Halton Regional Police Const. Laurel Barnett places an information notice on a vehicle during a safety blitz in front of Escarpment View Public School Monday morning.
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Traffic issues bring safety blitz to Escarpment View school

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Organizers of a week-long traffic safety blitz at Escarpment View Public School are hoping it makes the area safer for students walking to and from school.

Halton Regional Police and Town of Milton by-law enforcement staff participated in Tic, Tag, Tow this week during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up of students.

District 1 (Milton) Response Unit Sgt. Stephanie Miloknay said the blitz aims to cut down on traffic congestion around the school by educating parents.

The traffic congestion is creating hazards for students, she said.

She explained that the school's kiss-and-ride lane has been closed. A component of all new schools being built in Halton, the lane allows parents to drive through the parking lot to a designated lane, stop and let their children out, then drive away.

Miloknay said it's up to individual school principals whether the lanes are used. She said the Scott Street school principal decided to close the lane after noticing some parents abusing the system by parking, rather than stopping.

Principal Beverly Faulknor confirmed the lane was open when the Junior Kindergarten-to-Grade 8 school opened with some 250 students in February 2009.

As the school population exploded to 750 in 2010, Faulknor said she noticed some

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