

SCHOOL NEWS

AHS student wins provincial science medal

Acton High School student Brandon Nixon was awarded the provincial gold medal for his efforts in architectural CADD at the 18th annual Ontario Technological Skills Competition.

Nixon and two other AHS students, Bekky Gibson and Nils Olav-Stockinger represented Halton at the provincial competition after earning the right to advance by winning their respective gold medals at the Halton Skills Competition held in April.

Nixon was awarded the provincial gold medal after he had six hours to design a 1600 square foot beach house and create two floor plans, two elevation drawings, a roof plan and a detail through the stair case.

Nixon now advances to represent Ontario at the Canadian Skills Competition in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan in June.

Gibson competed in digital photography and Olav-Stockinger competed in the Mechanical CADD competition.

Acton Tech Design students have advanced to six of the 12 Canadian Technological Skills Competitions

and medaled in each and every one of them.

Halton students placed first in eight competitions at the Ontario competition.

A total of 63 Acton High School students demonstrated their expertise in 11 Technical and Family Studies skills demonstrations during the 9th annual Acton Skills Competition.

The following medalists advanced to the Halton Skills competitions:



BRANDON NIXON DURING COMPETITION

Fashion Arts

Lisa Brockelsby (gold); Brandi Jansen (silver); Baillie de Souza (bronze).

Architectural Design & Drafting Grade 10-12

Spencer Morrison (gold); Brandon Nixon (silver); Cathy Thurston (silver); Craig Kirkwood (bronze).

Auto Maintenance

Dawson Bell (gold); Donny Hopper (silver); Jesse Check (bronze); Matt Bentley (bronze)

Cabinet Making

Braedon Hallis (gold); Adam Parker (silver); Thomas Glassford (bronze).

Digital Photography

Bekky Gibson (gold); Rory



Sixty-three AHS students advanced to compete in the Halton-wide Technological Skills competition, and three (right photo), Nils Olav-Stockinger, Brandon Nixon and Bekky Gibson advanced to the Ontario competition. Nixon won a gold medal.

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Watson (silver); Charolette Tribble (bronze)

Small Engines

Ethan Job (gold); Chris Axtmann (silver)

Architectural Design & Drafting Grade 9

Randy Brooks (gold); Courtney Battams (silver); Malcolm Stanley



(bronze).

Team Carpentry

Norm Tosh and Dan Kearns (gold); Clarke Murray and Mike Cunningham (silver); Jeff Becker and Dan Driese (bronze).

Video Production

Ian Reid and James Wilkinson (gold); Cam Gie and Jacob Loewen

(silver); Daniel Taylor and Jessica Cheng (bronze)

Mechanical Design and Drafting

Ryan Martin (gold); Nils Olav Stockinger (silver); Will Poirier (bronze)

2D animation

Aidan Hammond (gold); Bruno Seiler (silver); Alex Roehrig (bronze)

Poster contest to aid Sick Kids Hospital

Students at selected elementary schools in north Halton are being invited to design a poster representing the activities at the Canadian Country Classic.

The Canadian Country Classic features equestrian show jumping, BMX racing, beach volleyball and other youth activities. It is held at Halton Place, August 22 to September 2.

The contest has a minimal entry fee of \$2 per student, all of which will go to Sick Kids Foundation, the Hospital for Sick Children's Research Institute.

Entries from students Grades 3 to 5 will be judged on imagination. Entries from students in Grades 6 to 8 will be judged for creativity

and imagination.

First prize winner in each category will be an iPod. Second and third will receive a digital camera and a "Pay-one-Price" Canada's Wonderland Passport, respectively.

Each participant will receive free grounds admission to the Canadian Country Classic for up to four family members.

The names of the winners will be announced on Saturday, August 25 at 11 a.m. at the Poster Exhibit in the Canadian Country Classic Children's Village.

For further information contact Andrea McGill, Halton Place, 905-873-2316 ext. 21 or Jayne Huddleston, JH Media 905-338-8328, media@HaltonPlace.com

Literary and math achievements focus of McKenzie-Smith Bennett school events

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McKenzie-Smith Bennett School news

McKenzie Smith Bennett Public School (MSB) recently held a very successful family evening— Young Authors and Family Math.

Every class in the school participated in Young Authors by creating a display to show the best writing samples from poems and news articles to creative and imaginative fictional stories. Each class had a theme that was illustrated by excellent student writing. Many families joined us to celebrate the students' literacy achievements.

Additionally, MSB held a Family Math Night in conjunction with the Young Author displays. Families participated in a wide variety of

hands on math activities to explore a wide variety of math problem solving activities.

The school, parent council and local churches also sponsored parenting expert Dick O'Brien to give parents tips on Raising Resilient Children. Mr. O'Brien encouraged parents to teach their children to make smart choices in life and learn from their experiences. His seminar offered ways to help parents get their children ready for life beyond school.

MSB also held the official "kick off" for its Student Breakfast Program yesterday. The breakfast program will operate every Tuesday and Thursday at the school for students for a five-week pilot. School officials hope to have the Student Breakfast Program run year round next year.

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