

Education

CALENDAR

Retired teachers meet

Retired Women Teachers of Ontario— Lydia Snow Branch (Georgetown) meets on Thursday, Oct. 17 at St. John's United Church, Glen Williams, 9:30 a.m.

Toddlers & crafts

Maple Nursery School holds a Toddler Craft Morning, Friday (Oct. 18) and Monday, Oct. 21, 9-10:30 a.m. The school is located in Cedarvale Park.

LDAH meets

Learning Disabilities Association of Halton (LDAH) meets on Oct. 21 at Oakville Parent Child Centre, 337 Kerr St. Parent support group, 7-8 p.m. Topic at 8 p.m.: LDAO Early Intervention Project— a new resources for teachers and parents. Info: LDAH, 905-844-6905.

Week of the Child

Halton Hills Child Care Centre, 60 Park Ave., Georgetown is celebrating the Week of the Child by inviting all families in the community to participate in its programs, every day, from Oct. 21-25, 9-11 a.m. Come join the fun.

Learn CPR

Halton Hills Choices 4 Health is holding a Community CPR Blitz on Saturday, Oct. 26, 9 a.m. to noon at the Acton Arena. A \$10 fee will be charged. This is a fun way for everyone (over the age of 12) to learn CPR or update their skills. Info: Joanne, Halton Region Health Department, 905-877-2238.

Christmas Shopping Night

Hornby Co-op Nursery School is hosting a Christmas Shopping Night on Friday, Nov. 8, 7-10 p.m. More than 20 crafters and vendors, a bake table, raffles or enjoy a coffee and a snack at the Hornby Café. The school is located on the south side of Steeles Ave, just west of Trafalgar Road. Parking is available at the school. Donations are welcome for the raffle and bake table. For more information, contact the school or call Kelly Haley at 905-702-8775.



Making the grade

Georgetown District High School students assembled for a photo recently after receiving their Grade Medallions for academic excellence at the school's award ceremonies. Among those receiving medallions were, (front, from left) Jenny Adams (Grade 12 gold), Shanni Olinoski (Grade 10 gold), Katie Burns (Grade 9 bronze). In back, Steve Petryschuk (Grade 9 silver), Sarah Moorcroft (Grade 11 bronze), Jennianne Northmore (Grade 10 bronze) and Evan Mills (Grade 10 silver).

Photo by Ted Brown

Teachers College issues advisory defining sexual abuse/misconduct

The Ontario College of Teachers, the professional body responsible for licensing teachers, has issued a new advisory to the profession that clearly defines what constitutes sexual abuse.

"The teaching profession itself is the driving force behind this effort to ensure that students are safe in the care of Ontario teachers," said College chair Larry M. Capstick. "The profession, through the College, wants to deal with inappropriate conduct of a sexual nature in a decisive and open manner."

The advisory, Professional Misconduct Related to Sexual Abuse, describes what may constitute sexual abuse, sexual harassment and sexual relationships and provides examples of situations that teachers should avoid or consider carefully.

This is the first advisory the College issued in its five years of operation. It follows on the heels of the Ontario government's Student Protection Act which came into force Sept. 3. That Act strengthens reporting requirements between the College and employers to prevent teachers who have been disciplined for, charged with or convicted of, a sexual offence involving minors, from moving from board to board or school to school.

The Act also defines "sexual abuse of a student by a member" as: sexual intercourse or other forms of physical sexual relations; touching of a sexual nature, or behavior or remarks of a sexual nature by the member towards the student.

The College will be going on a 15-city provincial tour across Ontario to get the message out to educators and the public about the advisory. For more information check out the Web site www.oct.on.ca

Speaker to teach how to resolve conflicts

Secrets in successfully resolving conflicts with kids of any age will be the topic of seminar to be held on Wednesday, Oct. 23, 7-8:30 p.m. at the John Elliott Theatre in Georgetown.

Learn how to:

- Establish a home environment that helps to prevent conflicts
- Teach your kids how to express their anger in more appropriate ways
- Understand your conflict management style and its impact on your kids
- Use seven steps in conflict resolution to help you successfully resolve conflicts with your kids in a winning way

Brian Harris, B.A., M.Ed., an author

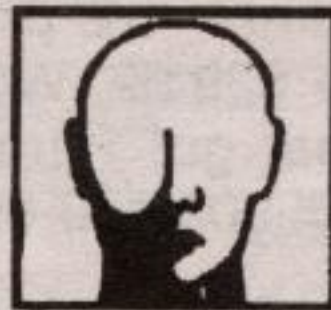
and professional speaker, and former educator with more than three decades of practical experience in working with elementary, high school, college and university students, will be the featured presenter for this evening. He is the author of 12 books, has presented similar workshops in conflict resolution to parents, teachers, counsellors, social workers, police officers, and representatives from many businesses. For additional information on Harris see www.xplorations.ca

This free evening presentation for all interested parents is sponsored by The Parent Education Network. Call 905-873-2681 ext. 2515 to reserve a seat.



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