

School hopes to cash in on four-year recycling program

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Staff Writer

Georgetown District Christian School wants your recyclable paper!

The school has been accepting recyclable paper from the community in bins outside of the school for the past four years, but since January the push is on to collect even more because the school is participating in the Abitibi-Consolidated Schools on Goal program.

The program is designed to teach students about the importance of recycling and provide the opportunity for schools to obtain cash rewards.

Each participating school achieving its goal of recyclable paper collected through the end of this month could receive up to \$1,000 in cash to use for their libraries, field trips, upgrading school equipment and other classroom projects.

Doug Schmaltz, Abitibi-Consolidated area manager, said the Georgetown school is in line to receive \$500 from the company if by the end of March it col-

lects 32.56 metric tonnes of recyclable paper products, and \$1,000 if it brings in 39.08 tonnes. Those goals are based on increasing the school's current annual paper recycling efforts.

"They're doing pretty well," said Schmaltz. "Based on January and February they did 11 tonnes each month."

So, he said, achieving the \$500 reward is definitely a possibility, and with some help from the community, the \$1,000 reward could also be in reach. In total, the company expects to hand out cash rewards exceeding \$200,000.

Georgetown District Christian School (GDCS), located at 11643 Trafalgar Rd. (north of Maple Ave.) is the only school in Halton Hills participating.

Marianne Vangoor, principal at the school, said the project is part of trying to be a "green school" but they also "see this as a service project for our community."

She said the bins have been so well used in the past that Abitibi recently brought in another bin, bringing the total to four.

"We recycle all our paper



Georgetown District Christian School is one of many Ontario schools participating in the new Schools on Goal program sponsored by Abitibi-Consolidated, challenging schools across the province to recycle more paper while providing the opportunity to obtain cash rewards. Schools on Goal challenges the students to compete against themselves to increase their rate of recycling, reaching established recovery goals. Each participating school achieving its goal by the end of March could receive up to \$1,000 in cash rewards to use for their libraries, field trips, upgrading on-campus equipment and other classroom projects. Students (from left) Bekkie Rehfeldt (Grade 5), Ben Feddena (Grade 6), and Katie Sharpe, (Grade 8) dumped their recycling boxes into the dumpsters outside the school.

Photo by Ted Brown

products," said Vangoor. "It's not even something we really teach anymore. It's just what we do."

Blue bins are in every classroom in the school and the student council is responsible for emptying those into the big bins

outside each week.

The bins are located right in front of the school at 11643 Trafalgar Rd. and items can be dropped off free of charge at any time.

Items accepted in the boxes

are: magazines, shopping catalogues, newspapers, office and school papers and mail. Abitibi-Consolidated recycles the collected paper into newsprint.

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Gentlemen, start your engines

Georgetown and area boy scouts, cubs and their families cheered on their favourite entries in the annual Kub Kar Races held recently at St. Andrew's United Church.



Photo by Sabrina Byrnes

Town buys additional land to build future parking lot in downtown Georgetown

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The Town of Halton Hills has purchased more land in downtown Georgetown for municipal parking.

An in-camera session of council approved the purchase of 60 Edith St. for \$375,000. The cash will come 50/50 from Capital Financing Reserve Fund and Development Charges Deferred Revenue Account.

"I want to thank the Town on behalf of BIA on its forward thinking in this regard," said Wards 3&4 Regional Councillor Jane Fogal, who sits on the BIA board of directors. "That particular piece of property is going to be an exceptional acquisition."

Fogal described the property as a large chunk of land located behind 77 Market St.

"It's unlikely to be developed into a parking lot right away, but that's the long-term intent," said Fogal.

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