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### Diggin' in

Students from Anne J. MacArthur Public School joined with Halton District School Board (HDSB) officials and other dignitaries Friday for the official ground-breaking of a new elementary school at the corner of Farmstead Drive and Louis St. Laurent Boulevard. Set to open next September, the school — currently referred to as Milton #9, as it's unnamed — will accommodate nearly 800 students. Here, students (from left) Clark Osborne, Darren Lee Wo, twins Nayal and Nawfal Waheed, Olivia Lee Wo and Jayden Scott break ground as HDSB Director of Education David Euale and HDSB Chair Kelly Amos look on. **Graham Paine / Metroland West Media Group (Follow on Twitter @halton\_photog)**

## Advance voting nearly doubles

Milton may be poised for a spike in municipal election voter turnout, if results from advance polls are any indication.

Over the seven days of advance voting, a total of 3,516 residents cast a ballot. This represents an 88 per cent jump from the 2010 election.

The biggest single day of voting was on Thanksgiving Monday, when 875 Miltonians made their way to Hugh Foster Hall to vote. This marks a 60 per cent increase from the last election.

In 2010 overall, 32.64 per cent of eligible voters — or 15,683 — cast a ballot. That was 2.5 per cent higher than in 2006.

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## Local MPs safe after gunfire

By Tina Depko-Denver  
 METROLAND WEST MEDIA GROUP

After yesterday (Wednesday) morning's deadly gunfire at the National War Memorial and Parliament Hill in Ottawa, members of parliament representing Milton, Oakville and Burlington were reported to be safe.

The violence started shortly before 10 a.m. when a Canadian soldier standing guard



Lisa Raitt

at the memorial was shot by an unknown gunman. Dozens of shots were fired shortly after in the Centre Block of nearby Parliament Hill.

Early yesterday afternoon, Ottawa police confirmed the male soldier — a Hamilton reservist — and the suspected gunman at Parliament Hill had died. The number and status of other

possible gunmen remained unknown. Andrew Brander, Halton MP Lisa Raitt's



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