

MPP applauds course funding for firefighters

Durham York MPP Ross Stevenson has lauded the reinstatement of weekend courses for volunteer firefighters at the Ontario Fire College.

Three new instructors will be hired and 11 courses offered beginning in early June.

"After great pressure from our party and from volunteer firefighters, the (Liberal) government has found the funds to hire three new instructors," according to Mr. Stevenson. The Progressive Conservative riding representative and colleague Andy Brandt, MPP for Sarnia, have been working on the issue since early December, 1986.

Added Mr. Stevenson: "We are pleased the government has decided to fund these courses, but it should not have taken the pressure to force them to do it."

"Our volunteer firefighters do an exceptional job for us, literally risking their lives on many occasions, and they deserve our support," he added.

Class treks to Quebec

Members of Uxbridge Public School's Grade 6 French Immersion class will put their bilingual skills to the test during an upcoming exchange trip to Quebec.

Students, parents and staff members have staged everything from bake sales to a rock concert to raise funds for the trip to Granby, Que.

The Uxbridge contingent, led by teachers Robert Dunn and Betty Dobson, leaves for Granby the last week in May. Their French counterparts visit here in early June.

Singer Doug Cameron of *Mona with the Children* fame appeared at the Uxbridge school yesterday (May 12) as part of the fund-raising effort.

And proceeds from a haunted house and obstacle course at Friday's Fun Fair, sponsored by Uxbridge Public School Parents' Club, aided the cause along with donations from area service clubs.



Clownin' around

Uxbridge Public School Parents' Club staged its annual Fun Fair on Friday evening, with proceeds going to purchase a laminating machine for the Victoria Ave. school. Here, club fund-raising chairperson Cynthia Nidd (rear, right) joins in the festivities along with a balloon-blowing clown (Mike Street) and a crowd of students including Bev. Cornish, Steve Assinck, Kim Morrell, Chrissy Hicken, Stacey Bell, Glenn Hall, Krista Dickinson, Jason Gay and Matthew Street.

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