



Mrs. Hall and Mr. Walker efforts in the track fundraising started with the realization that the back field was unsafe. Photo by - Andrew Adams

Back the Track!

By CALANDRA KANDZIORA

Over the past two months Centennial Middle School has been involved in fundraising projects to improve the quality of their back field.

In a recent interview with Mrs. Hall, one of the key staff fundraisers, she stated exactly the who, what, when and where's of this project.

There are a great number of people involved with this Millennium fundraising project, including parents and staff.

While Mrs. Hall and Mr. Walker were involved with gym

lessons they realized that the track was unsafe due to the erosion of soil due to overuse. They contacted the Town of Halton Hills who informed them that there was no capital budget for this project.

The school uses the back field for gym purposes, classrooms in good weather, fitness activities and various sports.

The school is fortunate to have such dedicated staff members as Mrs. Hall and Mr. Walker. Hopefully their fundraising efforts will help begin the new Millennium smoothly as we hope our track will soon be.

Centennial's back field needs make over

By LAURA GRIFFERTY

Think about how much time you spend driving in your car everyday, or the time you spend brushing your teeth. On a daily basis it does not seem like a lot of time, yet in really adds up.

The students of Centennial spend about four hours and twenty-five minutes each week on the back field.

The playground at Centennial is not one of its better features. During the noon hour many students leave the school property because there are few opportunities for them to be involved. There is one baseball diamond, soccer posts and five basketball nets. All of these are used by about half of the students and therefore many students are not able to participate in games and activities at lunch time.

The field is in extremely bad shape. The grass is poorly maintained and there are bald spots which

become very muddy. The potholes are increasing in size and number. If we do not take action soon they will destroy our field completely.

A feature that Centennial staff and students wish to have is a track in the back field. This will help the students during gym class; instead of running around the block during gym they could practise on the track. A new track could offer more safety to the runners.

The students at Centennial are very interested in being involved in the community and helping future students.

We've participated in a "Read-a-thon," made donations to the Silent Auction and sold tickets for the dinner.

School is a place to learn and have fun. A lot of our time is spent outside. Why not make it enjoyable? Something to look forward to - not something to dread.

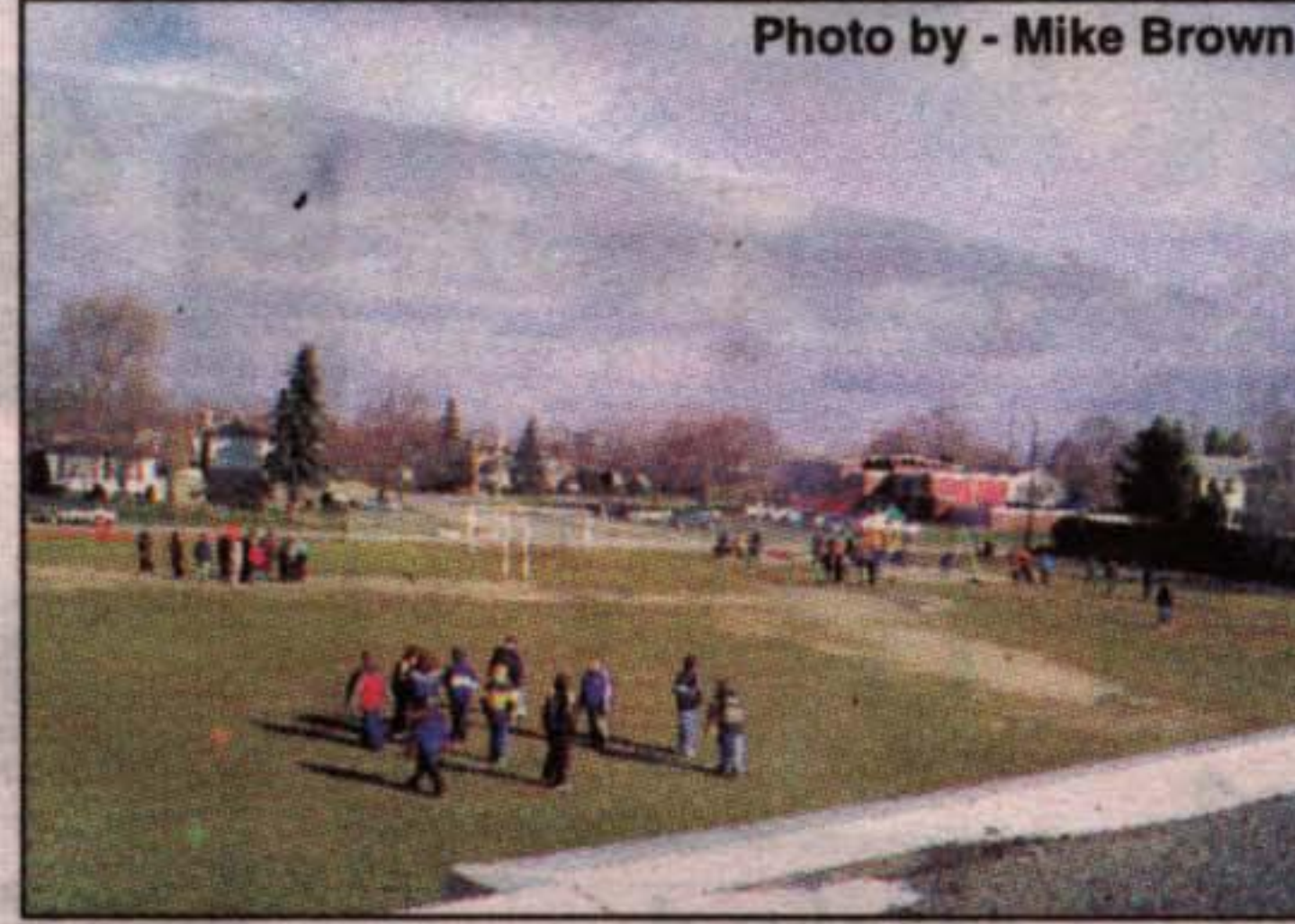


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Education "Very Important," said Mr. Perl

By KRISTY LIBBENGA

We at Centennial would like to thank Mr. John Perl of Capital Ford for his generosity to our Millennium Project.

Mr. Perl sponsored a full page advertisement in The Independent and that gave us the opportunity to have more pages in our section.

Mr. Perl does not live in Georgetown now, but he did for about eight years.

He has been so generous to Centennial because he does not think the schools get enough money. He believes that education is very important and he is

very glad to help.

He has been at Capital Ford for 20 years and thinks he should help out our community. Mr. Perl thinks it is great what we are doing to ensure the wellbeing and safety of the staff and students at Centennial.

Mr. Perl says "Nothing in life is so difficult that if you don't try you cannot achieve it." He also said, "Generosity is not what the receiver gets but rather the happiness the giver receives that makes it all worth while."

We would like to thank Mr. Perl for all of his support in helping our dream become a reality.

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