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J.M. Denyes students Katherine Danielli (left) and Jessica Pickering hold up some healthy snacks in celebration of the school's Food For Thought snack program. At left, program coordinator Darlene Edmonds (centre) accepts a \$2,438 cheque for the initiative from sponsor Royal Bank representatives Tina Drodge, Susan Zadro and bank mascot Leo the Lion.

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Grades 3, 6 students score above average in provincial testing

Grade 3 and 6 students from both the Halton District School Board (HDSB) and the Halton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB) have scored above the provincial average in reading, writing and mathematics tests. The results, released by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO), reveal that the students achieved these results during testing conducted in

the spring. "In Halton, while we are very proud of our overall achievement at levels 3 and 4, we recognize that children at level 2 are also experiencing considerable success," said HDSB Director of Education Dusty Papke. Our goal should always be to move the overall number of children ahead by one achievement level."

Region has work to do: Savoline

By TIM WHITNELL
Special to The Champion

Joyce Savoline's motto for Halton Region for at least the next three years is, 'We have work to do'.

Now that the Burlington resident has been re-elected as regional chair, she says it's time to forge ahead in new directions in the areas of pressing concern, most notably economic trade and transportation.

Ms Savoline, 55, was returned to office to begin her seventh year, and third term, as chair after a comfortable but, to some political pundits, surprisingly modest majority in the popular vote.

The returning chair garnered 40,131 votes across the region out of 65,676 cast in the first-ever vote for the position. That translated to 61 per cent in her favour compared to 14,375 (22 per cent) votes cast for Anne Marsden and the 11,170 for first-time candidate Lisa Cooper (17 per cent).

Of 8,250 Milton voters, 5,795 supported Ms Savoline while 1,230 gave Ms Marsden the nod and 1,225 voted for Ms Cooper.

All three candidates for regional chair • see MANDATE on page 16

Said HCDSB Director of Education Fred Sweeney: "In reviewing the recently announced EQAO achievement results, the board is very pleased that, once again this year, our students achieved above provincial results.

The results definitely validate the ongoing commitment of all board stakeholders who strive to help students develop to their fullest potential in meeting our mission of Catholic education."

A total of 1,742 grade 3 students and 1,627 grade 6 students from the Catholic board's elementary schools participated in the testing.

A total of 3,099 grade 3 students and 3,043 grade 6 students from the public board took part as well.

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