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Fall fair arrives

Floyd Boyd of Toronto puts the finishing touches on one of the midway rides as the Scarborough-based Funland Outdoor Amusements crew set up

the midway Thursday in preparation for the Georgetown Agricultural Society's annual fall fair this weekend. Photo by Ted Brown

In search of drugs and weapons Police dogs make their return to area high schools

Local high school students considering bringing drugs, guns or explosives to high school may want to re-think their plan or risk facing the dog days of school.

The region's public and Catholic school boards, in conjunction with Halton Regional Police, are reinstating a program to use trained detector dogs to search high schools for specific dangerous or illegal items.

The Safe School Canine Initiative, which began this week with the 2003-04 school year, is a more comprehensive hybrid of the earlier Project Hall Walk. The latter program began in Halton in 1997 but was discontinued and put under review in 2000.

"The focus is still on detecting drugs but the difference here is locating guns and explosives, like a pellet gun or firecrackers," said Jacki Oxley, the Halton public board's school and community liaison officer.

A Halton police drug and morality bureau officer said the program can only work with the co-operation of the school boards.

"We have to depend on both school boards and the information they provide is (indicating) the dynamics of drug use (among teens) have changed," said Nishan Duraiappah.

"Back in the 1990's people thought there was a drug problem. The board is telling us (now) that nobody is hiding their heads in the sand anymore."

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