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Fireworks a real blast

Canada Day was celebrated in grand style in Whitchurch-Stouffville Wednesday evening.

Thousands of people turned out to celebrate the country's 131st birthday by taking in a spectacular fireworks and laser show.

At a cost of about \$8,000, the annual light fest was sponsored and organized by the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, Novapharm, Pepsi and the Stouffville business community at large.

Every year, more and more people attend, stressed local Mayor Wayne Emmerson and this year was no exception.



WATER WONDERLAND ON CANADA DAY: Families enjoyed free swimming at the town pool yesterday as part of the Canada Day festivities. Here, Emily Mattice, 2, (top photo) finds the waterdrops refreshing as she jumps into the outdoor pool. Ryan LaDuca, 11, also finds refreshment in the water.

Whitchurch-Stouffville residents also enjoyed a bevy of activities yesterday starting with clowns and magicians in Memorial Park, the singing of O Canada and cake cutting ceremonies to kick off the Fireworks and Laser Spectacular in the park for the evening. The Optimists' Teddy Bear Picnic also amused kids while older residents enjoyed Black Board Blues Band entertainment at Thickerwood Bowl.

Photos by SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Teachers struggle with new sex ed guidelines

JENNIFER BROWN
 Staff Reporter

Elementary students will start learning where babies come from as early as Grade 3 next year - if teachers have time to absorb the new provincial curriculum by September.

The new Health and Physical Education Curriculum announced by Education Minister Dave Johnson yesterday emphasizes physical fitness and an understanding of how the body works.

However, an official at the York Region public school board says the Ministry of Education's plan to address each grade with specific instruction is something local educators have offered for years.

"We'll take a look at it and see how it is different from what we're doing to make sure we are filling in the gaps," said curriculum superintendent Sharon Craigen, who learned of the new material yesterday.

"I haven't seen a page of it, but I don't expect there won't be any great changes. We have a very detailed curriculum for each grade."

Prior to having a standardized sex education curriculum, it was up to individual school boards to deliver their own program to students - something Johnson said was being done in a "haphazard way."

In addition to developing physical fitness, students in each grade will learn about issues related to their physical

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