

Growth is down a bit from last year, according to report

Residential development slowed down slightly in the second quarter of this year compared to the same time in 2006, according to a report received by council last week.

The document indicates 307 permits were issued for residential units between April and June, while 458 were given out during the same time last year.

The number of new building permit applications made during the quarter was also down

by 61, from 347 last year to 285.

"We believe the decrease in applications in the second quarter was due to builders nearing 'build out' of land currently available under existing registered plans of subdivision," the report from Director of Planning and Development Mel Iovio explained.

"It is anticipated these figures will increase in the third and fourth quarters as more plans are registered."

Overall, the year-to-date number of residential permits issued — 749 — exceeds the 2006 year-to-date figure of 632.

On the industrial development side, business is still booming for Milton, with 40 permits being issued in the second quarter — up from the 25 issued in the same time period last year.

In total, 82 industrial permits have been handed out this year, compared to 54 in 2006.

Burlington school also made list

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Clatworthy emphasized that his staff works extremely hard from day to day.

"It's really a big team effort," he noted.

The school opened its doors in September 2005 on Bennett Boulevard with a vision of rejuvenating the arts in students' lives. It made a point of bringing on staff members who have backgrounds in the arts.

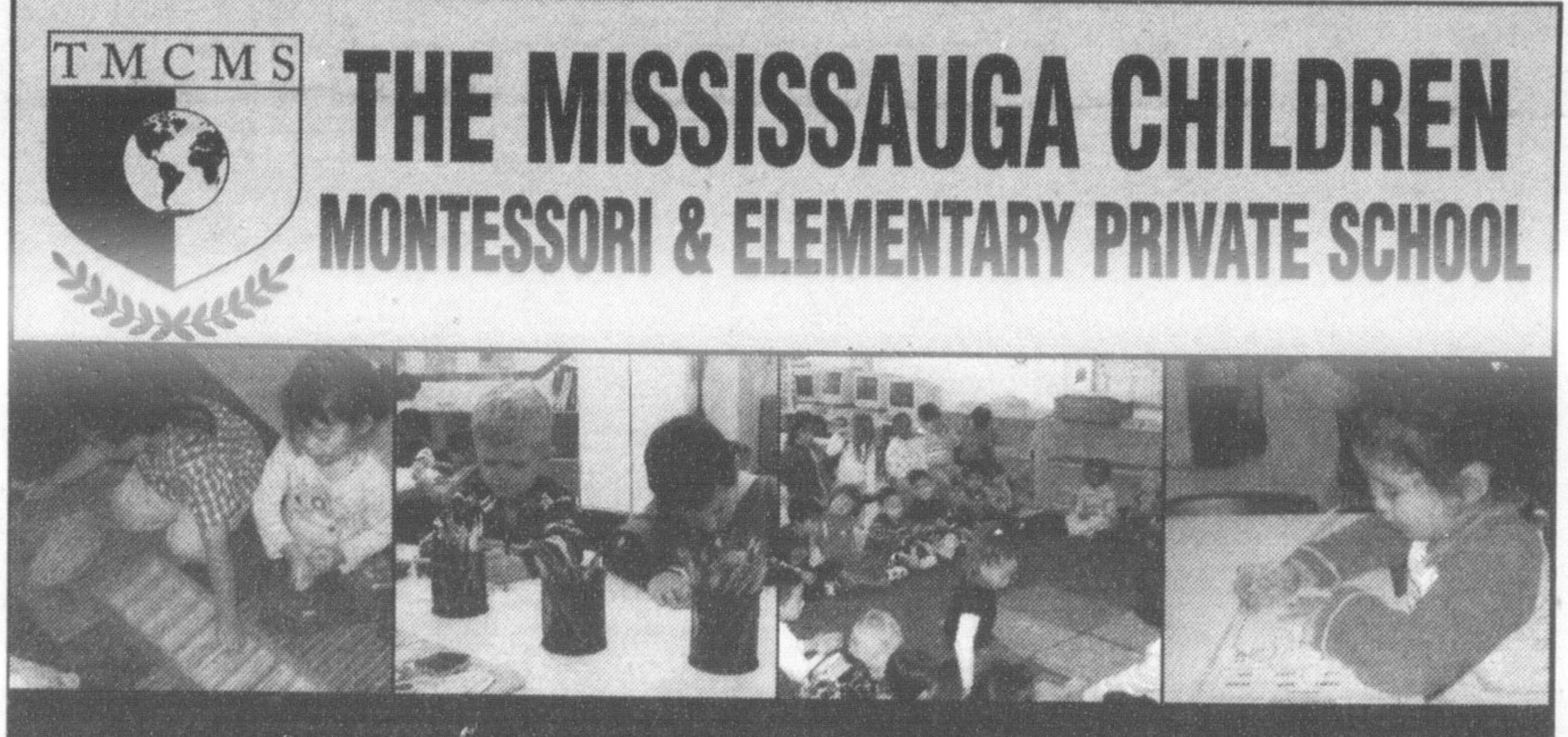
Even the school's design helped contribute to the arts focus, such as the specially designed

music room with vaulted ceilings to allow sound to escape.

Burlington's Alexander's Public School also made the top 25 this year in the 'overcoming a challenge' category, since it had to deal with a construction delay by operating in three different schools.

Today's Parent readers nominate the schools for consideration on the list.

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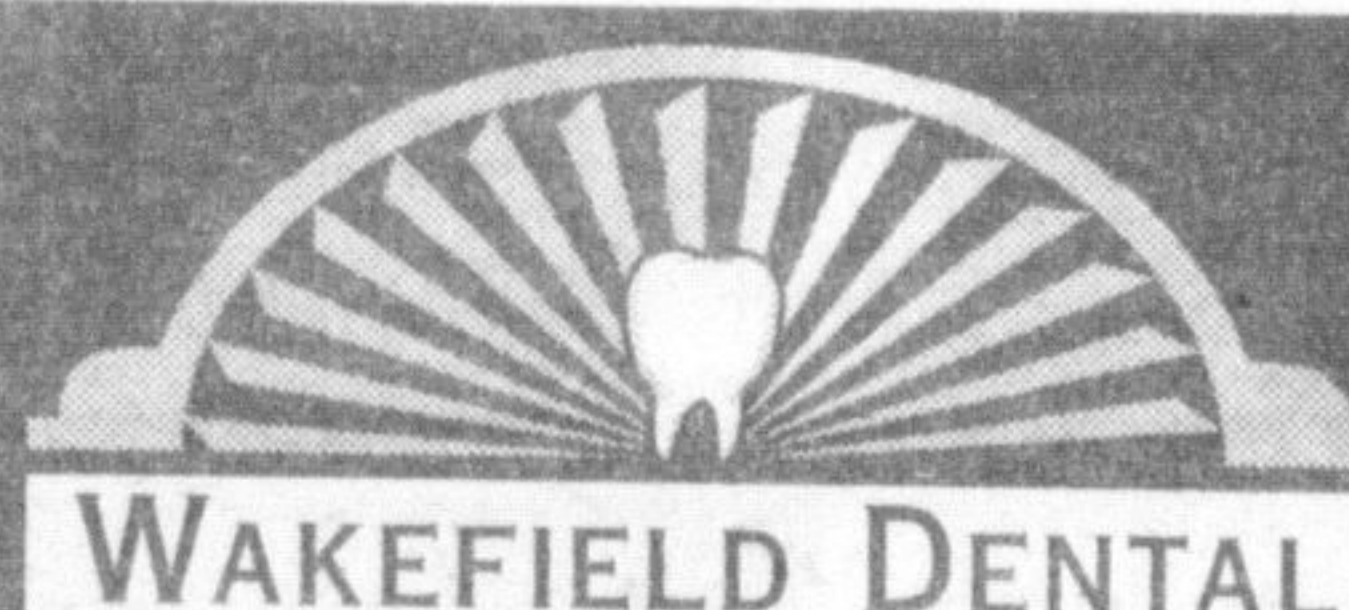
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