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## First clean up day nets nearly 13 tonnes of garbage

Double the number of people collected double the amount of litter during Clean Up Halton Hills on Saturday. Sixty-eight groups, teams, businesses, families and individuals picked up rubbish in parks and schoolyards and along streets and ravine trails, totaling 12.7 tonnes, plus two large dump trucks filled with wood, metal and tires. Last spring, 30 groups, families and individuals collected six tonnes of litter and 15 tonnes of metal, wood and tires.

Councillor Jane Fogal, chair of the Litter Free Task Force thanked the volunteers—“fantastic citizens who picked up a mountain of litter ... that other irresponsible citizens dropped or pitched from their car windows.”

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## Sibling science whiz kids heading to national fair

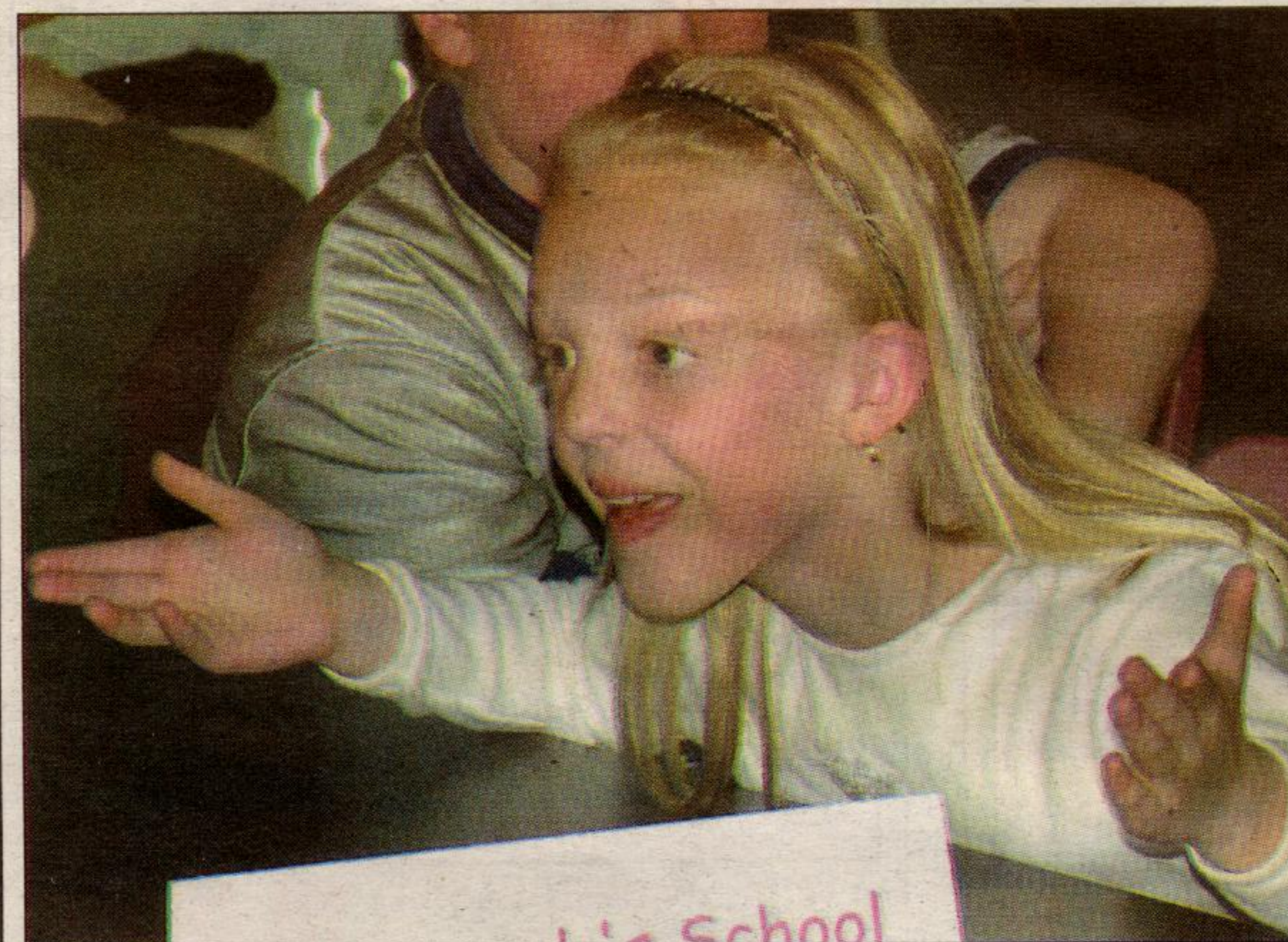
Science may be her first love, but Marianne Querques isn't too bad with numbers either. “There are 5,000 projects every year so one in every 1,000 gets to advance,” she said, breaking down the chances of advancing to the Canada-wide science fair set for St. John's, Newfoundland May 15-23. “Participating in the region fair is great. Going to the nationals is a dream come true.”

It's a dream that is coming true for the second straight year for the Grade 11 student at Christ the King Secondary School. Even more remarkable is that her brother Joseph, a Grade 9 student, has also made the grade for the Canada-wide event for the second time.

Figuring out those odds could be a project in itself. Maybe their brother Nicolas could tackle that one. He teamed up with cousin John Spehar to win three awards at the regional Bay Area Science and Engineering Fair (BASEF).

But Joseph is quick to point out that math, construction and even sports are tied to science. Joseph said one project at the regional fair dealt with how your hand size and palm width affect how well you can throw a football. Even in the Querques family, the projects were diverse, dealing with biology, engineering, computers and geography.

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## Putting a different face on the Battle of the Books

An animated Caitlin Lumbers got right into the spirit of the Halton Hills Public Library Battle of the Books competition Tuesday night as she prompted her team leader with the answers to various book related questions. Caitlin and her team mates from St. Joseph's School in Acton battled to capture the championship from Holy Cross in the junior category. In the senior round, St. Francis of Assisi School took the honours, narrowly defeating the Centennial Middle School team. On Monday, homeschoolers from Halton Hills and Brampton participated in Halton Hills Public Library's first ever homeschool Battle of the Books. The top two teams were the Brampton Junior Homeschool Group and the Georgetown Senior Homeschool Group.

Photos by Ted Brown



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