

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Students, grant money revitalizes AHS garden

Acton High School's Millennium Garden is a perpetual project that was initiated to revitalize and naturalize a barren area of the school grounds in recognition of the new millennium.

Since then, the garden has also evolved to include memorials to staff and students.

Technological Design teacher Norbert Axtmann, who spearheaded and designed the garden concept more than eight years ago, recently applied for a School Greening Grant from the Halton Learning Foundation.

The foundation awarded Acton a \$1,000 grant to allow the garden to continue to evolve.

Part of the garden includes a dry river bed with a footbridge over it that is used as an area for students to sit and enjoy the garden, or reflect over the friends they have paid tribute to with their memorial

plantings. The bridge was started, but the lack of funds held its full completion back. Last fall it was heavily vandalized and was almost a complete write-off.

Armed with the grant money, members of Paul Nicholson's Grade 12 construction class came to the rescue, using the funds to repair and level the bridge base, then adding a new railing with built-in seating. The "new" bridge has been a big hit with the students, and is in constant use throughout the day.

The garden was initiated as a community event, taking into account not only the school, but also members of the town who participated heavily in its early beginnings.

The community is once again encouraged to participate in the garden's growth by contributing to it if they have perennial plants they have surplus or are dividing.



### Sweet peace

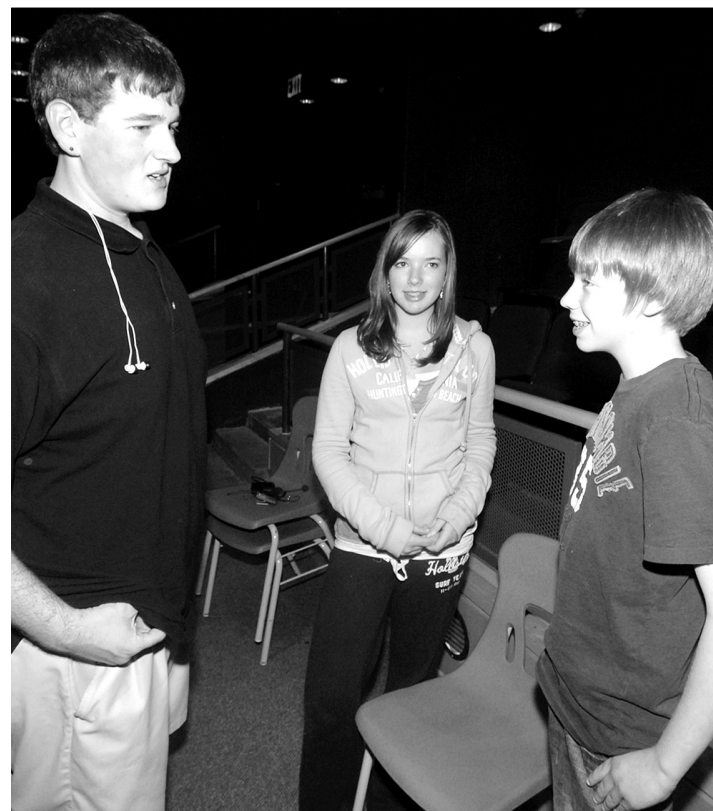
Members of St. Brigid's School Peace Team enjoyed a wrap party recently as they concocted some ice cream sundaes following their meeting. The Peace Team is comprised of Grade 6 students and their mandate is to promote good virtues within the student body of the school, like honesty, integrity and responsibility. Among those students enjoying the ice cream were (from left) Matthew Virtue, Kaitlyn Loginov, Sydney Norhein and Hayley Aquilina, all 11.

Photo by Ted Brown



Thanks to a \$1,000 Halton Learning Foundation grant and the hard work of Acton High School students like, from left, Dylan Creasey, Sean Terry, Kevin Vickery and Cameron Shortt, as well as teachers Paul Nicholson and Norbert Axtmann, the school's Millenium Garden has been restored to its former glory after being vandalized last year.


Photo by Jennifer Baker



### Risky message

Twenty-year-old SmartRisk Hero Sean Fowler (left) talked candidly to students like Meghan, 14, and Liam, 12, Harris of Georgetown, about his injury four years ago, when he jumped on a train, and fell off, severing his arm and leg in the process. The SmartRisk message, delivered recently at Christ the King School, is aimed at youths to make them think before taking part in any risky event.

Photo by Ted Brown



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to celebrate

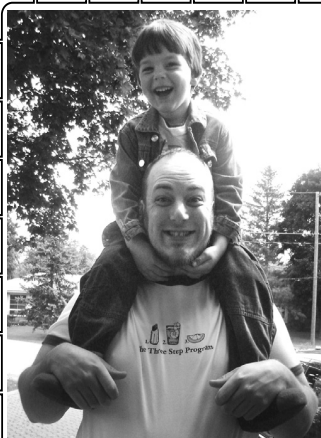
**ROY HANSEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>**

**2:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

The Royal Ascot  
26 Hall Road  
- The Party Room

*Best Wishes Only Please.*




**HAPPY BIRTHDAY UNKY MATT**

**LOVE MASON & the rest of us!**

*And you thought we forgot!*

**June 4, 1981**



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**HAZEL ARNOLD**

to celebrate her

**90th BIRTHDAY**

at St. George's Anglican Church Hall

**SATURDAY, JUNE 7**

**1:30 pm - 4 pm**

*Your gift to Hazel will be your presence and best wishes only.*