#### **Environmental post for MPP Jaczek**

Oak Ridges-Markham MPP Helena Jaczek has been appointed as parliamentary assistant to the minister of environment, Premier Dalton McGuinty announced earlier this month.

Parliamentary assistants work with ministers on projects in their portfolios. Ms Jaczek will work with Environment Minister John Gerretsen, according to a media release, on projects ensuring healthy communities, ecological protection and sustainable development.

"I am honoured to have been chosen for this important role," Ms Jaczek said in a statement. "A healthy natural environment is critical to our quality of life. I look forward to working with minister Gerretsen to fight climate change, tackle environmental causes of illness and continue to provide strong environmental protections for all Ontarians."

### **Know a gutsy Stouffville resident?**

The Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada (CCFC) is searching for the nation's Gutsiest Canadians.

With more than 200,000 Canadians suffering from Crohn's and colitis, Canada has one of the highest rates of these diseases in the world.

There is a large network of caregivers, friends, family and members of the medical community whose lives are dedicated to these diseases and who deserve to be recognized.

Seven outstanding Canadians will be honoured in November as the foundation celebrates Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Month.

If you know someone who faces inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) and is making a difference in their community or in the lives of others or if you know someone who deserves recognition for their support of an individual with the disease, you can nominate them at www.getgutsymonth.com.

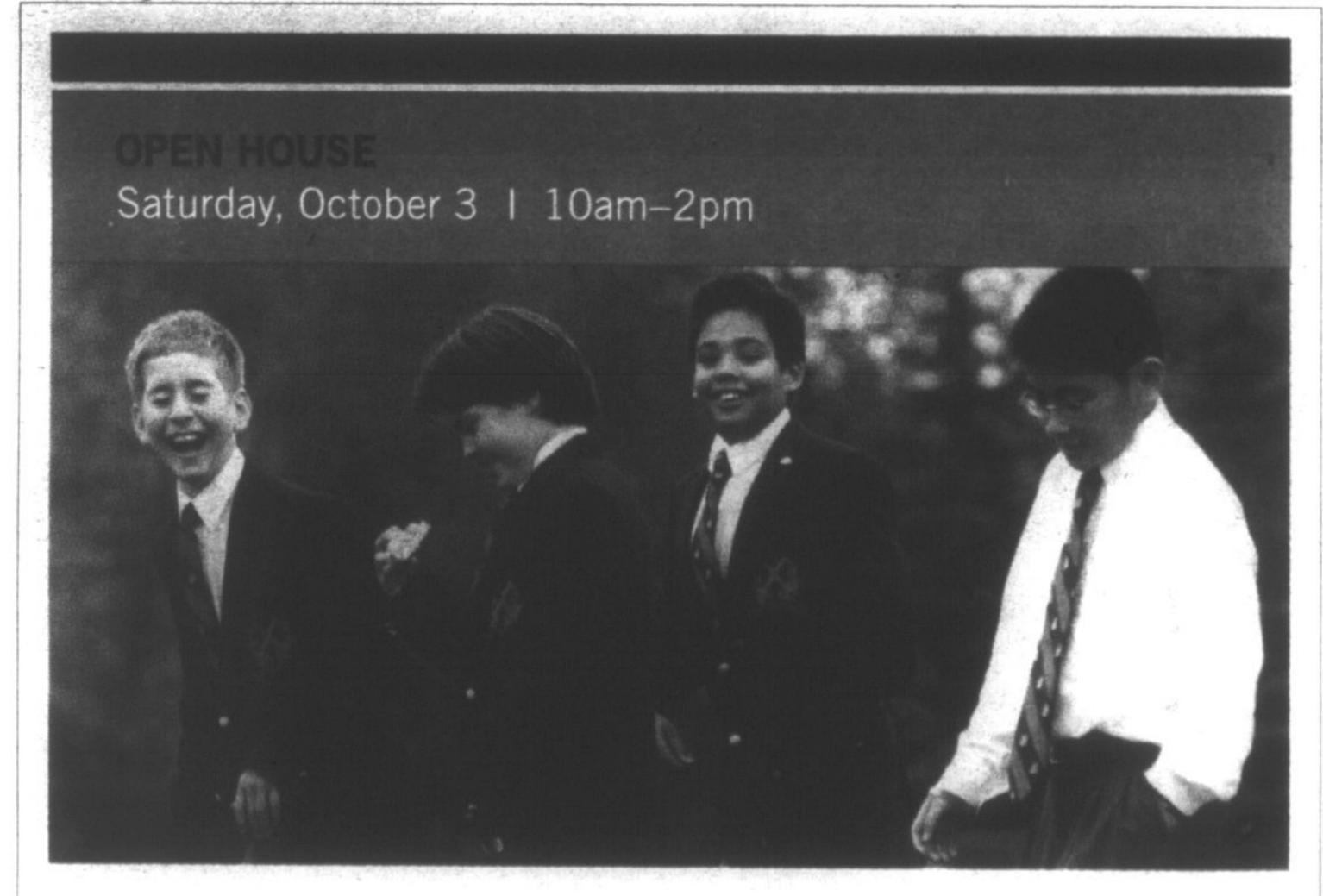
Entries will be accepted until Oct. 9.

## **NEW CHIEF IN TOWN**



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Kate van Herpt, Whitchurch-Stouffville's 2009 junior firefighter for a day, tries out her new bunker gear during regional festivities for the nine winners in Schomberg Thursday. Kate is a Grade 3 student at St. Brigid School in Stouffville.



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