

# School tile project set to be unveiled

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From youngest to oldest, every student at the new Tiger Jeet Singh Public School will leave a lasting impression thanks to an art project that'll be unveiled tomorrow at the school's grand opening.

For the past month, Bill and Lynn Dickinson have been helping each staff member and student — from Kindergarten to Grade 7 — paint his or her own six-inch by six-inch tile, which will be part of a huge mosaic that'll be permanently displayed inside the school's entrance. That's no small feat, considering there are about 900 staff and students.

"It's been huge and really time consuming, but I can't wait to see it," said Lynn, who with Bill owns Simply Creative Studio, a paint-your-own-pottery and glass-fusing studio. "I'm so excited. I'm like a little kid."

For weeks on end, Lynn has spent time with individual classes to help them with their tiles. Classes were given topics, with Kindergarten students doing handprints and older students tackling themes like leadership and taking care of the earth.

Once the tiles were painted they were transported to the studio, dipped in a glaze tank and loaded into a kiln where they were fired for 24 hours, completing the transformation from bisque to ceramic.

"Every tile came out of the kiln absolutely beautiful, whether they went outside of the lines or not," Lynn said.

Since the kiln can hold just 50 tiles at a time, that meant 18 firings for all 900 tiles — the equivalent of the kiln running for 18 days straight. The tiles were then packaged up and delivered back to the school for installation.

Lynn said she had no idea when she started the project that it would become such a huge undertaking, and it's given her a real sense of connection with the school.

"I almost feel like part of the school," she said.

Lynn expects the unveiling to be quite emotional.

"I'm going to cry. Just talking about it makes me well up."

She couldn't have done it without the help of Grade 3 teacher Jamie Yanke and principal Rick Nodwell, she added.

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# Tiger Jeet Singh School to hold official opening

The Milton community is invited to celebrate the opening of its latest elementary school, Tiger Jeet Singh Public School.

Tomorrow, the Halton District School Board will host the official opening ceremonies at the school, located at 650 Yates Dr.

Celebrations will begin at 11 a.m. on the school playground. Roger Hadfield, father of astronaut Chris Hadfield, will fly his bi-plane over the school to kick-off the event.

This will be followed by a presentation by a Bhangra dance group.

Students, staff and guests will then proceed to the school's gymnasium for the formal opening ceremonies, which will be hosted by students and will include a per-

formance by the school choir.

The school's namesake, Tiger Jeet Singh, will also provide an inspirational message for students. His message to them is a simple and relevant one: 'Stay in school. Stay away from drugs. Stay Tiger-fit.'

The Kindergarten to Grade 7 school opened its doors on September 7 to about 775 students. In following years, the school will include Grade 8 classes and will have French Immersion programming at all grade levels.

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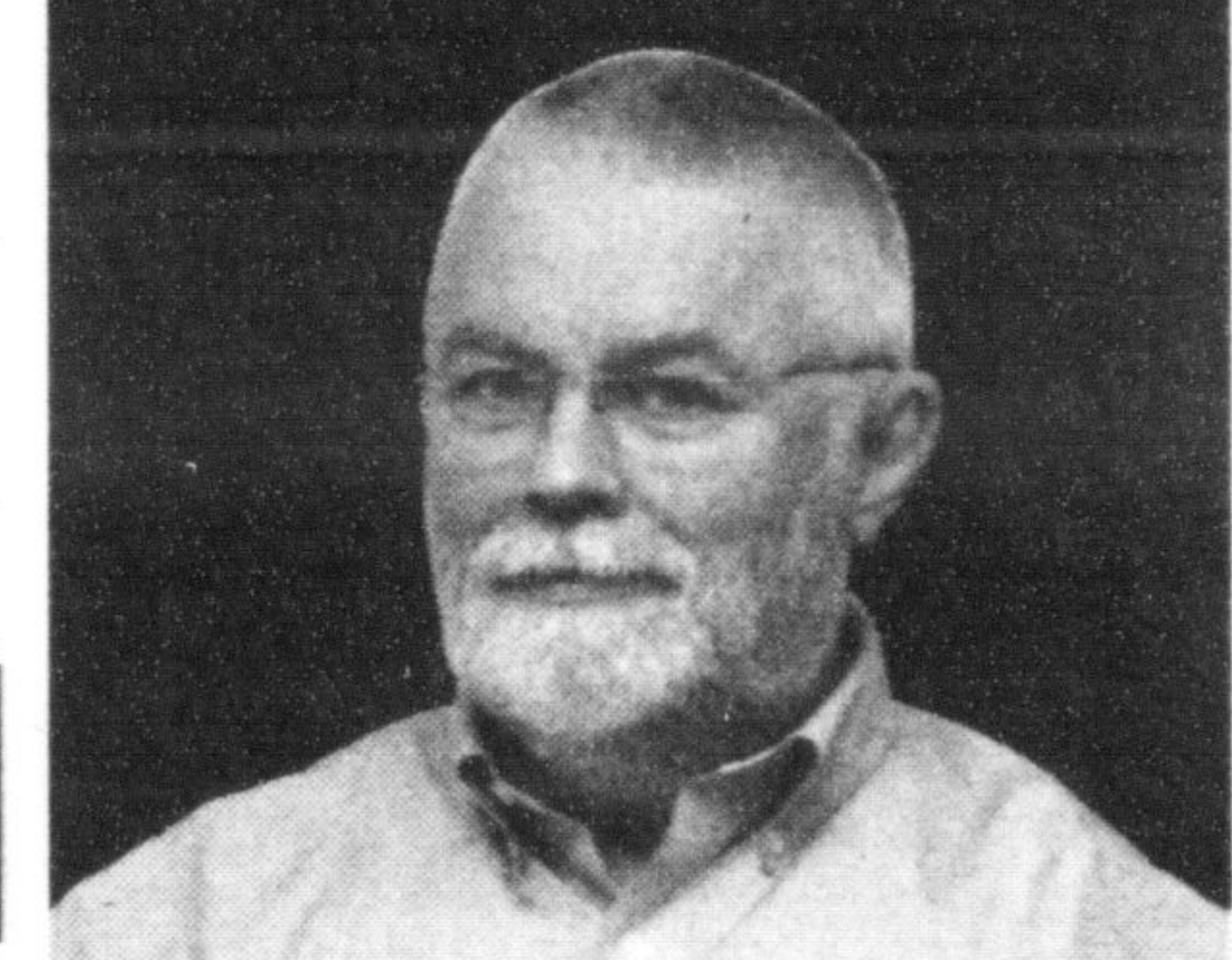
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## "DATELINE DRURY"

Slowly but surely the leaves are beginning to change colour and drift off trees, indicating a cooler season to come. However, things are just starting to heat up at E.C. Drury High School.

But first things first, introductions! This year writing for E.C. Drury is: Aaron Tagadtad, Takara Wong, and Dayne Lavis. We are all but three students in our final year at E.C. with a huge interest in writing, so you can only imagine how ecstatic we are to have been offered this great opportunity to cover all the news and events within Drury! Speaking of which, barely two months into the school year and we've already accomplished so much.

First off, we'd like to congratulate all the grade 9's from last year on their spectacular results on the EQAO math. Our results place E.C. Drury at the top, beating out the other schools within Milton. As well the 2010 EQAO literacy results at E.C. were very encouraging, with grades above the board average for both the Academic and Applied streams.

Next up, news about the Terry Fox run which took place on Thursday, September 30th. The school came out to participate in the run that was a huge success. After their walk/run around Milton, students were welcomed back to a free BBQ, a fine thank you for their efforts. The following day was also of great importance. Our very own Global Council group organized a school wide assembly for Invisible Children, a non-profit organization raising awareness and support for the ongoing war in Uganda. The students were able to speak with not only representatives from the group, but also first-hand witnesses and victims who shared their testimonies and revealed how they triumphed through their trials.

A final note on one of the biggest events of the year at Drury, Commencement, which takes place on October 22nd. We are very excited to see what our graduates have been doing, to renew old acquaintances, and to hear about their future plans.

With many upcoming activities on the way, we can't possibly fit it all in this column, however we'll be sure to update you in our bi-weekly updates.

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