letters of Concern: Letter of concern will be mailed tomorrow (Thursday) to parents of students about whom teachers have concerns about passing their courses.

Elementary school music tour: Our band and choral group will be travelling to Robert Little, McKenzie-Smith Bennett and Stewarttown schools today (Wednesday) to perform for our elementary school friends.

Art show and music concert: Join us for our Christmas concert and art show tomorrow evening (Thursday). The art show begins at 7 pm in the front foyer and bearpit, and the concert gets underway at 7:30 in the cafeteria. Audience participation in carolling and refreshments will round out the evening.

School dance: The next dance is next Wednesday from 7-10 pm. Parents, it is important to stress to

your children that if they are under the influence of alcohol at the dance, they will be suspended and charged by police. These fines amount to more than \$100.

Junior boys' basketball tournament: This tournament takes place on Saturday. If you can help at this tournament, or any others, call Bruce Andrews at the school.

Christmas break: Our last day is next Friday with a 2 pm dismissal. Busses arrive at 2:30 pm.

Exams: Exams begin on Jan. 19, just nine days after we arrive back from Christmas holidays!

Science research projects: Congratulations to the science students whose projects were judged and evaluated in our Dec. 5 competition. Judging was done by volunteer parents, community members, teachers and former students.

Christmas concert set for tomorrow night!

MCKENZIE-SMITH BENNETT

BY ANDREA ADAMS, KIM LINDSAY, CHRIS RIVERS & NICOLE RUDAT

Only two weeks until Christmas and things are buzzing at MSB. The Grade 2s are going to the Safety Village tomorrow (Thursday) and our Grade 8s start their visits to the Career Centre then as well. What a busy day, because that is also the evening of our annual Christmas concert. Hope to see you there!

We'll soon be putting up Christmas trees in both ends of the school, so the Grades 1s and 2s will be really busy making Christmas crafts and decorations.

Mrs. Spencer's Grade 3/4s have been busy writing and publishing a newspaper. It will have 15 pages, including feature stories, pictures, advertisements and even a crossword puzzle. Look for it sometime before Christmas.

Two weeks ago we had another Good News Assembly. Brent Sinclair (Class 71) and Marissa Kidd (Gr. 1/2), Emily White (Gr. 1/2) and Jannah Larsen (Class 78) were chosen students-of-the-month for October and November. Congratulations guys!

We also held our annual staff-student volleyball game. The

teachers annihilated the students three games to nothing! Way to go teachers!

Now a poem by Melissa Williams of Class 82, called *Day's End*.

Another day comes to an end.

The yellow, pink gold and browns

Of the wilderness fade

Calmly to deep blues and greens.

The cool breeze

Dazzles the tranquil horizons

And makes the grass sway, As wild and untamed as the wind.

Rain threatened to pour down

And cleanse the unsuspecting landscape

Of the day's toil.

The rain poured down hard and fast.

Suddenly the rain diminished

To a trickle

And then to nothingness.

Night covered the land

And life would soon

Start all over again.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

From GARY and the STAFF

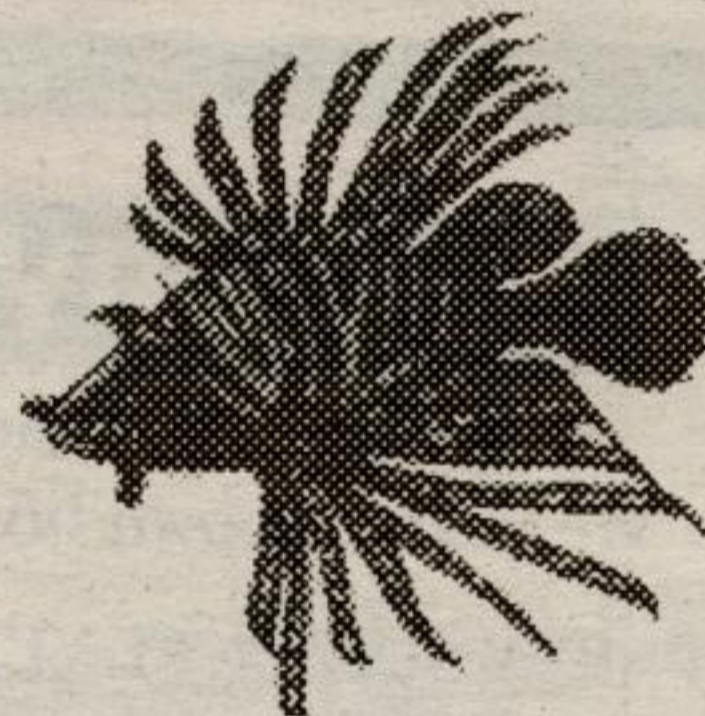
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