

School hopes to cash in on four-year recycling program

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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 (GDGS), 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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Enjoy it while it lasts

Kevin Giordano, 9, became airborne as he took full advantage of the wet snow at Sir Donald Mann Park last week. The wet snow was perfect for his GT Racer, giving him the speed he wanted but with temperatures going into the double digits this week, snow-covered hills may be a little harder to find.



Photo by Ted Brown

Plaza gets zoning changes

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More commercial development will occur in Acton's east end after Town council approved Official Plan and zoning bylaw amendments to allow a commercial plaza at the northwest corner of Tanners Dr. and Queen St.

The one-and-a-half-acre site, known as the Honeyfield Commercial Development, is located across from the Acton Arena. Two conceptual plans, included in the report and prepared by the developer Rinarin Ltd, showed different setups. The first had two one-storey retail buildings, with one convenience kiosk and gas bar on the corner, and the second, had two larger one-storey retail buildings with a bank located on the corner. These are preliminary site plan concepts.

The approved amendments will

allow an expanded range of retail and service commercial uses such as medical offices, day cares, places of entertainment, fitness centres, restaurants and automotive retail shops.

However, planning staff has recommended conditions on the amendments including restrictions on the size of stores selling clothing and accessories (unless a market impact study is done) and the prohibition of supermarkets, department stores and adult entertainment uses. As well, outdoor storage will be prohibited and landscaping and buffering will be required.

Halton Region has requested a holding provision (H) be placed on the property until water allocation is available. The property has been allocated the equivalent of five single detached homes (5 SDE) but a total of 12 would be required. A finalized site plan will determine whether all 12 SDEs are needed.

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