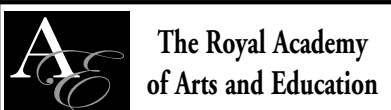


# EDUCATION



## Motivate Your Child to Succeed in School!

With another school year just underway, The Royal Academy of Arts & Education is focused on ensuring their student's success. Here are some tips to motivate your child and enhance their school experience.

- Focus on support and encouragement:**
- Show enthusiasm: have fun celebrating achievements!
  - Be positive: notice effort and see any carelessness as a slip of the moment, not a sign of future failure.
  - Accept and understand: listen to your child's difficulties and accept these as real for them. Develop a plan to help overcome any difficulties.
  - Boost their self-belief: when they have a task to do, say something encouraging and leave them to get on with it. This helps foster independent work habits.

- Increase your child's sense of control:**
- Allow children to set their own goals. Write down their goals and work in rewards to keep their focus.
  - Give them time to spot their own mistakes: Don't jump in too quickly.
  - Help by suggesting a range of possible solutions, rather than telling them what's right or what to do. Understand that each child has a distinct learning style, and innate ability. Try to focus on their natural strengths.
  - Offer some choices about when they do things and where they prefer to work. Then, set a schedule together as to when homework gets done, when they get play-time and when they have to be in bed.
  - If they run out of time to complete something, avoid finishing it for them. You will only instill a false sense of responsibility, and signals that it's "ok" not to meet deadlines.

Remember, the key motivator for any child young or old, is that they believe in themselves! At The Royal Academy of Arts & Education, our coaches work one on one with your child to instill positive work habits and results oriented strategies so they can work smart. Call us for details on our Tutoring programs, Music Programs, or Art Programs. We're proud to be serving the families of Halton Hills!

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## Literacy North Halton offers computer classes for adults

Starting this month, Literacy North Halton, a community-based adult literacy agency, will be offering computer lessons to those 19 and older who also need help improving their reading, writing and/or math skills.

Why not jump two hurdles at once? Learn basic computers while improving your reading, writing and/or math skills.

Registration for lessons is currently under way and space is limited. Classes are scheduled to run at a central Georgetown location.

If you need to upgrade your reading, writing or basic math skills, Literacy North Halton can also assist you. Georgetown, Acton and Milton adult students at LNH are matched with volunteer tutors either one-on-one or in small groups. Lessons are held at various public locations throughout each community.

To find out more about registering for the fall computer class, or to speak to someone about a more general learning program, please contact Literacy North Halton at 905-873-2200.

### Be Web Aware seminar for parents tonight

A Be Web Aware seminar will be held at Georgetown Alliance Church, 290 Main St. S., Georgetown, on Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 7 p.m.

Hosted by Mike Parkhill, director, Academic Sector, Microsoft Canada Co., who is responsible for citizenship initiatives focused on improving lives of students/teachers and school board admin-

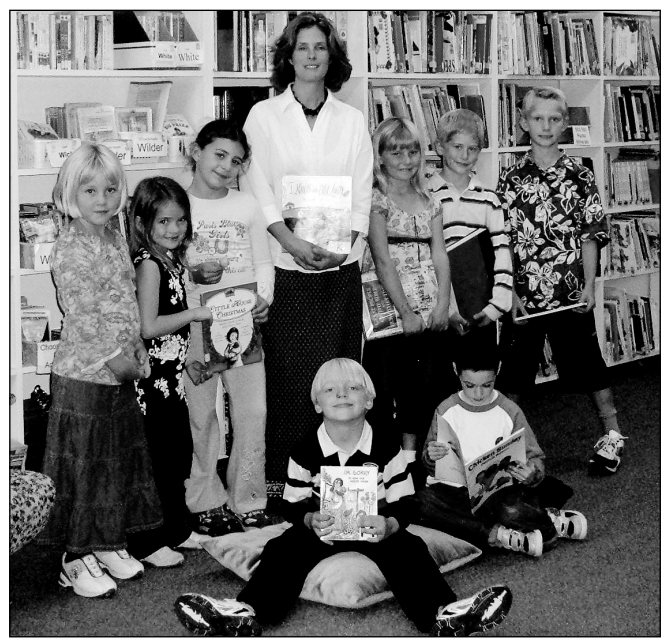
istrators in Canada through the use of technology. This seminar is free of charge and will cover things like cyber bullying, marketing to children, protection from predators, credible material, and what parents can do to help their kids to get the most out of the Internet.

For more information call Cindy Little, 905-873-0249 Ext 109.

### Library preschool program signup begins this month

Halton Hills Public Library provides free programming for young children. To register for Baby Tales, Tales for Twos or Library Lion Tales, complete a registration form. Forms are available until Sept. 30 at both branches, and

www.library.hhpl.on.ca. Some drop-in programs are also available, and do not require registration. For more information, call 905-873-2681 ext. 2520 or 519-853-0301, or visit www.library.hhpl.on.ca



### GDCS library goes high tech

Using the internet for research is on the rise, but that doesn't make libraries filled with books any less important. In fact, it may be more crucial than ever to teach children library skills according to Georgetown District Christian School Teacher-Librarian Ramona Vetro. GDCS is in the process of computerizing its 10 thousand books to streamline checkout processes and book inventories. The process requires numerous volunteer hours to get up and running. The Resource Mate computer system was purchased by the school with the help of specific donors. Vetro, who is serving her second year in the position has also made the library a little more cozy, encouraging readers to relax and read a while on oversized cushions. Enjoying the ambience are (back, from left) Jade Hoekstra, Grade 1; Victoria Stewart, Grade 2; Kayla Craig, Grade 4; Teacher-Librarian Ramona Vetro, Hannah VanRys, Grade 3, Mackenzie Crawford, Grade 3, Mark VanderLeest, Grade 4 and in front, James Keenleyside, Grade 2 and Brandon King, Grade 1.

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## Go Active! Fitness Challenge begins new year

Across Halton Hills, kids can sprint and jump their way to new gym equipment for their schools.

McDonald's Restaurants of Canada Limited, with support from the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC), has opened registration for the 2006/2007 Go Active! Fitness Challenge.

The Go Active! Fitness Challenge is an annual program that provides elementary schools the opportunity to earn \$200 in phys-ed credits per

participating class, up to a maximum of \$500 per school. Teachers/principals can visit www.fitnesschallenge.ca before Oct. 27 to register.

Inspired by the Canadian Fitness Awards, the Go Active! Fitness Challenge is designed to promote physical activity among students. Each eligible class that registers at www.fitnesschallenge.ca (up to the maximum number permitted per Province/region) will receive a Go Active! Fitness

Challenge kit that provides all the necessary materials to conduct the Challenge in their school.

Participating teachers will test students on a series of six exercises: sit-ups, push-ups, 50-metre dash, shuttle run, standing long jump and an endurance run. Teachers test their students on the same six exercises once in the fall and again in the spring, aiming for individual improvement rather than focusing on excellence.

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### CORRECTION

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