

Students advance to Hamilton science fair

MCKENZIE-SMITH BENNETT

BY ANDREA ADAMS, CHRISSY GOLDRICH, KIM LINDSAY & CHRIS RIVERS

Hello! With March Break coming, all the students here are as excited as ever. We interviewed some students to find out what they are going to do over the break.

Some lucky students are going to Florida, British Columbia, Quebec

and family cottages. Other students are just going to be lazy and watch TV, sleep 'til noon, and generally hang out.

Our school has a chess club, which is going strong. They meet every Tuesday and Thursday at lunch and Wednesday after school. They have over 50 members. Our chess team, which has not yet been selected, will attend the Halton-wide tournament held at Joseph Gibbons school on April 10.

Last Thursday, Mr. Binder from C.N. Rail came in to talk to all the students in the school about the dangers of playing in and around the tracks, as well as other do's and don'ts that we should know about the railway. He gave us a lot of interesting facts, we watched a movie with actors playing out a mock accident scene and then we had a question and answer time.

Our annual science fair was held last Wednesday. In all, there were over 200 displays set up in the gym by the Grade 7s and 8s. Parents were invited to see them on Wednesday night. "They sure were good. I learned a lot!" one of the parents commented after viewing the projects.

Congratulations to Ruth Eddolls, Paige Killick, Amanda Prentice and Charla Banks, who will represent our school at the Hamilton District Science and Engineering Fair. We wish them luck. All our students should be proud of themselves for a job well done, and many thanks to Mr. Straw for the extra time and guidance he has given to us over the last few months, so we'd be ready for the big event.

For campaign details, please call Cathy Gerrow at 853-1424.

The Canadian Cancer Society is totally supported by public donations - they receive no government aid and are not part of the United Way. Half of monies raised go to research projects across Canada. The other half helps to support efforts to deliver health and lifestyle messages to promote prevention, early detection and treatment of cancer.

If you're interested in volunteering, either by canvassing, packaging and sorting the daffodils, or by providing patient services, call Liz Bailey at 853-0585.



SHOWING THEM THE ROPES: Members of the 3rd Acton Beavers dropped by the Tanner office last Wednesday for a tour and to make their own newspaper. Reporter Karen Wetmore showed the group a few interesting things using a computer and the CD-ROM. (Paul Nolan photo)

Daffodil campaign

The Canadian Cancer Society is gearing up for its annual daffodil campaign, which takes place March 28 to 30. Volunteers will be selling these beautiful spring blooms at various locations throughout Acton for \$3 a bunch.

Parent helpers needed

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

BY MARCUS DAGENAIS & MARKO TONKOVICH

When you are reading our article we will be on our March break. We have many different activities planned: some of us are going on trips, while others are just staying home to relax. No matter what we do we all will enjoy the spring break.

Mr. Morris' students are writing their own fairy tales about many different characters from the original fairy tales.

Our school is lucky to have a

number of parent volunteers who do different things. Our teachers want us to ask if you would like to volunteer as well. Some things include listening to a student read or reading to students; also doing articulation activities with a student. Every week we have a hot dog day thanks to parent volunteers. Please call the school if you could spare an hour.

The classes are donating their spare change during Lent to give to the needy. Some students give the money they save by not buying candy or chips in Lent. Every penny helps.

Activities at the 'Y' for March Break

AT THE ACTON JR YMCA

What is happening? The school-age program will run from March 11 to 22 providing a full day of activities for March Break.

Some of the school-age activities include a visit to Red Lobster, the airport, swimming, skating and tobogganing.

The pre-schoolers are looking forward to their trips to the fire station and Mr. Chuckles. The senior pre-school room has been studying animals; the junior pre-school room's focus is community helpers.

We would like to welcome three Acton High co-op students to our program. Tracey Brown, Jill Richmond and Corrie Millman have decided to pursue a placement in early childhood education. We hope they gain lots of experience to prepare them for college.

Our fund-raising for the YMCA community fund is going very well. We have raised one quarter of our \$2,200 goal. Instead of selling chocolates this year, we have decided to sell toffees, provided by New Horizons.

Please remember to support us if someone comes knocking at your door!

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Acton bikers take note ...

The season for bicycling is just beginning. Here are some tips and things to think about before getting on that bike and heading out on the road.

In the spring of 1995 we had a high incidence of bicycle thefts, and most of the stolen bikes were not locked when taken. Also, the bicycle owner usually did not have a serial number, and sometimes did not know the make and model. Take the time right now to write down your bicycle's serial number and other identification, description and make and model!

Several bicycles are recovered each year and turned over to Halton Regional Police Service. At present there are 50 to 60 bicycles stored at the Georgetown police station. They belong to "someone" but have not yet been identified. Eventually they will be sold at auction.

More next week. And please enjoy this great weather!



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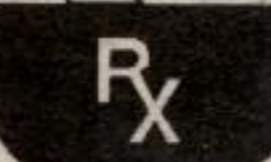
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