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Kindergarten registration

Beginning in mid-January, Halton District School Board will accept registrations for Junior and Senior

Kindergarten for September 2009. Drop by or call your designated elementary school to find out which dates have been established for Kindergarten registration.

Please bring the following original documents when registering:

- Proof of residency via lease, purchase agreement or property tax bill.
 - Birth certificate, passport or baptismal certificate for your child.
 - Proof of immunization, or philosophical or religious exemption forms (and completed medical authorization where necessary).
- If you are not the child's par-

**Crime Stoppers
taking anonymous
tips on abuse**

Silence can lead to murder in domestic abuse situations.

In an effort to prevent these "very predictable" homicides, Halton Crime Stoppers will immediately start to take calls on its tip line from anyone who knows of someone who is in danger of being harmed by an abusive spouse or other individual.

Sergeant Gary Gold, Halton's Crime Stoppers coordinator, said the program is taking action in response to recommendations in a 2007 report from Ontario's Domestic Violence Death Review Committee that called on Crime Stoppers to take anonymous calls from people who had information about

dangerous spousal abuse situations.

Studies by experts and public inquiries into a number of domestic homicides have shown there were significant warning signs indicating a high risk potential of violence in each case prior to the victim's death.

"These indicators predict the possibility of a level of violence that could result in a homicide," Gold says. "When family members, friends, neighbours and co-workers learn someone is a victim of domestic abuse they should know they can pass along this information anonymously to Crime Stoppers."

He said the information will be passed along to the newly-formed Halton Regional Police Domestic Violence Investigative Unit that will make enquiries and bring together experts from the various social agencies to protect the victim and any others who may be at harm, including children, and minimize the potential of violence.

"Domestic violence isn't a private matter and people shouldn't be left to suffer," Gold said. "People must speak out. "A person's life may depend on you making the call."

Tom Suddaby, chair of the Halton Crime Stoppers board, said directors embraced the concept of taking tips about domestic abuse situations after learning of the recommendations in the 60-page report from the Domestic Violence Death Review Committee.

"They recognized the value of the anonymous tip line and we realized immediately how effective Crime Stoppers can be in reducing the risk of homicide for people living in abusive situations," Suddaby said.

Suddaby said statistics in the United Kingdom show 35 percent of all homicides are domestic.

ent, or if you have sole custody, please bring proof of custody (court order). To register for Fall 2009, Junior Kindergarten children must be 4 years old by December 31, 2009, and Senior Kindergarten children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2009. Parents/guardians must be public school supporters.

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