

# Summitview Public School students plunging into the swim of things

Last spring, Summitview Public School decided to see if we could broaden our athletic program so that more individuals would have the opportunity to get involved.

The current intermural sports offered by most public schools include cross country, relay and

track and field, as well as volleyball and basketball, but not everyone can run or is good at this type of athletic program. Last spring we started the broadening process with a baseball team, which met with great success and a wonderful response from the students.

Summitview staff and our principal, Eva Carter, are very supportive when approached with new ideas. I have a son who is a swimmer, but I had been told that swim teams at the public school level had never been done in Stouffville.

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Members of Summitview Public School's Swim Teams take a break at the Lebovic Leisure Centre. Reg Chappell, president of the Stouffville Ducks Swim Club, along with coaches Yorick Tong and Jason Currie, helped to develop a partnership between the club and the school.

## LETTER

### Abusive behaviour in parking lot

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However, the woman you were with witnessed this episode and I hope you were both completely embarrassed by your ignorance. I would like to take this opportunity to let you know what a special person my mother is, in the hopes it may prevent you from repeating your inappropriate behaviour.

Despite the necessity of requiring a handicapped tag, my mother lives alone and is a strong and independent 75-year-old. She goes to visit my father daily and helps care for him at Bloomington Cove, where he is restricted to a wheelchair. You see, our whole family understands and respects what the handicapped reserved areas represent. She unselfishly devotes her time volunteering both at Bloomington Cove and Markham Stouffville Hospital.

She was quite shaken up after her encounter with you and called me at work when she got home. I told her it wasn't worth getting upset over, but after our conversation I became incensed enough to write this letter. I only wish I had the opportunity to tell you in person about the frightening effect this incident had on her. How dare you, in your ignorance, undermine her independence. Will she now think twice about venturing out alone? You can bet the thought of strangers like you will be on her mind.

You must be a very angry man to vent so aggressively, but there is no justification for what you did. I hope you can make peace with yourself, and maybe next time you could remember to "do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

D. Davis  
Stouffville

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