

EDUCATION



Ontario winner

Raeanne Dingwall of Georgetown, competed in the "All of Central Ontario" Optimist Oratorical Contest held in Kingston. Raeanne was sponsored by the Optimist Club of Georgetown and she competed against nine other contestants ages 13 to 16 years old. The theme of all the speeches focused on "My future is bright because...." and Raeanne spoke about diabetes research, insulin and the advancements in new technology to treat diabetes. Raeanne did an exceptional job, speaking with poise and maturity, and won second place overall. She is the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship to any university.

Calendar

Tuesday, June 20

Literacy North Halton Volunteer Recognition and AGM: Help us celebrate 20 years in this community and the achievements of Literacy North Halton, our students, volunteers and the community that supports us, 7-9 p.m. at Acton Legion, 15 Wright St. Info: 905-873 2200 or visit www.literacynh.org.

Wednesday, June 21

Special Needs Parent Support Group: Do you have a child aged 0 to 6 years old with undiagnosed or recently diagnosed special needs? Join other parents to share the challenges, joys and fears of raising a child with special needs 7-9 p.m. at Ontario Early Years, Georgetown Satellite. Info: 905-873-2960.

Friday, June 23

Harrison Family Picnic for Kirkland: Harrison Public School is holding a fundraising family BBQ/picnic, 6 p.m. to dusk. There will be a barbecue, bake sale, silent auction/raffle table, a baseball game and free games for the kids. Proceeds to support Kirkland Kilbride who suffers from mitochondrial disease.



Building Memories at GDHS

Georgetown District High School principal Ron Maruya (left) and Halton District School Board director Wayne Jordrie presented area trustee Ethel Gardner with gifts in appreciation of her many years of service in Halton Hills. The presentation was made at the GDHS Building Memories Campaign banquet last month at the Gellert Centre. Approximately 125 people attended the dinner and \$8,000 was raised for the campaign, which will be used to help current GDHS students to build memories by participating in activities outside the classroom and to update displays that recognize the school's 119-year history.

Submitted photo



Co-op Ed congrats

For 30 years, Georgetown Chevrolet (formerly Murray Motors) has been accepting co-operative education students from Georgetown District High School, sometimes two at a time. At the annual GDHS co-op education appreciation breakfast at North Halton Golf Course, Georgetown Chevrolet Service manager Roger Enge congratulated co-op student Neil Platts as he presented his diploma.

Photo by Ted Brown



St. Catherine students adopt

St. Catherine of Alexandria held its first ever Adoption Program in order to help promote and support Earth Day. Headed by Grade 3 teacher Maria Locker and funded by the entire school population, St. Catherine's was able to raise enough money to adopt 22 polar bears from the World Wildlife Fund. Each classroom received an adoption certificate from the WWF, as well as a polar bear of their own. The money raised went towards funding projects to help stop the melting ice caps in the Arctic, a problem that is causing Canada's polar bears to disappear rapidly. Joining Locker for a photo were students (from left) Pascale Colangelo of Grade 5, Taylor Smith of Grade 3, Haden Soler of Grade 6 and Evan Amaral of Grade 1.

Photo by Ted Brown

Local student wins CFP Youth Poetry award

Grade 9 Christ the King student Alex Carillo-Hayley was a prize winner in the Canadian Federation of Poets' Halton CFP Youth Poetry Event. Alex's poem is called *Crumpled Napkin*.

In a restaurant not far away
On a shiny white lineoleum floor
Sits a crumpled, forgotten napkin.
Stained, and containing remnants:
Smears of lip gloss,
A speck of rejected spaghetti sauce.
Folded, meshed in a wad of emotion,
It lies in a dark corner,
Stepped on
By combat boots and pink high heels,
Faded cowboy boots, and black Converse high tops.
It lays unnoticed, forgotten
But inside,
In careless, miniscule writing,
The true emotions
Of a tattered heart
That could not longer take it,
Grabbed the nearest pen
And began to pour it down.
A confession
Which scared her so greatly
That she violently crumpled the napkin,
Quickly discarded the evidence
And left the scene.
Feelings lie unnoticed
In the figure of a stained and tattered napkin
On the dirty floor,
Concealed, and hidden away
From the world.

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