

Robert Little walked to school

Robert Little students, staff and families participated in the 5th Annual International Walk to School Day on Wednesday, Oct. 6. It was also Crazy Hat Day so the whole community got to see this mass participation!

This was the annual premier event of the Active & Safe Routes to School program. It was a mass celebration around the world of active transportation (i.e. walking, cycling, skipping, etc.). This event created a higher level of awareness of the issues surrounding the journey to and from school.

As the number of parents driving their children to and from school has increased, the number children walking to and

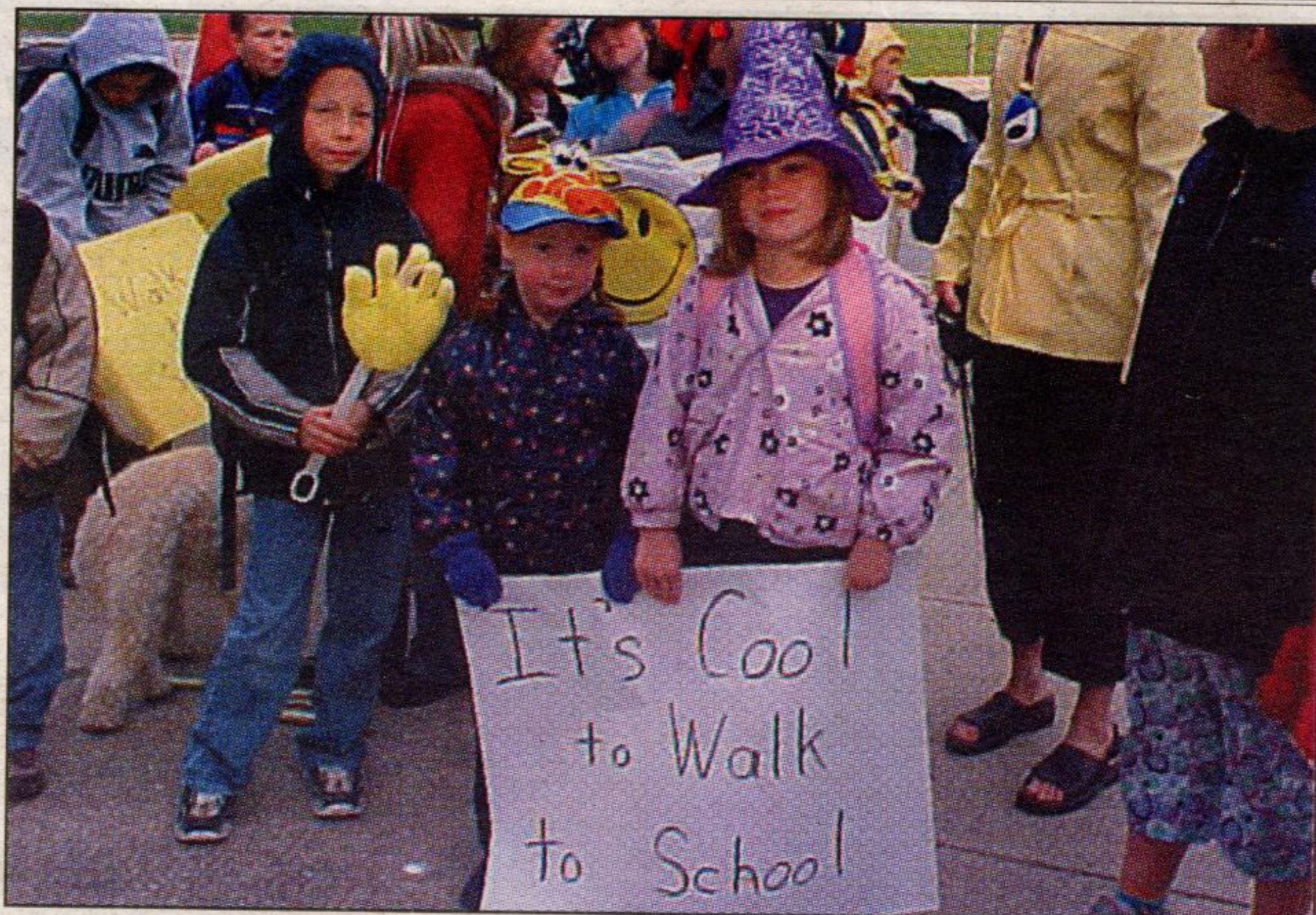
from school has decreased.

The themes that were promoted during iWALK included:

- Increasing daily physical activity
- Raising awareness on how safe and accessible walking is in our community
- Creating a healthier environment by decreasing traffic congestion and minimizing air pollution around the school
- Developing community cohesion and promoting social interaction

It is hoped that *International Walk to School Day* will begin to reverse the habit of driving to school. Children could walk, run, cycle, in-line skate or any other safe means that would help them take an active route to school. Parents

were invited to walk with their children to school. Those children who must take the bus were encouraged to walk to their bus stop and parents who must drive their children were encouraged to arrange a safe drop-off point with adult supervision, which was approximately a 15 minute walk from the school. Bussed students participated in a walk around the school for the recommended 15 minutes. Parents and staff who walked children to school; took along two or three or more other kids and established a Walking School Bus. The more the merrier! Robert Little's Golden Shoe Awards will be presented to the Primary and Junior classes with the highest percentage of walkers.



Robert Little School students give a thumbs up to International Walk to School Day. They made the day even cooler by parading in their crazy hats for Crazy Hat Day. - Submitted photo

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Police / Fire Report

DRUNK DRIVER

A 27-year-old Guelph man was charged with impaired driving and having over 80 milligrams in 199-millilitres of blood after he was stopped by police near the Acton East plaza at 3:42 a.m. on Friday.

The man's erratic driving was reported by a citizen to police who stopped the car and, observing the usual signs of impairment, tested the man who blew over the legal limit at the police station.

RUDE AWAKENING

Unknown suspects tore down part of a white picket fence at a Mill Street East residence between 2:30 and 2:45 a.m. on Saturday.

The homeowner told police he was awakened by several loud bangs and found a section of fence had been pulled out, causing \$250 damage.

SIGN STOLEN

A large Pepsi wall sign was stolen from the front of Jug City at 22 Mill Street overnight Saturday/Sunday. The sign is worth \$500.

DANGEROUS DRIVER

A speeding motorist lost control of his pickup truck and slid into a fence at the

rear driveway of the Acton East plaza, causing \$200 damage at 6:03 p.m. last Wednesday.

Police said the driver, an 18-year-old Orville Road resident who was travelling at a high rate of speed, was charged with dangerous operation of a motor vehicle.

BACKYARD BURN

Acton firefighters responding to an open air burning complaint at 10:57 Sunday morning found the occupants of a Poplar Avenue residence were burning in a chimney.

They were advised to extinguish the fire and apply for a burn permit.

Earlier that morning at 9:48 a.m., Acton firefighters checked out a carbon monoxide alarm at a Spruce Boulevard house. No levels of any gas were found, and the homeowner was advised to replace the detector if the problem continues.

FALSE ALARM

A homeowner cooking, accidentally set off a smoke alarm at a rural Nassagaweya house on Guelph Line, north of 25 Side Road, at 11:27 a.m. last Wednesday.

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