

Weekender

Children's Page



Hey kids, here's a picture to color while enjoying your summer vacation.

History lessons Franklin's memories

About 33 years ago, my father was taught in this very school where I am being taught, Franklin Street Public School. His classroom was in the west wing. At that point the east wing hadn't been built. He was taught by Miss Stewart. Most of the boys back then had a brush cut, because the teachers were very strict and they would pull hair. Mr. Rose was my father's principal. My father, Paul Coulson, started at Franklin in 1953 and he loved it!

Sarah Coulson
Grade 4

In school 100 years ago, the children wrote with slate pencils and a small slate. Sometimes a pen dipped in ink was used to write on paper or birch bark. The water was pumped from a well in the yard. All of the grades were in one room that was heated by a wood stove. To get to school, the children often walked many miles. It sounds good, but I like school just the way it is.

Jamie Zinner and
Dean Vincent
Grade 3

Poetry square

There was a time
When I was small
I came to this school.
I was four feet tall.
I went through each grade 1 and 2
and 3,
I went all the way through. Now
look at me!
I've grown a lot. I've gotten bigger
and stronger.
But I'm not going to be around
here much longer.
Next year it is true that I will be
gone.

But Franklin memories will always live on.

Ivonne Imbleau
Grade 8

Once there was an old school,
Its name was very nice.
It also had a big, old bell,
Which always rang twice.
When it rang, it said ding, dong
And sang a pretty song.

Matthew Priestley
Grade 2

Franklin's memories

By DOUG JOHNS

The 1985-86 school year has closed now with many happy memories.

Students achieved numerous awards in competitive inter-school events including Regional Band (tie for first place), Brass Ensemble (first) and boys' intermediate track and field. There were many moments of excitement like the Grade 8 graduation and dance and field trips to southwestern Ontario, farms, outdoor education centres, Ontario Place and the Ontario Science Centre as well as being entertained by visiting singers Jim and Rosalie.

We waved goodbye to three veteran teachers as they retired this June; Miss Betty Stiby, Miss 'Tom' Dickinson and Mr. Bill Binsted.

"First in Markham and still first." These were the words proudly pronounced by former principal, Lloyd Abernethy, as we were preparing the first-ever float from Franklin St. Public School in the Markham Santa Claus Parade. The old Markham Public School was the first school in Markham; both it and its successor, Franklin Street, have served the community well for more than 100 years.

This year we became the first school in Markham Village to offer French immersion to students entering Grade 1. This will be expanded by one grade each year as we grow.

We greatly appreciate the interest and hard work of both staff and students. For a number of years it has been a holding school for many growth areas in Markham, but through the dedication of staff, the enthusiasm of students and the support of parents, Franklin Street P.S. has remained a community school.

To our graduating class and those moving to other schools, may you always carry with you the pride, integrity and good sportsmanship you developed here.

A grad's goodbye

Franklin St., the name of a school
Where I learned to read and write basic French by the rule.
To question science and multiply by twos,
The whys, wherefores and the whos.
It was here that I enjoyed the fun and the laughter,
That only good friends can bring today and after.
It was here that we tried to teach the challenges,
Set by our parents and teachers,
Our principal's office an area of fear and security in one,
With secretaries whose kindnesses should always be sung.
Caretakers and janitors, did they stay there all night?
So everything in the morning would be just right.
Franklin St., the name of our school today,
Tomorrow another school, another name to say,
Franklin St., I have grown and you have seen this,
And many friends I will miss.
I leave with many memories.
Claudia Rossler
Grade 8

The future Franklin St.

By the year 2000, Franklin St. will probably have been reconditioned. The classrooms will probably be fitted with enough terminal interfaces for every student. The teachers will probably only be there for class supervision and computer usage protocol.

There will also be a cafeteria with synthetic food machines. Students will stay in one class all

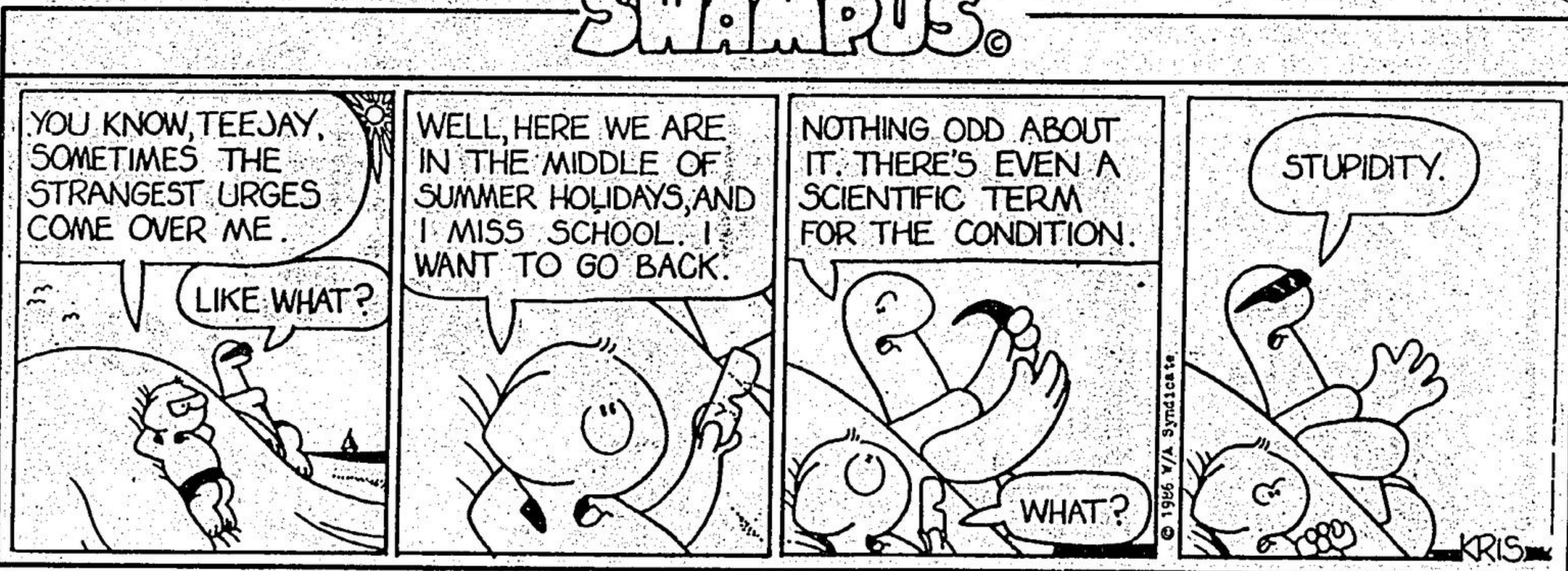
day and have progressive levels in each subject according to the capabilities of a particular student.

All subject material for one semester will be contained on a high density microchip. To excel, you progress through higher levels of a particular subject at your own rate, but must achieve at least one level a semester.

All computers will be fitted with a modem which links up with home computer terminals so you can do homework at your own leisure. To prevent cheating you will have a retina scan. Teachers will prepare the subject chips and program them. The entire school will be solar powered.

Chris Hill
Grade 8

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