

United Way Ball raises \$15K

The United Way of Halton Hills recently held its 10th annual President's Ball at North Halton Golf & Country Club. The dinner/dance/auction raised more than \$15,000 towards the 208 campaign goal of \$300,000. Among those attending the gala were, from left, United Way of Halton Hills executive director Janet Foster, campaign chairperson Chris Cooke, Ward 2 Councillor Bryan Lewis, Member of Parliament Michael Chong, United Way board president Ron Stitt and Wards 3 and 4 Councillor Jane Fogal.



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Parent Involvement Committee to hold day-long workshops for kids' benefit

The Halton District School Board wants to help parents help their kids succeed in the classroom.

To that end, the board's Parent Involvement Committee will host a one-day workshop for parents and community members tomorrow (Saturday), at Oakville's White Oaks Secondary School, 1130 Montclair Dr., from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

The day will begin with a presentation by local motivational speaker Carole Bertuzzi Luciani. The topic will be how to be involved in your children's education when you don't have a lot of time.

More than 20 workshops are scheduled during the day with topics ranging from Internet safety and homework strategies to combating bullying and collaborative problem-solving.

The lunchtime speaker will be Jane Walmsley, a music teacher at Alexander's Public School in Burlington and former arts co-ordinator for the Halton District School Board. She will speak about the importance of the arts in education.

"This conference is an excellent opportunity for parents who are interested in being involved in their children's education," said Wayne Joudrie, director of education for the Halton board.

"Research supports what we know, that is, there is a positive relationship between parent involvement in schools and benefits for students, including improved academic achievement," he added.

Community awareness displays will be staffed during the lunch hour including the Halton Multicultural Council, Pathways, Halton Police, Canadian Mental Health Association and the Special Education Advisory Committee.

Child minding is available upon request for children three years and older.

A light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Parents and community members can register online at <http://info.hdsb.ca/picreg>.

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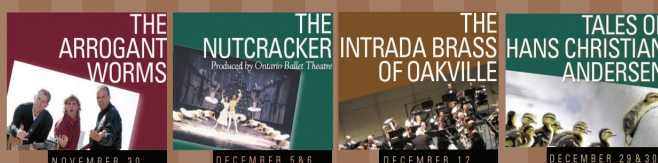


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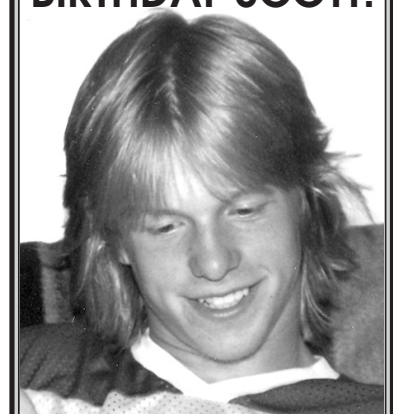


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