



THINGS THAT CAN HOP: Students at Wellington Hall Academy held an Easter Bunny Special day last Thursday and invited their parents to come to school with them. The group above made Easter story books. In front from left are Jonathan McClintock, Madison Van Ryn, Emilee Rogers and Cameron O'Rourke. Back row: Chris Viel, Nick Van Ryn, Robin Holmes and Peter Dewey. (Karen Wetmore photo)

Parents at school

WELLINGTON HALL

BY PETER DEWEY

Last Thursday the junior class invited their parents to the school for the morning. We sang O Canada and showed the parents how we do the morning calendar. Each student read their Easter bunny story to the whole class. Then we did a language arts activity and our math sheets.

At 10 am we served coffee, cookies and a bunny cake made by Mrs. Rogers. Mrs.

Manford read us a story about the Easter bunny.

For Easter we took home our art work. We had two kinds of Easter eggs: one made of clay and one made of plastic. My favourite project was a spring picture made of felt. Mine had a sun, a cloud, the rain, a tree, and an Indian.

In gym we are playing basketball and bowling. We are looking forward to the warm weather when we can play outside.

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MPP Arnott seeks input

BY TED ARNOTT, MPP
Special to The Miller

Dear Friends in Wellington:

I am writing to make you aware of a few issues which are currently being examined by your provincial government, and to seek your advice. As your provincial representative, I am very interested in knowing your thoughts on these matters, so I may make your views and ideas known at Queen's Park:

1) The final report of the School Board Reduction Task Force was released last month. Headed by John Sweeney, it has recommended that the Wellington Public and Dufferin Public School Boards be amalgamated. Additionally, the Sweeney Report suggests the separate schools in Dufferin County be added to Wellington's Separate School Board. A deadline of Jan. 1, 1998 has been suggested for the Boards' implementations.

Other recommendations in the report encourage the government to undertake province-wide pooling of commercial and industrial assessment. Revenues would be redistributed so boards have an equitable amount of classroom expenditure per pupil.

I have already heard from many constituents on this issue. When the Task Force was formulating its report, I had expressed my support in general for increasing efficiency and reducing education administrative costs. However, I have always maintained that it is crucial that a financial analysis of the current school board system is undertaken, in order to determine whether amalgamation of Boards would indeed lower costs.

2) The Provincial Budget, which is the outline of the

government's financial plan for the 1996-97 fiscal year is likely to be tabled in May. The government faces a difficult challenge because the provincial debt is approximately \$100 billion. Steps must be taken to bring the deficit down and start to pay down the debt, so that important services can continue in the future.

Each year's deficit (the amount which the government spends over and above revenues it receives) is added to the debt. And each new deficit increases the amount of interest the government owes, which takes money away from health care, education, and other important services.

The government is examining ways to provide important services and programs more efficiently and at a lower cost.

3) The Provincial government is working on a plan to encourage more accountability and responsibility in the welfare system. It starts from the premise that people who are physically able to work should work. Many people collecting social assistance are caught in a cycle of dependency which is difficult to break.

Hopefully, by reforming the social assistance system so that it is linked to training opportunities and jobs, more people will develop the skills necessary to support themselves.

For further information on any of these initiatives, call the Wellington Riding Office at (519) 848-6253 or toll-free at 1-800-265-2366.

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