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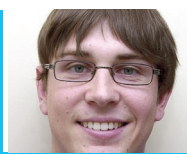
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WEDNESDAY...

An Environmental Assessment is a 'GO' to study extending train service from Georgetown to the Kitchener area. See details in Wednesday's edition.

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Cooling off at the splash pad

Kyrsten Praught, 6, found the splash pad at the Gellert Community Centre a great place to beat the heat and wear off some energy, as she enjoyed taking part in the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department Summer Adventure Splash and Sun Camp.

Photo by Ted Brown

Times are A-Changin' Fall school start times are revised

TIM WHITNELL
Special to The IFP

Thirty schools within the Halton District School Board will have different start and end times to the instructional day this fall.

The number of schools with altered bell times is almost evenly split with 16 schools to have later start times and 13 earlier.

The one unique situation is the new Gardiner elementary school in Georgetown. Until it opens, projected for this November, its students will be split between two other Georgetown schools. Students temporarily directed to Silver Creek P.S. will start their day at 9:30 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. while Gardiner pupils at Harrison P.S. will start at 9:35 a.m. and finish at 3:55 p.m.

Start times for all Halton public schools, except Gardiner, will fall within the usual 8-9:15 a.m. timeframe.

The biggest difference in start and end times for next year in Halton is the 55-minute earlier start time to the school day at Centennial P.S. in Georgetown.

Besides the temporary start and end times for the new Gardiner school students in Georgetown, north Halton has 12 other schools that will experience changes in bell times in 2008-09, eight earlier and four later.

For Georgetown, besides Centennial P.S. beginning the day 55 minutes earlier, Glen Williams and Silver Creek each will start five minutes earlier.

In Acton, Robert Little P.S. students will begin the day 10 minutes earlier than last year while McKenzie-Smith Bennett P.S. pupils start it 15 minutes later.

"We appreciate that this is a challenge for many parents," board business superintendent Steve Parfeniuk said at the school board meeting about the overall time changes. He said letters should have been sent home with all students notifying parents of any changes for their school.

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