## **2010** Remembering our roots - Growing in life Robert Little grads reach for a bright future

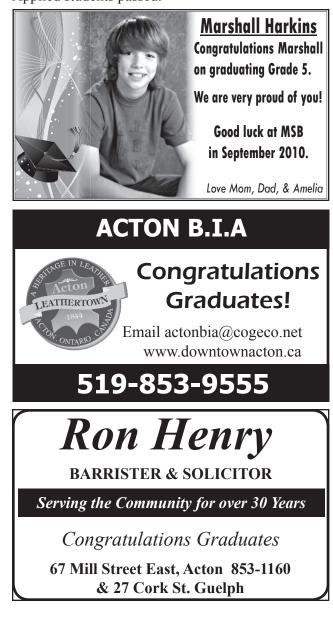


## Robert Little PS Graduates

Anisha Baker, Bailey Bujold, Kenneth Byers, Josiah Chang, Payton Fraser, Cameron Hampton, Cameron Jacko, Kayla Willett, Cheyenne Barriault, Richard Bentley, Alexandria Bolton, Caitlin Dawe, Devon D'Orazio, Emma Farrington, Zoe Greig, Brayden Hill, Kassidy Intzandt, Selena Karlsson, Gregory Marousis, Alexandra McDonald, Brandon McFerran, Liam Menard, Austin Middleton, Tobin Milner, Brennan Mitchell, Emily Patchett, Thomas Paton, Porsha Picard, Meghan Raycraft, Mackenzie Stewart, George VanHorn, James Walsh, Melora Andrews, Sam Bergin, April Bridge, James Bursa, Jack Christie, Erin Collins, Connor Crowe, Jacob Dolimont, Brenden Geim, Marshall Harkins, Hayley Kri, Dylan Lorriman, Brianna McBurney, Rachel Podaras, Jessica Pond, Tommy Renaud, Emma Rowley, Hunter Rushlow, Paxton Sainsbury, Zachary Snow, Luc Tran, Claire Vail, Jacob Walberg, Samantha Walker.

## Top Literacy scores at Acton High School

Staff and teachers are "absolutely over the moon" at Acton District High School where 99 per cent of Grade 10 Academic students passed the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test and 69 per cent of Applied students passed.



"What fantastic news. It really helps our staff to feel that the extra effort – led by Principal Bert O'Hearn and Acting-head of English, Melissa Fleming – brought tremendous results," said Acton High Vice-Principal Mary Jane Farrish on Friday.

Passing the Grade 10 literacy test, created and administered by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO), is mandatory for a high school diploma. One hundred and twenty-nine students wrote the Grade 10 literacy tests at Acton High in April.

To the students who did not pass, Farrish said they must be "very sensitive" because it is tough news to hear and Acton is such a small school. Students who did not pass can take the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course.

Across Halton, 90 per cent of students who wrote the test for the first time passed, compared to the provincial average of 84 per cent. At Acton High, the pass



"What fantastic news. It really helps our staff rate for both the Applied and Academic students was higher than both the Board and provincial rates.

Jeff Blackwell, Superintendent of Program Services said Acton High is justifiably proud with the results.

"Last year in Acton, 84 per cent of the Acton students writing the test passed, and they certainly worked very hard and moved that percentage up," Blackwell said on Friday, adding the school took a "cross curricular approach to literacy" a powerful program that worked.

The success rate of Halton students has been maintained over the past five years.

## Separate Board

The Halton Catholic District School Board saw 92 per cent of students pass the test, and in a press release, Michael Pautler, the Board's Director of Education, said students continued to demonstrate high levels of achievement.

"It is through the collaborative work of our elementary and secondary principals, teachers, support staff, students, parents, senior administration and board personnel that our Board is able to achieve results above the provincial average on the OSSLT," Pautler said.

At Christ the King, the secondary school for many Acton Catholic students, 94 per cent of students writing the test for the first time passed.

A comprehensive report on the literacy results and Grade 9 mathematics test results will be published in September by the EQAO. To view school-by-school results, go to www.eqao.com

