



# Brookville Bengals Beat

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Students and staff at Brookville Public School have been busy preparing for the holiday season. It has been an exciting month at the school with many activities and events taking place.

The Christmas season started with a performance by the Acton High School Band on December 4 at a school assembly. The following week, on Friday, December 13, we

welcomed the Milton District High School Band to perform at an assembly. As Mr. Nodwell said, "It is always great to see some of our former students come back!"

The primary students participated in the festivities with their annual Carol Sing in the courtyard on the evening of Tuesday, December 10. The many families who braved the cold were treated to a performance of

holiday songs by each class from Junior Kindergarten to Grade Three, and were also entertained by the Primary Choir. A big thank you goes to all of the staff and students for a wonderful performance and also Mrs. Kelly McIntyre for her musical contributions to the evening.

The anticipation of Christmas is not the only excitement that's been building in the school. The volleyball

season has also been exciting. Our Boys' Grade Six to Eight team defeated McKenzie Smith Bennett to capture the Tier II title for North Halton. Our Girls' Volleyball team defeated Centennial to win the Tier I North Halton title and will be competing in the All Halton Finals. This is the first time in the school's history, at least to anyone's recollection, that a Brookville team has made it to the All Halton Finals. Congratulations to both the Boys and Girls' teams! Special thanks and congratulations also go to our coaches, Mrs. Keir, Mrs. Boycott, Mr. Ford and Mr. Jones, for their timeless efforts.

Basketball tryouts continue for both boys and girls in Grades Six, Seven and Eight. Mr. Thompson will be coaching the Boys' Team and Mr. Nodwell will be coaching the Girls' Team. Their regular season will begin the week of January 6, 2003. Good luck to both of our teams.

Our newly formed Brookville Bengals also deserve congratula-

tions. This choir of students from Grades Four to Eight captured third place in a Halton/Peel Choir Festival at Hopedale Mall in Oakville. Their performance was also taped for inclusion on a CD of the event. On December 4, they were invited to sing at a Halton Board of Education meeting. Many thanks go to Mrs. MacIntyre and Mrs. Wheatley for their superb direction of our up and coming singers.

On Tuesday, December 17, the Grade Six classes celebrated their DARE graduation. DARE, which stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education, is a special drug education program taught by the Education Services Unit of the Halton Regional Police Service. Our school has been fortunate to have Officer Wendy Chapman teaching the program for the last few years. A special closing ceremony was held for the Grade Six DARE students with presentation of Certificates of Completion. As well, the parents, students and staff in attendance were treated to musical presentations by some of the students and readings of four of the D.A.R.E. essays. Congratulations to all students involved.

The staff and students of Brookville Public School would like to wish all of our families and our community the very best for this holiday season. Enjoy this special time with family and friends, and may 2003 be all you hope it will be!



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