

Weekender

Children's Page



Grade 2's make dinosaur

Grade 2 students at John XXIII Catholic School gather around their recently-finished paper mache dinosaur. With the help of teacher Blaine Mac-

Dougall, the project took six weeks to complete. A formal presentation of readings and research was made to parents.
— Sjoerd Witteveen

John XXIII Catholic School

Longtime caretaker retiring

John Gribbin Day capped a busy week at John XXIII Catholic School yesterday, according to vice-principal Pat Preston.

Mr. Gribbin, chief caretaker at the school, is retiring and students said goodbye with poems, songs, skits and special art work.

"He is like a grandfather to the children," Mrs. Preston said. "He always has time to talk and joke with the students. We're going to miss him."

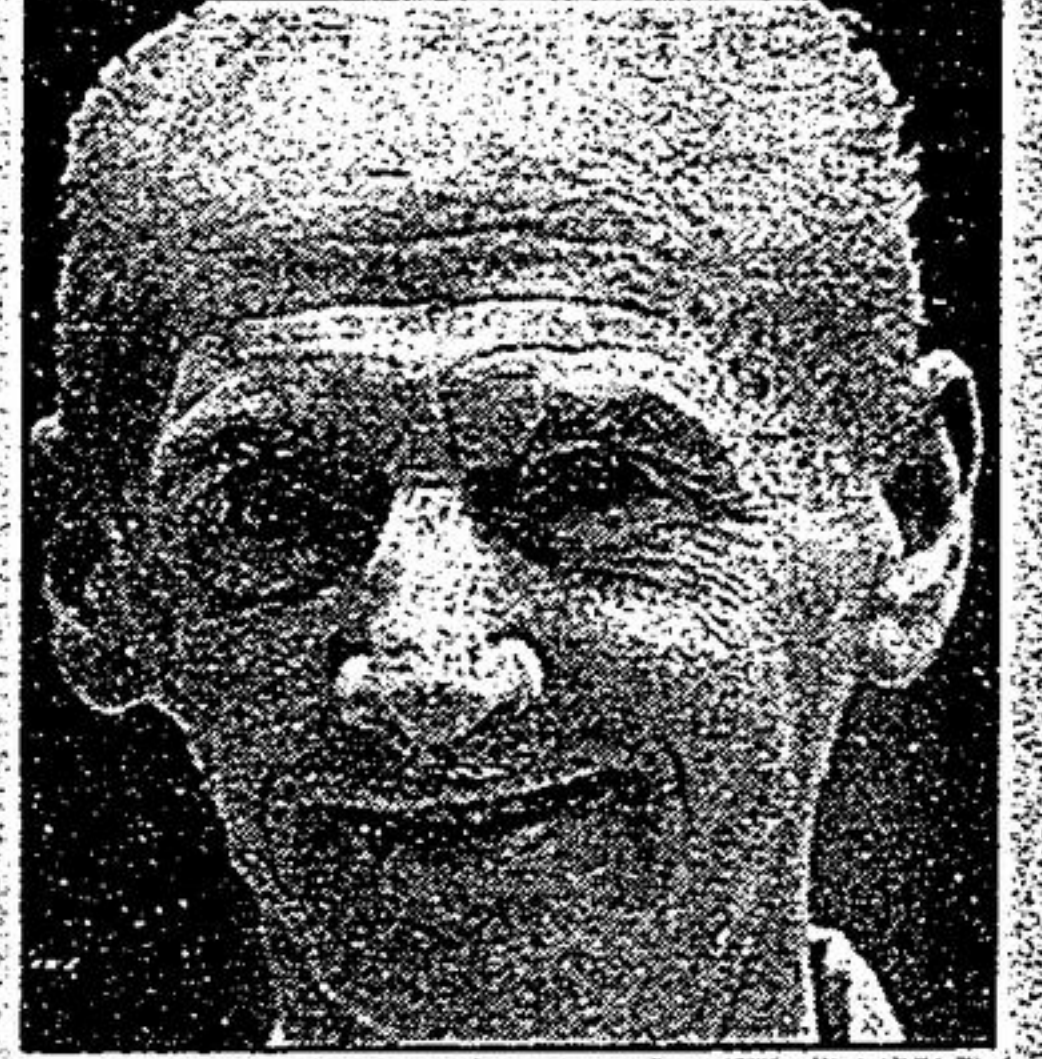
Mr. Gribbin has been at the Unionville school for nine years.

On Thursday the school choir performed at the Lions Club's York Region Music Festival in Newmarket. The choir is also scheduled to perform at Markville Shopping Centre starting at noon on May 1.

On Tuesday, the girl's Junior Cosom hockey squad won an area tournament and on April 29, as part of Education Week, Grade 1 and 2 students will participate in an Authors Day event. Pupils will write stories and teachers will put them together in book form.

Various classes plan to hold open houses throughout next week and on Tuesday, a group of teachers will make a presentation on learning disabilities.

John XXIII Catholic School is located at 125 Krieghoff Ave. in Unionville and has 612 students. It runs from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8.



JOHN GRIBBIN Retiring

Angry words not easily forgotten

She destroyed it,
With angry words she lashed in his face,
She destroyed it,
With cruel hurting words, never to be erased.

The words hovered in the air,
Like a stalled plane,
Not wanting to stop,
She repeats it again.

"I hate you,"
It sounds like a game,
But from his expression,
She knows he feels the same.

She's sorry she said it,
But that is fate,
She wants to erase it,
But now it's too late.

Though the hurt may dissolve,
Through time and through age,
Words are like birds,
Once they fly from their cage.

By Kelly McCullough
Grade 8

Monsters in the park

Once there was a little tyrannosaurus. His name was Teddy. One day in the park he saw a triceratops munching on some bushes. "Hi," the Teddy said. "Hi, Ahhhhhh."

The triceratops screamed. Then he went over to stegosaurus while he was on the swings. He said, "Look there's a tyrannosaurus in the park and I'm getting out of here." "Well that goes for me too."

While they were going home he saw a dimetrodon and said to him that there's a tyrannosaurus in the park and he will eat us up. Come on let's run. But I have to finish washing my pop's car said the dimetrodon.

Well it's clean. Let's get in it. Hey I want to be your friend. They lived happily ever after.

By Ellie Vitello and Beth Mullen

Friendly ticoons

One day in my basement I saw cocoons. They started opening up. They had ticoons. They loved me and my sister. They are just starting to like TV dinners and pepsis and for their dessert apples and bananas.

By Gregory Wagner

The baker and the elf

One day while the baker was baking he got tired. So he went to sleep.

A little elf came and baked a pie. The baker woke up and saw the pie. He was surprised. He said, "Who has been doing this? I am going to stay up tonight and see."

He hid behind the closet. The

elf came and made two pies. Then he left.

The baker made two pies for the elf and he wrote him a note. It said, "Thank you for all the pies."

By Mark Johnson, Alexander Flint, and Ryan Daly
Grade 1

The signs of spring

When you see the flowers bloom,
You know that spring is coming soon.

When you hear the birdies sing,
You know that could only mean one thing,

When you see the buds on trees,
When you feel your allergies,

And you really start to sneeze,
You know that spring is soon!

By Elise Volpe
Grade 5

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