

# WE ARE BR

Celebrating Excellence in Academics, Arts and Athletics



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It has been an eventful two months at Bishop Reding. In late August, grade nines were given their first taste of what it means to be a BR student on Orientation Day, when they received a roaring welcome from the school's staff, Link Crew, Student Council, and Leaders in Black. Then, twelve of our Link Crew members continued developing their leadership skills by participating in We Day in Toronto, where 20,000 people convened to celebrate the power of youth. Later in October, over 150 grade ten students and grade 12 Leaders in Black were in Orillia for 3 days, as part of the Ontario Educational Leadership Centre camp. This introduction to assuming leadership roles was enjoyed so much by those in attendance that many of them later joined Legacy, the grade 10 leadership program.

As always, our athletes are making us proud to be Reding Royals. The junior and senior girls' basketball, junior boys' volleyball, and the senior girls' field hockey teams have all made post-season play. In fact, the junior boys' volleyball team has won several tournaments, the senior girls' basketball team made it to the semi-finals, and the senior girls' field hockey team is undefeated this season. Ben Presner, our top cross-country runner, placed first at GHAC (Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference) for the fourth consecutive time, and placed fourth at OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations).

The students of BR are evidently very familiar with academic success: at our annual Academic Awards Night, 438 students were recognized for being on the Honour Roll, winning subject awards as well as other awards.

In early October, our community witnessed an impressive showcase of talent at our annual Coffee House. As well, the production of the hilarious musical "Thirteen" has our drama department busier than ever as they prepare for their (rapidly approaching!) performance on December 5.

The school community also rallied behind two fundraisers. During Pink Week, over \$4000 was raised for breast cancer research. Then, during the week of Halloween, the "We Scream Hunger" campaign collected non-perishable food items and donated them to a local food bank.

Parents interested in learning more about the school's programs and high school registration are invited to Bishop Reding's Parent Information Night on Wednesday, November 20th at 7 p.m. as well as the Advanced Placement Information Night on Thursday, November 14th also beginning at 7 p.m.

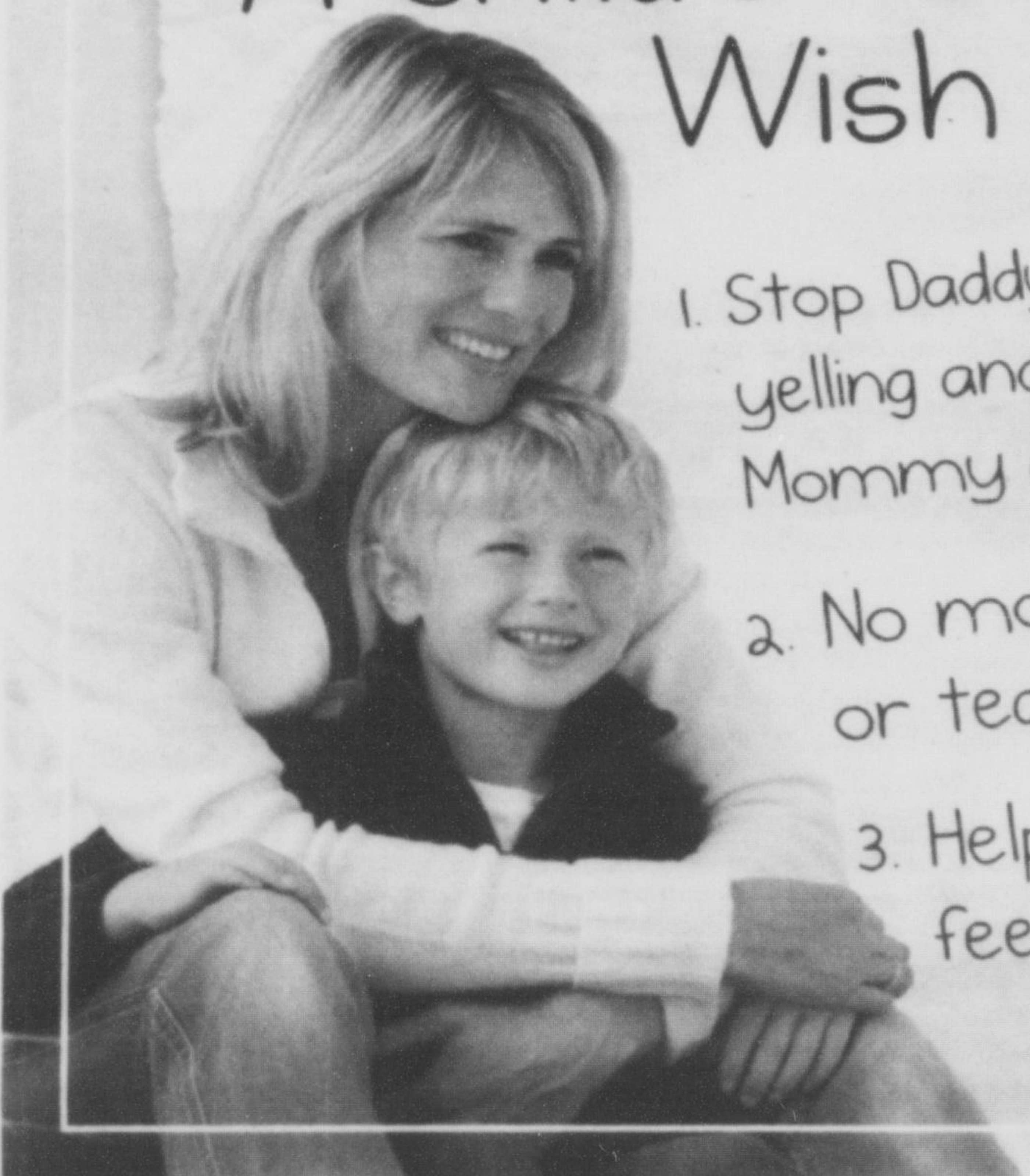
To say that students and staff will be enthusiastically preparing for upcoming events in November is an understatement, and the dedication demonstrated by all is what makes us proud to say "We Are BR".



## Community clean-up

Milton Community Garden members (from left) Robin Lahey, Shirley Kitchen, Karen Ho and Marg Wilkes pitch in during the recent season-ending clean-up of the community garden on Childs Drive. The local non-profit group, working in partnership with the Town of Milton, provides low-cost garden plots for Miltonians who want to grow their own vegetables. For more information on the program, visit [www.miltoncommunitygarden.weebly.com](http://www.miltoncommunitygarden.weebly.com).

## A Child's Holiday Wish List



1. Stop Daddy from yelling and hitting Mommy all the time.
2. No more bruises or tears.
3. Help my family feel safe again.

This coming holiday season, not every child will wish for the same things.

November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month. One out of every four women will be abused at some point in her life.

Halton Women's Place needs your help to close the door on abuse.



Halton Women's Place

In November, wear your purple scarf. Purchase yours at Halton Women's Place.



For more information, please call 905-332-1200 ext.221 or visit [www.haltonwomensplace.com](http://www.haltonwomensplace.com)

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