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**Gr. 3 math scores less than great**

**MIKE ADLER**  
Staff Reporter

Local schools are getting ready to tell parents how their third graders did on province-wide tests in reading, writing and math.

But when they hear how their school scored in the 10-day Grade 3 assessment, parents will also get information that puts the results "in context," school board officials say.

More importantly, they'll also get their school's own plans for doing better.

Some schools will score better than others, said Brian Jamieson Friday, speaking for York Region's public board. "What's critical there," he added, "is: What are they doing about it?"

Catholic schools are expected to release the information the first week of December. Jamieson said public schools should follow on Dec. 9.

Board-by-board results of the testing were released early this month — in the middle of an Ontario teachers' strike.

"Clearly in our worst nightmare the timing of this couldn't be worse," said Barb

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## Rats infest apartment

**JOAN RANSBERRY**  
Staff Reporter

When a Stouffville woman heard funny noises in the night, discovered teeth marks in Q-tips and found vitamin bottles toppled over on the kitchen counter, she hunched

she was sharing the apartment with someone other than her roommate.

Jennifer Tungatt suspected the mystery was linked to four-legged creatures. Still, she was shocked when, after her landlord set rodent traps in the basement apartment, four rats were trapped within three hours. Over the next few days, dead

rats continued to be plucked out of traps.

The landlord also set out rat poison. It worked. The next day, Tungatt's roommate Julie Crozier came home to find a "big dead rat" on the bathroom floor. At that point, the young women questioned remaining in the basement apartment.

"We decided we weren't going to live there until every trace of rat was gone," said Tungatt.

The next night, when Tungatt came home to grab a few things, she grabbed more than she bargained for.

"I found a rat's tail hanging out of

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**TALK ABOUT HAT HEAD:** Joanne Maika-White, co-ordinator of activities and support services, gets a head full of hat from Marg Clark, a tenant at Parkview Village, during the facility's annual craft and baked goods sale which took place Saturday.  
Photo by SJOERD WITTEVEEN

## Welfare cheques can be picked up

York Region has developed a contingency plan to distribute cheques to clients in the event of a disruption of postal services.

General Welfare benefit cheques issued for November must be picked up at the Social Service office in Markham which also serves Whitchurch-Stouffville. December benefit cheques dated Dec. 1 will be available for pick-up at 625 Cochrane Drive, Suite 400, Markham.

- A to F - Nov. 26 - 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- G to L - Nov. 27 - 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- M to R - Nov. 28 - 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- S to Z - Dec. 1 - 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Clients must provide proper identification when picking up their cheques. For more information call 513-0880. If there is a postal disruption in effect as of Dec. 2, welfare cheques can be picked up at the address above.

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■ Summitview Public School's Senior Choir and Bell Choir will be performing this Thursday at Markham Stouffville Hospital during the Donor Recognition Evening. The concert will begin in the front lobby at 6:30 p.m. During this time the Christmas tree will be lit, new equipment will be

unveiled and refreshments will be served.

■ Santa Claus is coming to Stouffville soon and those involved are getting geared up to greet the jolly old fellow. Don't miss the parade on Saturday, Dec. 6.

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