

Timing not right for JK: Trustees

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"The long-term benefits far outweigh the costs," she said. "And it ensures children who need extra attention don't slip through the cracks." Phasing in JK would minimize the impact, said Ms Andrew. "At this stage we would not lose help for early learning students," she said.

No portables would be required to start JK and the program is being offered in equal proportions in the board's three geographical areas, she noted.

Students going elsewhere

Adding JK would reduce the board's accommodation surplus by 300 spaces and bring it closer to obtaining new school funding, said the trustee.

"I've had many calls asking about JK and when I tell them we don't have it, some parents say they'll enroll the students in the separate school system," she said.

Burlington Trustee Michael Ellis said the benefits of JK are undeniable and board members need to consider this when weighing the proposal against cost factors.

"Junior kindergarten should be part of our vision and we need to start it now," he said.

Dateline

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Friday Dec. 10

Milton's Royal Canadian Legion branch 136 holds a **Turkey Roll** at 7 p.m. Patrons are asked to bring donations of non-perishable food items and children's toys for the Salvation Army Christmas Drive.

The **Song Spinners Chorus** holds its annual holiday concert at the Milton Seniors' Activity Centre, 500 Childs Dr., at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$5 and can be obtained by calling 875-1681.

Experience **Reiki hand healing** at an open house from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Call 878-4952 for more information.

Saturday Dec. 11

The Halton Sportsman's Association hosts its annual **Turkey Shoot** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 854-2641. The Milton Community Resource Centre, 540 Childs Dr., hosts **'Dad and Me'** from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. The program provides time for dads and pre-schoolers to play together. Call 876-1244, ext. 10 or 12, for more information.

The Friends of Chaudiere, sponsors of the Milton Sea Cadets, host a **giant book sale** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Milton Fair Grounds.

Monday Dec. 13

The Milton Human Resource Centre, 310 Main St. E., hosts a **resume writing** course at 9:30 a.m. and a **Surviving the Millennium** seminar at 1 p.m. Call 876-9828 for more information.

The Milton Seniors' Activity Centre hosts a trip to **Casino-Rama**. The excursion costs \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. Call 875-1681 to book space or for more information.

The Halton/Dufferin Skills Evaluation Centre hosts two workshops — **'Completing A Return To Work Action Plan'** and **'Researching And Selecting Appropriate Training'** — from 9 a.m. to noon at the Milton Community Resource Centre, 917 Nipissing Rd. To register or for more information, call 1-800-610-7668.

Parade to be held in village Dec. 19

After making a pit stop in Milton last month, Santa will soon be feted in the Campbellville Christmas Parade Sunday, Dec. 19.

Sponsored by the Campbellville and District Lion's Club with help from the Campbellville Area Business Association, the 1:30 p.m. parade will run from Reid Sideroad via Crawford Crescent to Guelph Line, then south to the Campbellville Lion's Club Hall.

For entry forms or information, or to volunteer at the parade or make a donation, call 854-2213 or 800-567-3212, ext. 7184.

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