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Silver Creek listed among top schools in Canada

Silver Creek Public School may be one of the country's best schools but principal Wendy Harrison says the best is yet to come.

The Georgetown school, which opened its doors for just its second year this week, was named one of Canada's great schools in the September issue of *Today's Parent* magazine. But with Silver Creek's first year under its belt, Harrison is looking to build on the school's successful foundation.

"We're very proud of our school, our kids and our staff. But at the same time we're humbled because the things we endeavor to do are evident in schools across Halton," Harrison said. "We're starting to see the fruits of our labour. The kids are so excited with what they learned last year."

Aside from the basics of reading and writing, what the students learned last year was respect and appreciation. The school adopted the Tribes philosophy from Day 1. Tribes stresses the principles of mutual respect, attentive listening and appreciation by making them part of the every day learning environment.

Silver Creek is one of three Tribes schools in Halton, including Georgetown's George Kennedy.

Halton Hills Trustee Ethel Gardiner said any number of Halton schools could have made *Today's Parent's* list but Silver Creek is an excellent example that a school doesn't need a long history to be successful.

"The students treat each other with respect and that creates a happy, productive learning environment," Gardiner said. "All the teachers that came to the school had to be committed to the Tribes program and the staff has

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Don Smith of Shelburne wasn't the least bit deterred by the heavy rains Thursday morning as he cleaned up the Tilt-a-Whirl ride in preparation of this weekend's Georgetown Fall Fair. Smith, a driver and ride technician for Crown Amusements, based in Fort Erie, is responsible for maintaining and overseeing the operation of the Tilt-a-Whirl, which is the most popular ride in the midway.
Photo by Ted Brown

To avoid repeat of last year's riot Police have new measures in place for fair

After working closely with members of the community over the past year, Halton Regional Police will be making several changes to the security they provide at the Georgetown Fall Fair.

The changes are being made to ensure the safety and security of area residents as well as the people attending the fair.

The police will have a command post located at the fair's main entrance to assist with security, lost people and

lost property. Bags will be searched for alcohol, weapons or other undesirable items. Unsealed beverages will not be allowed in the park. Double fencing around the property will allow volunteers and police to easily identify trespassers.

Halton Police are asking residents who live near the park to leave outside lights on during the evening to assist with visibility and to lock all vehicles, keep valuables out of sight or to park vehicles in their garage. The police also

recommend storing loose items, such as lawn ornaments and furniture. Police say residents should not allow anyone to cut through their property and should contact police if they witness any suspicious or criminal behaviour.

The police remind parents they are responsible for knowing where their children are and that they should speak with them to make sure they know what expectations are in respect to their conduct.

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