

Finally enough snow for Carnival D'Hiver

MCKENZIE-SMITH BENNETT

BY KIM LINDSAY, ANDREA ADAMS, & CRISSY GOLDRICH

Last Friday we had our Carnival D'Hiver. There were lots of competitive events throughout the afternoon including an obstacle course, a three-legged race, a snowshoe race, ball hockey and many other interesting stations. It was cold but the weatherman was co-operative. At least we had snow and sunshine.

Thanks to the many parents who sent in treats for the rest station and to those who helped out during the afternoon. Fun was had by all.

Between February and June, all the students in Ontario are being immunized against red measles. This is being done because Ontario has more cases of red measles than anywhere else in North and South America. The disease can cause blindness, hearing trouble, brain damage, pneumonia and even death! A clinic was held at McKenzie-Smith Bennett school two weeks ago to immunize all students.

This week we were able to interview Constable Hatanaka of the Halton Regional Police, who teaches the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program to our Grade 6s. It is a 17-week life skills program that focuses on issues such as peer pressure, self esteem, consequences and decision making.

Every Grade 6 student who goes through the elementary system gets this program. In class, they do role playing, learning how to say "no" to drugs and alcohol and other exercises.

In order to graduate, students have to complete a two page written exam on what they learned in the program and about how they are going to resist drugs and avoid violence.

When they finish, everyone will receive a T-shirt and a certificate. Constable Hatanaka is one of five specially trained officers across the Region and comes in for a one-hour session every Wednesday. She has been an officer since January 1988 and has been teaching the D.A.R.E. program for two years.



GETTING SHOT: Robert Little student Matthew Williams, 5, was one of many to receive a measles vaccine last week from Halton Region Public Health Nurse Shirley MacKay. Children have been vaccinated Halton-wide to increase their resistance to the viral disease. (Doug Harrison photo)

Acton Achievers recognized for their efforts

ACTON HIGH NEWS

Acton Achievers: The parking lot was full at 8 am Friday. Proud parents and students walked into the school resource centre to have breakfast snacks and celebrate with our first Acton Achievers. Acton Achievers are students of whom staff are proud and who don't normally get proper recognition for their achievements.

Thirty-one students were recognized and received certificates and a citation from the staff mem-

bers who nominated them. Students were nominated for a variety of accomplishments: coaching a team, significant improvement, contribution to the arts, leadership, helping others, consistent hard work and co-operation, working in clubs, volunteering, significant independent study.

Congratulations to all Acton Achievers and their families for their support.

The Acton Achiever Award winners are: Jenny Tremblay, Meredith Kenzie, Seabrooke

Leckie, Valerie Farrell, Shari Patenaude, Pam Olsen, Jamie Irwin, Fred Orti, Jennifer Roberts, Brandi Butler, Larry Geo Frizzell, Sandra Banjac, Natasha Sealy, Buchanan Elliot, Shari Forbes, Nicky Scappin, Chris Gerdes, Connie Bayton, Melissa Toth, Mindy Fendley, Sara Wilson, Christa Rigney, Melanie Horst, Chris Perry, Ricki-Lee Petch, Mike Fowler, Sherry Ann Sealy, Steve Townsley, Andrew Priestman, Tavis McKeracher, Matt Royds.

OFSAA: Good luck to our swim

team and senior girls' volleyball team as they go off to OFSAA competition this week. The swim team is at the Etobicoke Olympium on Wednesday and Thursday, and the volleyball team plays in OFSAA Single A competition on the same days in London.

Letters of Concern: These letters will be mailed tomorrow (Thursday) to parents of students about whom teachers have concerns. These concerns could be attendance, behaviour, or academic progress.

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Acton seniors should be wary

I have received information from an Acton senior who told me that there is a possible home repair scam operating in the area. She received a phone call from a man who wanted to know who was responsible for home maintenance at her residence. When she told him she was responsible for her home repair he then asked her age. She then hung up; she was wise enough to know that a reputable repair company would not be interested in her age.

I remind all citizens to never give personal information to phone callers. Do not give your bank card or credit card numbers.

Another scam is still ongoing in the area where you receive a call advising you that you have won a valuable prize, and the caller requests that you send money to pay taxes, freight and shipping (usually they will suggest an amount between \$1,000 and \$2,000 dollars). You will lose money if you do this. Remember - "Don't be a VICTIM!"



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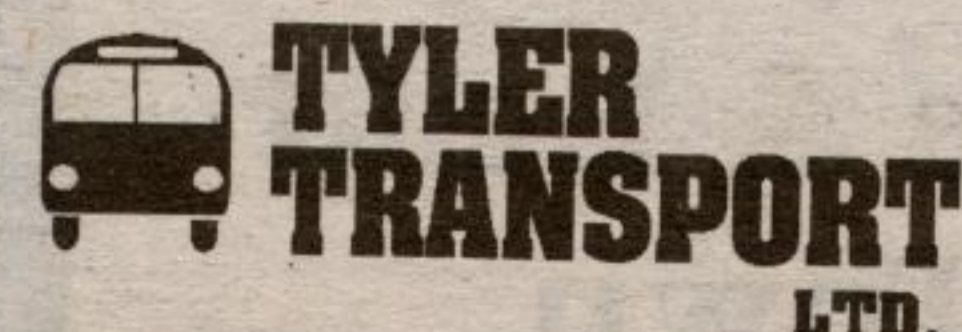
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Students pray for the poor

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

BY MARKO TONKOVICH & MARCUS DAGENAIS

Mrs. Lee's class is having an enjoyable week. They have just welcomed a new student from Colombia and he speaks Spanish. The children are having a fun time playing with him and are having an interesting time helping him to speak English, and maybe learn a little Spanish themselves!

The choir members had a great time at the Lenny Graf concert in Oakville last weekend. They enjoyed singing and sharing the stage with the famous performer and hope to have another chance to see him in the future.

Mr. Morris' class is preparing Eucharistic bread in their religion class and are enjoying taking part in the religious ceremonies. They also have new building blocks to make and design their own inventions.

At this month's school Mass, Father Valeriotte showed us the beautiful picture of Our Lady of Guadeloupe. He explained all the symbols and what they meant. We are remembering that it is Lent and pray for the poor, especially the children.

Have a great March break!