

Region website helps prepare families for transition to kindergarten

Parents who are ready to send their children off to kindergarten this fall can find information on the Halton Region website about how to make the transition.

The Region has teamed up with the Halton District School Board, the Halton Catholic District School Board and Ontario Early Years Centres to create Kindergarten: Ready, Set, Go!

A link to the webpage can be found at www.haltonparents.ca.

The online source includes comprehensive

information, checklists, growth and development resources and activities parents can do with their children.

"Our website is the number one tool our residents use to find local information and support. Improving our site continues to be a priority," said Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr.

"These new pages are easy to use and provide all the information parents need, in one place, to give their children the best start to school."

According to the Our Kids Network Report

Card, based on Early Development Indicators, almost one in four five-year-olds in Halton isn't ready for school.

Halton Region and the partnering community organizations have pooled their expertise and resources to help change this statistic and ensure parents know what local resources and supports are available to them.

"The transition to kindergarten is a significant one for both children and parents," said Halton Medical Officer of Health Dr. Bob Nosal. "These new webpages are about engaging

parents to help their children build the skills and confidence they need to get started on the right foot and succeed in school."

Packages promoting the new webpages and local programs to help families prepare are being provided to parents through both the Halton District and Halton Catholic District school boards.

For more information about kindergarten registration, visit the Halton school boards' websites at www.hdsb.ca and www.hcdsb.org.



Chief Librarian's Remarks

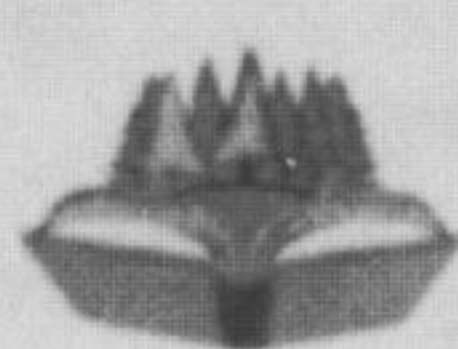
As this is written, it seems we may be in for our last blast of wintry weather. Hope so! Last fall, MPL launched a "Cook Book Club" that successfully united Milton foodies, and I'm delighted that it led to a cookbook blog, "Milton Cooks", now being launched. This is a community cooking blog to show off cooking skills, post reviews, and share kitchen tips (and disasters!). Just Cook it! Eat it! Post it! This summer, take the Milton Cooks challenge and you could win! See the blog and contest details:

miltoncooks.wordpress.com

Beginning May 18th, 2013, fresh produce (and so much more) can be found at the Chamber of Commerce Milton Farmers' Market on Main Street to invigorate recipes and appetites. I can hardly wait! Look forward to seeing you there.

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Starting June 3: new! open at 9:30 am Monday - Saturday

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