

Education

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL NEWS

Team off to Penn State

The Centennial Middle School senior girls volleyball team will be competing in the Penn State Volleyball Tournament in Pennsylvania, May 26-29. The team coached by Mrs. Patty Hall includes: J.J. Edwards, Dayna Kanis, Megan Sproule, Katelyn Gingras, Laura Collins, Kelly Haines, Sherelle Sheppard, Olivia Martynuk, Ashley Shantz and Bobbi Forbes.

The team went undefeated in their regular season games, winning both the North Halton championships and the all-Halton championships. Their record is 66 wins and five losses. Good luck girls!

—Katelyn Gingras '89

Front garden rejuvenation

Spring fever at Centennial has certainly inspired the school to "freshen up" its appearance. Centennial's front garden will be revitalized by shrubs, flowers, and a scenic vista. The much needed change will embellish the appearance and provide a pleasant outdoor atmosphere for the staff, students, and the community.

The school is currently seeking voluntary help and garden experts to aid in the modest renovation. The improvement will take place during the last two remaining months of the school year.

—Adele Barclay

On the road again

After returning from a well deserved silver at the Atlantic BandFest in Halifax, the Centennial Band is on the road again this month to Ottawa. The band was invited to perform at the Nationals Music Competition after their gold performance at the regionals. The band students recognize and appreciate that all of this would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of the band's director and conductor, Mrs. Stewart, and all the community sponsors.

—Katie Stiel '84

Students had a rocking time

In the gym of Centennial Middle School from noon Friday, May 4 until noon Saturday, May 5 approximately 120 students were rocking in rocking chairs, listening to music, playing games, or chatting with their friends, and constantly on the move at the annual Rocking Chair-athon. We managed to earn over \$35,000 for the Field of Dreams (school grounds) plus the students had a blast!

—Natalya Lohnes '84

Four schools win Blue Planet Awards

Harrison, Holy Cross, Robert Little and St. Brigid schools were among the 20 Halton schools honoured with Blue Planet Awards after demonstrating a priority on protecting, preserving and enhancing the environment.

Representatives from the schools attended a special ceremony at the Ontario Place Cinesphere, hosted by Halton Region, in partnership with the two school boards.

The Acton and Georgetown schools received these environmental achievement awards because:

Harrison Public School has a long history of successful environmental projects and continues to take on new projects. This year they are involving all of their students and families in planting a woodlot of native trees (100 small trees and 500 saplings). They are implementing an Adopt-A-Habitat program to encourage student and family ownership of the existing Habitat Garden and Bird and Butterfly Garden, in addition to the new 'mini-forest'.

Students from all grades continue to be involved in weekly recycling, litterless lunches, playground cleanup and promoting the new 'mini-forest' announcements, skits, posters, and models. New steps include starting a composting program this spring.

Holy Cross Catholic School's Green Team is into recycling. They ensure that recycle containers for paper and cans are in each classroom and are well used. They empty containers all around the school on a weekly basis, working with the custodian. The Green

Team ran a Clothing Drive this winter to recycle used winter clothing for needy families in our community. They are also asking the community to recycle their ink and toner printer cartridges by sending them into the garbage. The Green Team earns one dollar for each recycled cartridge and they are helping out

include Earth Kids (a group of students who have worked on the awareness of the mistreatment of zoo animals (including fund-raising), weeding and planting on the school grounds, researching and creating information murals on habitats and pollution, composting, waste reduction, and working on the Trees 2000 project (learning about natural areas and planting native hardwood trees).

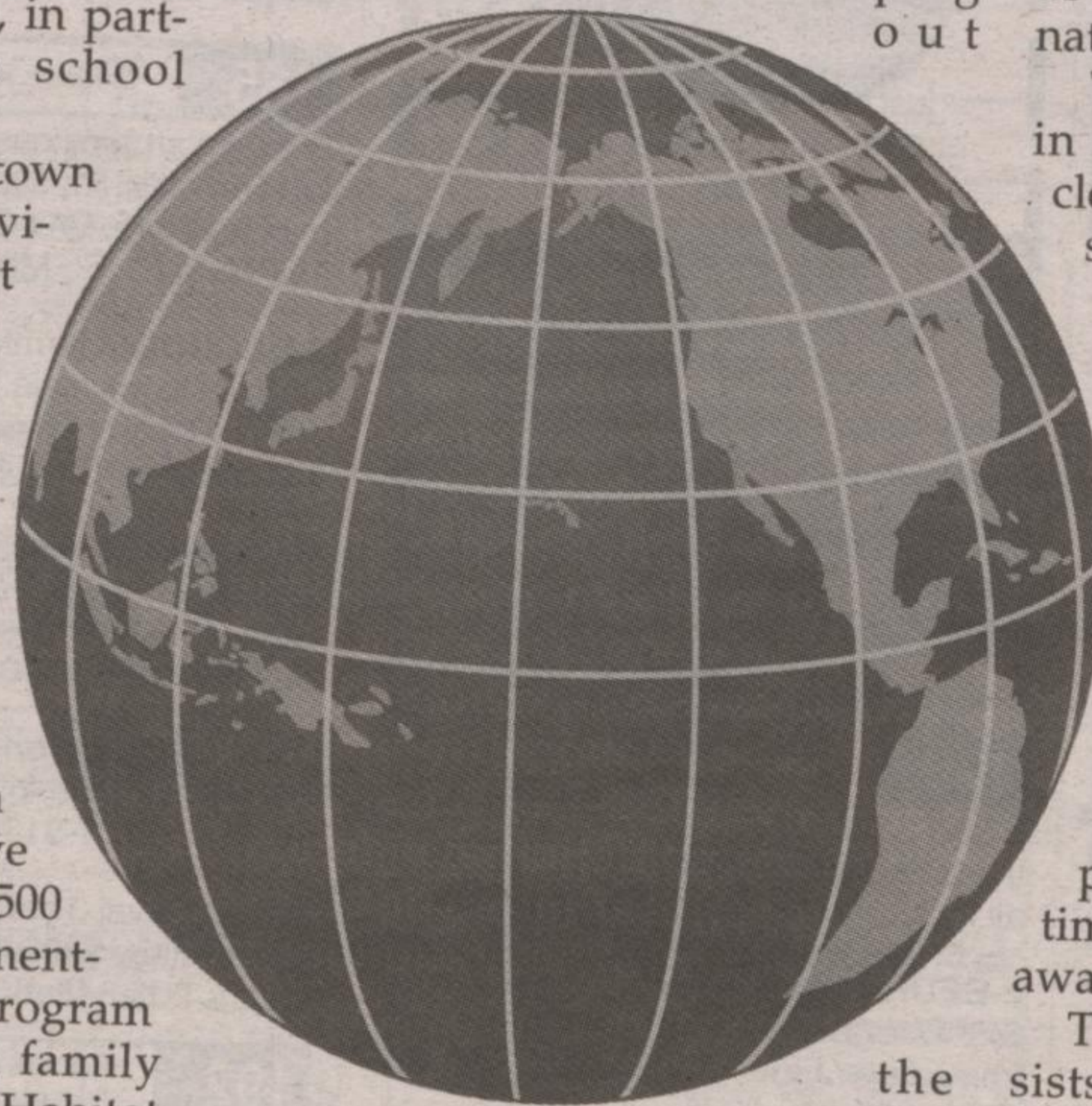
The Kids have also participated in the Black Creek Project—the cleanup and replanting of native species to reclaim a wasteland behind the Acton hydro office—this led to the students receiving the Municipal Electrical Association Environmental Excellence 2000 Award.

St. Brigid Catholic School has had an active environmental club, led by Mrs. Kokelj and Miss Scholz, for the past five years. This is the third time the school has received this award.

The Environmental Club consists of 25 students who pick up from classrooms blue boxes that contain recycling paper, pop cans, plastic bottles and pop tabs.

The students have been involved with tree planting for the past two years and have participated in the Trees 2000 Millennium Project, planting native tree species in the Georgetown South Community Park.

St. Brigid has an environmental board in the school where classes display artwork to raise awareness of environmental issues. The Drama Club put together a play for an Earth Week assembly entitled The Three Rs. During Waste Reduction Week and Earth Week, students participate in morning announcement quizzes, as well in weekly litterless lunches.



the environment at the same time. It's great to have the Green Team around to remind us of how important it is to recycle!

The Holy Cross White Elephant Sale will be held on Friday, June 8, 9:15 a.m. to noon in the school gym. The money raised will be used to support baby elephants orphaned by ivory hunters, to pay for additional kilometres of Trans-Canada Trail and to support the school's environmental initiatives. Check your attics, cupboards and basements for clean usable items that can be donated to the sale.

Robert Little Public School has been involved in several environmental initiatives this year. They

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