

**School salutes Canada**

Students, staff and parents at Unionville Montessori School are preparing to salute Canada.

During a citizenship re-affirmation ceremony Feb. 16, those attending will take an oath of citizenship to be read by Markham Councillor Dan Horchik. Plans call for Regional Councillor Jack Heath to deliver an address entitled Being Canadian.

Heritage Canada will donate Canada flags and lapel pins for each participant at the 16th Avenue school.

"We believe personal, civic and national pride are important and these feelings blend well with the character attributes we emphasize and support," principal Kevin McCarthy said.

**Colouring contest**

Get out your crayons, kids, the Whitchurch-Stouffville Doors Open committee is bringing back its colouring contest.

The contest, for children up to age 12, helps celebrate Heritage Week, which runs from Feb. 21 to 27.

"We want to generate excitement about heritage among our youth," event co-ordinator Patricia Robinson said. "Last year's contest was a great success and we're really looking forward to seeing this year's entries."

First, second and people's choice prizes will be awarded in five age categories: up to four years old, five and six, seven and eight and 11 and 12.

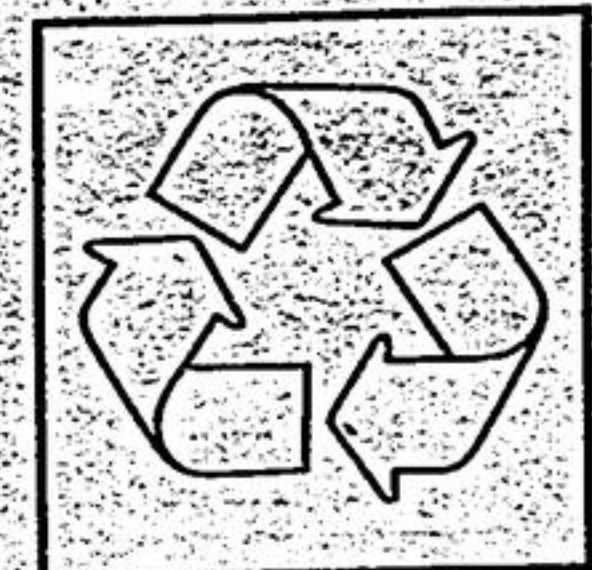
The public is invited to view entries and vote for the people's choice prizes at

the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library at 30 Burkholder St. from Feb. 23 to 27.

All entries must be submitted by Feb. 21 at 4:30 p.m. Winners will be announced at the Whitchurch-Stouffville council meeting March 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at 37 Sandford Dr.

Contest forms are available at schools, Lebovic Leisure Centre, Stouffville GO train station, Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum and online at [www.DoorsOpenWS.ca](http://www.DoorsOpenWS.ca)


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