



FUN FUN FUN: Kids aged 7 -14 enjoyed a video dance at the Acton Town Hall Centre on Friday. The partiers included, from left; Lindsay Faber, Alyssa Marks, Shauna Gardiner, Riley Muise, Mackenzie Gulyas and Megan Somerville. – Nancy McLelland photo

Students raise thousands for Haitian relief

By Frances Niblock

With bake sales, coin drops and money from piggy banks and from parents, Acton students have raised thousands of dollars for the relief effort in Haiti.

As stories of the devastation in Haiti continue following the January 12th earthquake, Halton elementary and secondary schools have rallied together to respond quickly and generously. To date, students, parents, and staff have raised more than \$45,000 with only 27 of the Board's 100 schools reporting their contributions.

In many schools, these activities have been initiated by students and supported by staff, school councils and parents.

At Acton's McKenzie-Smith Bennett School, the life skills students organized a bake sale that brought in \$656.22. The class of Haitian-born teacher Christian Mollenthiel, who has relatives who survived the quake, raised \$335.

At Acton High School on Monday, members of the student council were busy counting and rolling a "huge mound" of coins and bills that had been donated – no word at press time how much was raised.

Students at Robert Little School have been donating money into a big bucket in the lobby and they will continue their fundraising efforts.

Each grade at St. Joseph Catholic School in Acton are staging fund-

raisers for Haitian relief including wearing a jersey for a \$1 donation and sales of Webkins. The fund raising efforts at St. Joseph wrapped up yesterday (Wednesday) and the money will be donated to the Sisters of St. Joseph that is located on the island.

The Federal government will match all of the money raised to date.

"There is authentic and meaningful learning for students when they come together to help others, and learn about their role as citizens of a global community," said Wayne Joudrie, Director of Education for the Halton District School Board. "I'm extremely proud of the efforts of our school communities to provide support for the Haitian people."

Town Digest

Halton tops survey

Eighty-four per cent of Halton residents surveyed in an Environics poll said they are very or somewhat satisfied with Halton's Regional government. That's the highest ranking among the Regional and municipal governments in the Greater Toronto Area.

Hydro dividend

The summer sale of Halton Hills Fibre Optics to Atria Networks netted the Town – Hydro's major shareholder – a \$620,063 dividend cheque. In his annual update to shareholders, Art Skidmore, president and CEO of Halton Hills Community Energy Corporation said

that 12,500 of the proposed 20,000 Smart Meters had been installed and that they met or exceeded Hydro's energy conservation

programs, including the Electricity Retrofit Incentive program, the Power Savings Blitz and the Peaksaver program.

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Olympic Report with Linda Olson Vancouver Olympics Volunteer



Local real estate agent Linda Olson is a volunteer at the Olympic speed skating oval and will offer *The New Tanner* readers an inside look at the Game in a weekly report from Vancouver.

Hello Everyone

I commute from Surrey in a 1.5 hours trip using the Skytrain to the Richmond Olympic Oval - the world of speed skating.

As a photo runner and assistant, I see and hear the athletes responding to training commands. Some of the teams like Japan, Netherlands and Canada, have been training at every opportunity.

Everyday our team of volunteers see new teams getting accustomed to the ice that is ringed with skate guards and energy drinks or water every five metres or so.

There will be a flower ceremony after each final race at the Richmond Oval and

the medal presentations will be at the downtown Medal's venue.

I get to escort the photographers to their position for the flower ceremony in the infield. It is amazing to stand in the middle of the Oval and so close to the podium.

Our days are long and the commute even longer, but in all, very rewarding and enlightening. The snow at Cypress is now very deep and ready for competition – contrary to the discouraging news you've heard.

There are many police forces here from all over Canada. I even saw an officer from Peel Region, who lives in Rockwood, working at the Games.

I wish you all could be here you would be so proud and delighted.

Be Well,
Linda

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Family Day Residential Waste Collection Notice

Please Note Collection Day Changes

FEBRUARY					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15	16	17	18	19	20
Family Day		Collection Moves	Collection Moves		

Due to the Family Day holiday, household waste collection services the week of February 15 will take place the day after your regular collection day.

Please place your waste at the curb by 7 a.m. on your scheduled holiday collection day.

Please check your 2010 Waste Management Guide and Collection Calendar for your collection area details, or visit www.halton.ca/waste to use our "Search by Address" tool.

Halton Waste Management Site (HWMS)

The HWMS will be closed Monday, February 15, 2010.

Regular Operating Hours:
Open Monday to Saturday
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
5400 Regional Road 25, Milton

Fees at the Halton Waste Management Site

- For general waste and use of the Container Station, the user fees are:
- Up to 50 kg – \$5/load
 - 51 to 100 kg – \$10/load
 - Over 150 kg – 14.3 cents/kg starting from 0 kg

For a full list of HWMS fees, visit www.halton.ca/waste or contact Halton Region by dialing 311 or 905-825-6000 or 1-866-4HALTON (1-866-442-5866) or TTY 905-827-9833.

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