

Brookville Bengals Beat

by Paula Gomes
The Compass



It seems hard to believe that we are already half way through the second term, and report cards are just around the corner. Report cards for the second term will be sent home on Monday, March 5.

It is also time for Kindergarten registration for September. If you have children who will be 5 years of age before the end of December, and will be attending Kindergarten at Brookville School in the fall, please contact the school. The office staff will be able to set up a time for registration or answer any questions you might have.

Winter sports continue at Brookville, with the Grade Six, Seven and Eight basketball teams. They have started their eight game schedules against other schools in Milton, Georgetown and Acton. Congratulations to the students who were selected to represent the school! Also special thanks to the coaches - Mr. Rick Nodwell and Dr. Kim Christine, who are coaching the girls, and Mr. Jason Smyth, who is coaching the boys. The players and coaches would also like to

thank all of the parents, who have helped coach and drive to and from the games. Good luck to both the Boys and Girls teams as they finish their seasons!

The next school dance will be held on Wednesday, February 14 in the school gym, from 3 to 5 in the afternoon. This is an important time for our Grade Six, Seven and Eight students to socialize after school hours. Many thanks are extended to the Student Forum for organizing the dance, and to the parents and teachers who supervise.

Visitors to the school on Friday, January 26 were probably a little confused or thought that our students were acting a little strange. The Student Forum held another successful Spirit and Pizza Day, with the theme being 'Backwards Day'. Many students and staff were seen wearing their clothes backwards, and even walking backwards!

The date for the annual Nassagaweya Community School Fair has been set for Saturday, June 9. Please mark this date on your cal-

endar and plan to attend! We hope you will join us for this fun-filled, family day. If you are interested in helping with organizing and planning the fair, or would like to donate an item to the Giant Raffle, please contact the school.

Students in Grade Eight have started preparing for their trip to Quebec City. Students and their parents were invited to the school library on Monday, January 22 to hear details about the proposed trip. A representative from Educational Adventures presented information about the trip, which is scheduled for June 5 to June 8.

The Milk Program is returning to Brookville Public School. Starting in February, students will have the opportunity to order small cartons of white or chocolate milk for lunch. This program will enable students to order smaller sizes of milk than is presently available in the machines at the school. The staff and students would like to thank Mrs. Karen Kitching for her help in setting up this program.

Percy W. Merry News

by Kim Pickering
The Compass

Christmas Craft night was a great success at Percy Merry. The Home and School raised \$1,000 by selling pizza and pop, homemade goodies and proceeds from our annual Christmas Raffle. Families worked together to make two winter crafts to take home to display over the holidays.

The Annual Christmas Turkey Dinner was enjoyed by all the students, staff and guests. The whole hot turkey lunch was donated, cooked and served by the students' parents. All the students participated in some way in the preparation of the food. All leftovers were taken to Halton Women's Place and Halton Recovery Place.

Skating for the primary grades 1 to 3 is taking place at John Tonelli Arena in Milton for four Wednesday afternoons for an hour. The Junior classes grades 4 to 6 will be skating three Wednesdays afternoons in February. This winter activity promotes good health and fitness.

Lunchtime Intramural Clubs have started. Chess Club meets on Monday, Drama Club meets on Fridays, Sports Club meets on Tuesdays, and Nature Nuts on

Fridays. There is something for everyone.

Winter Events:

- Ground Hog Day - Theme Day about Hibernation January 31/01
- Red, White and Pink Day - Spirit Day February 14/01
- Winter Playday February 9/01

Upcoming TEAC Seminars

Seminars take place at Cedarvale in Georgetown, SE corner of Maple Ave. and Main St. (8th Line). Cost is \$5/person, with refreshments.

- Feb. 15, 7 to 9:30 p.m.: Steve Hounsell, "The Natural Step," and Bob Barnett from the Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy.
- March 22, 7 to 9:30 p.m.: Katija Blaine, Univ. of Guelph, "Food Safety - Bioengineering of Today's Foods."

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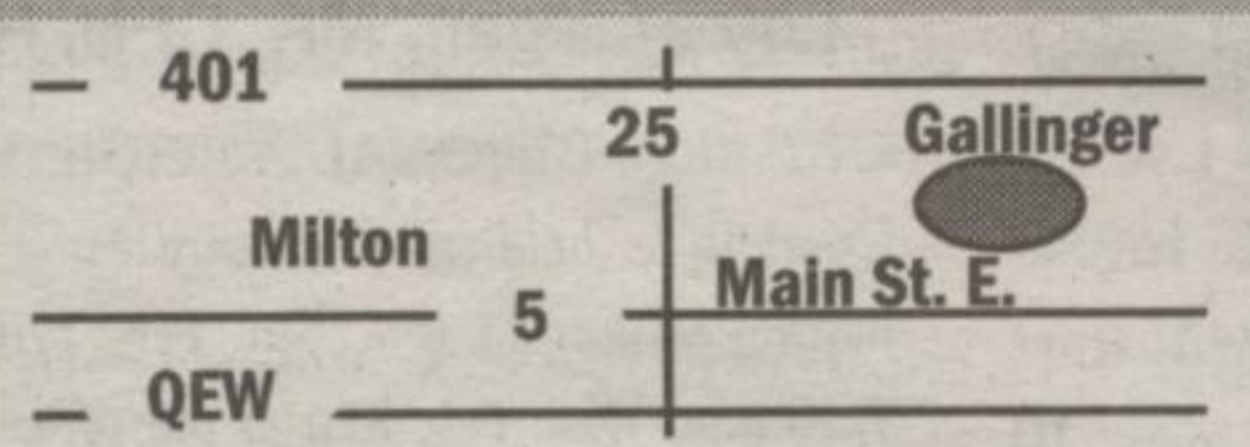
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