

EDUCATION



Running for Terry

George Kennedy School kids braved the damp weather recently as they took part in their annual Terry Fox Run. Parent volunteer Diane Templeman marked off runners Cory Highfield (right) and Mitchell Catoen (left) as they took part. *Photo by Ted Brown*



Learning Garden opens

Park School officially opened their new Learning Garden recently with a ribbon cutting ceremony in front of the garden, located at the entrance to the school. On hand taking part were (from left) Brian Robinson of landscape Creations (donor to the project) and his son Brayden, 4, Andrew Mayerhofer, 5, and his dad Anton of Mayerhofer Landscaping, who also donated to the project, Park School principal Cathy Clarke, Rachel Gorjup, 10 and Tessa Cieplucha, 8. *Photo by Ted Brown*



Supporting the troops

Georgetown District Christian School students and staff showed their support for Canadian troops serving in Afghanistan by wearing red on Fridays. In front (from left), Carl Vandersluis, James Keenleyside, Mrs. Marianne Vangoor, principal and Mark Dekker and in back, Mrs. Cheryl DeKleer, Grade 2 teacher, Jacob Douglas, Daniel Molczanski, Jessica VanRavens, Mrs. Joan Collier, Grade 3 teacher and Laura Seeley. *Photo submitted*

Centennial Public School introduces new program and plans to visit 'Rome'

September at Centennial Public School had a great start. In conjunction with the Halton Board's "Tribes" initiative, Centennial introduced the "Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens". This program stresses seven characteristics which have been proven to make teens more successful in their lifelong endeavors.

Centennial's sports teams are fully under way. Recently our cross-country team participated at the North Halton Meet held at Sherwood Forest in Burlington. Lisa Laidlaw captured first overall in the Junior Girls' run. Centennial's Junior Girls' Team finished first overall. The rest of our teams placed second and third.

Centennial will be presenting *The Last Gladiator* by Martin Follose, a

hysterical comedy set in Ancient Rome! It will be fun for the whole family. Casting is completed and a performance date will be announced soon.

Submissions

The Independent & Free Press runs the Education page on the third week of each month. Schools are welcome to submit news articles or photos (identification required) on their school's programs and upcoming events, parent council meetings and concerts. Please do not submit any essays, creative writing or poems.

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