

North Halton Happenings

NOVEMBER 26TH

Ballinafad United Church presents an evening of musical entertainment with **The Royal City Ambassadors**, the best in men's barber-shop singing, and the multi-talented Doug Root. Concert begins at 8 p.m. at Ballinafad Community Centre (west of Trafalgar Rd. N., on the Boundary Road between Halton and Erin Twps.). Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. For more information call 519-853-0138.

TO NOVEMBER 27TH

Rockwood Library's Used Book Sale during library hours. Main St. N., Rockwood.

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Eden Mills Community Club Christmas Bazaar, 1 to 3 p.m., featuring Tea Room by the Girl Guides, bake sale, penny table, draws, gifts to purchase. Eden Mills Community Hall.

Montgomery Christmas in the village of Norval, Hwy. 7. Events happening all day in the local churches, stores and throughout the town. 10 a.m. to approximately 4 p.m.

Enjoy a truly **Country Bazaar** at St. John's Anglican Church, Guelph Line, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aside from Christmas crafts and home baking, there are also special gifts for special people, such as woodworking items crafted by Mr. Ken Batt of Guelph that are destined to become collectibles.

NOVEMBER 28TH

Milton Choristers Christmas Concert, 3 p.m. at Milton Alliance Church, Derry Rd. Music from Handel's Messiah and other favourites. \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors/students. Call 905-878-4588.

Creature Feature fundraiser for students of Dance Spirit Studios, 4 p.m. Proceeds to costumes, workshops & education. Rockmosa Community Centre; \$3 per ticket.

SATURDAYS DEC. 4 & 11

Halton Radial Railway Museum, Guelph Line south of Rockwood, 6.30 to 10 p.m., **evening light shows**. Ride streetcars, subway cars and electric railway cars with Santa. See lighted displays, enjoy a cup of hot apple cider in 1912 Grand Trunk station. Admission \$5 per person.

DECEMBER 5TH

Sugar Plum Fairy Craft Sale at the Arboretum, University of Guelph. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Browse the wares of over 40 artisans, enjoy baked goods and refreshments. Get your shopping done early!

Santa's Christmas special, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ride streetcars, subway cars and electric railway cars with Santa. Enjoy a bowl of "Streetcar Chili," a cup of hot apple cider or special Christmas cookies around the wood stove in the 1912 Grand Trunk station. Admission Adults \$6.50, Seniors \$5.50, Youth (3-17) \$4.50. Children (under 3) FREE.

Santa's on his way to Rockwood Library, 1 to 3 p.m. Pre-register; \$1 per child. Bring your letters for Santa's mailbox; photos with Santa are \$2. Call 519-856-4851 for more information.

DECEMBER 9TH

An Evening Christmas Carol, 7 to 9 p.m. throughout the McCrae House neighbourhood in Guelph. Gather for hot chocolate, cider, and merry Christmas wishes!

DECEMBER 19TH

Carols on the Green at St. John's Anglican Church, Rockwood, 6:30 p.m. Hot drinks, bonfire, easy to read lyrics. Bring your toboggan if there's snow!

Rockwood United Church Christmas Play, 7:30 p.m., Harris Street, Rockwood.

DECEMBER 24TH

Candlelight services at St. John's Anglican Church, 5:30 p.m. family/children's pageant; 8 p.m. regular service.

Rockwood/Eden Mills Presbyterian Church services, 7 p.m. Eden Mills, 8:30 p.m. Rockwood.

DECEMBER 31ST

Rockwood & District Lions Club Dinner Dance at the Rockmosa, Main St. N. Buffet dinner and dancing until 1 a.m. \$60 per couple. Call Don Martin at 519-856-4746 for further information or tickets. Proceeds to community betterment.

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Brookville Bengal Beat

BY PAULA GOMES
THE COMPASS



Welcome to the new home of the *Brookville Bengal Beat*. Every month we hope to keep you informed of what is new and exciting at Brookville Public School. The community plays an important role in creating a positive learning environment in the school.

Don't be alarmed if you see a huge tiger roaming the halls of Brookville Public School! A Bengal tiger has arrived at the school to be our mascot. Staff and students alike are enjoying greeting him on a daily basis in the front hall. Thank you to the Munro family for helping us to obtain this stuffed tiger to act as our mascot. The student forum will be giving all students an opportunity to vote on their favourite name for the tiger this month.

Students and staff have kept very busy with sports events this fall. Many students participated in the fall cross-country meet. Brookville hosted the North Schools softball tournament and both of our teams came out on top! The volleyball teams are almost finished their regular schedule and basketball season will soon be starting. The teachers involved in these activities are as excited about the season as the students are. Congratulations to all students for participating and showing their sportsmanship.

The arrival of colder weather signals an event which many students dread - report cards! First term report cards will be sent home with the students on Friday, November 26. Parent-teacher interviews will be held the following week, with a Professional Activity day on Friday, December 3 set aside for this purpose.

Results from the Grades Three and Six Provincial Testing were released in October. The school received results for Brookville, Halton and Ontario. The staff were generally pleased with the overall results, but have taken this opportunity to identify goals for this school year. All Grades Three and Six students take part in this Provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics for a total of five days, during the month of May.

Brookville Public School has seen many improvements over the past few months. A number of parents volunteered their time to paint the doorways for all of the classrooms. A fresh coat of paint was also given to the Kindergarten room, Music room, Art room and office area. Lockers have been installed for students from grades 1 to 4. The outdoor basketball court was repaved. The new sign at the front of the school has provided a great way to communicate! The school council and the staff have worked very hard to keep our school looking great.

A special assembly was held on Remembrance Day, with all staff and students participating. The students are to be commended for their excellent behaviour. In a day when young people are being criticized for not knowing a great deal about Remembrance Day, our students showed that they have not forgotten. The assembly included a musical presentation by the choir, a candle lighting ceremony by the Student Forum and Grade Eight students sharing their writing. Thank you also to Sonia Herring, who played The Last Post and Reveille.

The Student Forum held a very successful dance prior to Halloween. With the help of the School Council and parent volunteers, the last Friday of every month is now a pizza day for the students as well as a Spirit Day. Halloween presented the perfect opportunity, with all students encouraged to wear Halloween costumes in the afternoon. It almost looked like you were walking onto the set of Star Wars!

A Millennium Food Drive is being organized by the Student Forum in December. Their goal is to collect at least 2000 cans of food between December 1 - 20. Please contact the school if you can assist with this worthwhile cause. Donations of canned goods will be accepted at the school during this period.

Merry Christmas

to all our family and friends, clients and readers...

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To one and all, we wish you a happy and safe holiday season.

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