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FORMER QFHSA PRESIDENT Sylvia Adams elected head of Canadian Federation

By CHARLENE de CONDÉ

SYLVIA ADAMS, former president of QFHSA, has been elected president of the Canadian Home and School Parent-Teacher Federation at the Annual General meeting held in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Adams assumes her presidency at a time when the national organization faces serious financial problems due to Health and Welfare Canada's refusal to renew

CHSPTF's \$7000 sustaining grant. (see story below)

Their refusal, she feels, is based on the fact that Canada does not have national educational objectives.

"We are one of the few industrialized countries without national education goals," Adams says. "We need common educational objectives across the country. Right now everyone is fighting for his own turf, instead of a theme we can strive for together."

"We're the organization who can help parents realize they can

have the right to input on all organizations that impact on their children.

"I see us being supportive of national educational objectives on behalf of young Canadians."

Adams, who became involved with Home and School in 1968, served as president of QFHSA from 1985 to 1987. She says she joined because she believes in the involvement of people in the education of their children.

And she was impressed with the people who were a part of Home and School.

"The sincerity of the people involved in Home and School hooks us all," she says. "Home and School involves people who want to be involved."

Adams feels parents have the right to express themselves as parents. "We're supposed to be parents," she says. "We can present ourselves for what we are, express ourselves in a comfortable way and become a viable organization of what we are."

"We must express ourselves from our own perspectives and tell what we need as parents."

"But first we must be comfortable as members and then be comfortable as what we are."

"It's just like being at a cocktail party. You ask yourself how you fit in. Members have to do the same thing at their locals."

Home and School is the vanguard of parenting skills for families in a state of change, such as one parent families. "We're learn-



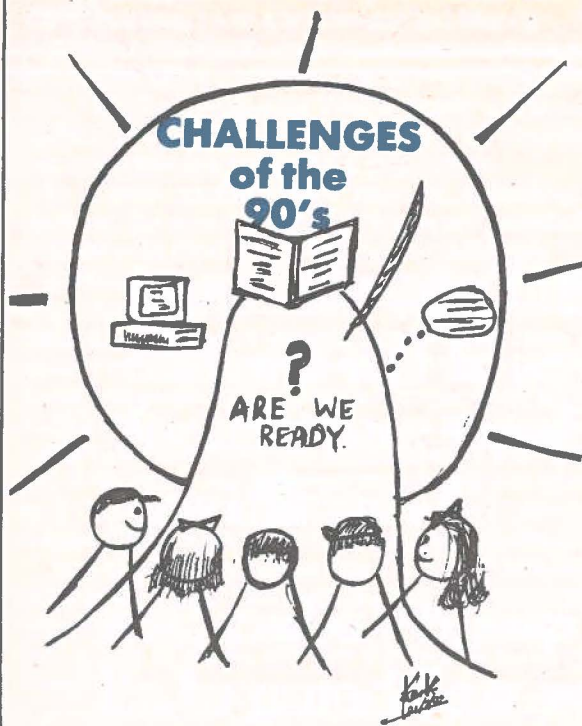
Sylvia Adams, past president of QFHSA has been elected president of CHSPTF.

ing on behalf of ourselves and for the younger members," says Adams, who supervises a community support service in the Town of Mount Royal.

"I believe we can be a self-supporting network of committed parents who help parents be better parents."

FALL CONFERENCE

Home & School can help YOU get ready



HEAR speakers tell:

- What H&S really is
- Why readers are leaders
- How to catch 'n' keep volunteers
- What programs work
- The 3 Rs for parents
- Why high school kids are worth it
- How to keep the books

PLUS:

- Thinking skills for kids
- Whole language goes to high school
- Presidents and VPs:
- What to do & how to do it

When: **OCTOBER 15, 1988**
Where: **Beaconsfield High
84 Beaconsfield Court
Beaconsfield, Quebec**
Time: **8:30 am to 3:00 pm**

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MONEY CRUNCH FOR CHSPTF



SYLVIA ADAMS, newly elected president of Canadian Home and School Parent-Teacher Federation (CHSPTF), sent this memo, date June 20, 1988 to all The Board of Directors and the Provincial Federations, as one of her first duties after assuming office.

CAUSE: Without the sustaining grant of \$7000 from Health and Welfare Canada, the inevitable has occurred — our cash flow has ceased. Last week I visited our national office with the treasurer and reviewed our financial status.

We must go into an immediate holding operation and pare our operations to the bone until such time that financial help is forthcoming.

FACT 1: At the end of June and by paying our current bills, our bank balance will be approximately \$500 to bridge the summer months until the 1988-89 membership fees are submitted in the fall.

FACT 2: It costs approximately \$2000 per month to operate the national office in our extremely modest and cost-conscious fashion — rent, salaries (rock-bottom and embarrassing) copying, postage, telephone, etc.

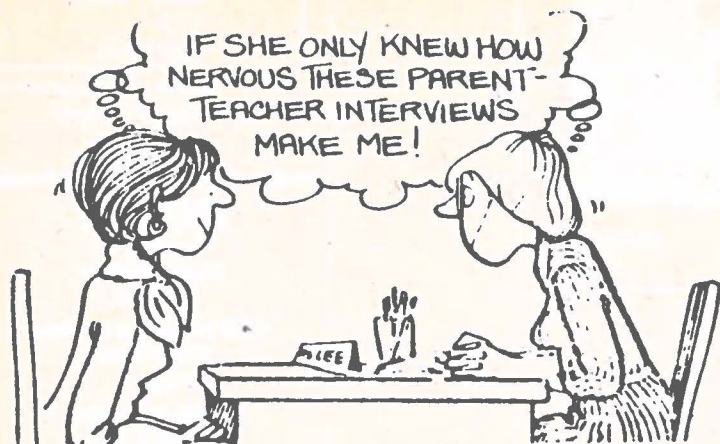
ACTION 1: Relocation of the office to a small room on the third floor at the end of June. The rent will be \$250 per month instead of \$450 per month. It will be inconvenient in regards to photocopying facilities, an extra flight of stairs, moving, moving costs, etc. The lease is signed.

ACTION 2: Our minimally salaried executive-secretary is willing to forego cashing her salary cheques until the fall; government deductions must be forwarded, however. (I wonder if executive directors of other national organizations who receive generous grants have ever offered to do this? Thank you, Maybelle Durkin!)

ACTION 3: Canadian Hunger Foundation, from whom we rent our premises, are most understanding. They are willing to wait for our summer months' rent, if necessary. (Thank you, Canadian Hunger Foundation.)

ACTION 4: Mailings will be the bare minimum until the fall to save photocopying, paper, postage, etc.

ACTION 5: The Annual Meeting minutes will be typed and *continued on page 8*



HEY, TEENS . . .

Don't let your parents down,
They brought you up.

Be humble enough to obey,
You may give orders someday.

Choose companions with care,
You become what they are.

Guard your thoughts,
What you think, you are.

Choose only a date,
Who would make a good mate.

Be master of your habits,
or they will master you.

Don't be a show off when you
drive,

Drive with safety and arrive.

Don't let the crowd pressure you,
Stand for something or you'll fall
for anything.

Author unknown

Student accident insurance

full; (5) the date the school reopens.

Reliable Life Insurance Company's plan supported by Home & School voting delegates.

Your school should consider making this type of insurance available to your parents should they wish it. It is also likely a good idea to consider insisting that all children taking part in extra-curricular activities, with any element of risk, be covered in case of an accident.

Two options are offered. **OPTION A** — \$3.50/student, \$1000 life insurance, \$500/tooth, or **OPTION B** — \$6.00/student, \$1000 life insurance, 4 years unlimited dental expenses, and after 4 years \$300/tooth to age 20.

If you wish to receive policy forms for distribution in your school (or school board) this Fall, simply write to:

Jean-Louis Brais
C.P. 67
St. Hyacinthe, Quebec
J2T 9Z9

Tel. 514-773-2008

Mr. Brais is the Quebec agent for Reliable Life. In your letter state: (1) name of school; (2) number of application forms needed; (3) language of forms (French or English); (4) your school address in

CAPP

The Child Abuse Prevention Program (CAPP), recently piloted with one thousand grade 3 and 4 students in the Laurensval School Board is a broad-based educational program designed to give youngsters the knowledge and skills that will help them grow up safely.

Burger King Canada Inc. has provided the funds to develop and implement the pilot program, as a community service.

Another primary concern expressed by CAPP is the need to sensitize and promote awareness within the adult community. The Child Abuse Prevention Speakers Bureau has been formed with this objective in mind.

The Speakers Bureau encompasses experts in the field of Youth Protection, including psychologists, social workers and psychiatrists.

These professionals are prepared to explore the issue of child abuse with community-based organizations. There is no fee.

For additional information please contact the CAPP office at 935-9570, 1411 Fort Street, Suite 401, Montreal, Quebec H3H 2N6.

Editorial . . .

Some parents dream of all-encompassing school

AT A RECENT Neighborhood Watch meeting a member of my community said that while Neighbourhood Watch was a good idea in itself, the real problem was that schools were not doing their jobs of teaching children morality and right from wrong. When they did there would be no need for Neighborhood Watch.

The minute I heard this I stifled a laugh. I couldn't help but wonder why this was the schools' responsibility when, as a parent, I always feel it is my job to handle these issues.

Then someone gave me a copy of *SPEC*, a weekly newspaper in the Gaspé, and in it was a column reprinted from *The Gleaner* of June 8, 1988.

Columnist Murray Orlando of *The West-Quebec Post* in Buckingham, Quebec, was also wondering about the "all-encompassing school", an institution where children receive all the information and training parents want them to have.

What made him ponder this column was the way some parents open conversations any time they meet *anyone* involved in education. It usually begins like this: "You know what you should be doing?"

The educator's reply of "What?" is normally followed by this litany, according to Orlando:

"You guys should forget about history and geography and all that drivel and teach them

to balance a budget, to drive, to be polite and have respect, to become responsible, to talk well and to avoid the pitfalls of smoking, drinking, drugs, and AIDS."

Not satisfied with the above program, some parents would also add, according to Orlando:

"While you're at it, add to your curriculum: mental and physical hygiene, the fundamentals of Christianity, basic foundations of Canadian politics, the role of women and/or men in today's society, pre- and post-Spockian child care, and how to choose a good bargain, a piece of property, and a competent analyst, or lawyer, or bookie."

"Besides that, you should give courses on automobile maintenance and repair, how to build your first house (or anything for that matter), a bank manager you can trust, the difference between eatable and poisonous mushrooms, and the pros and cons of microwave cooking and electric versus gas-employed kitchen."

It makes Orlando wonder "if people will enroll their children in school from birth on? It would be advertised as a concept of education and it would make teachers the highest paid babysitters in the world and at the same time, completely revolutionize parenthood and the concept of the family."

Thanks from CdeC to Murray Orlando, *SPEC* and *The Gleaner*

If you wish:

TO SUPPORT the aims and objectives of the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations

TO PROMOTE quality education and the well-being of all children

PLEASE consider a donation to:

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DEAR MR. RYAN...

To: M. Claude Ryan, Ministre de l'éducation

At the 44th Annual General Meeting of the Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations, held last May 7, 1988, in Montreal, the delegates voted unanimously to support the principle of the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards (QAPSB) on March 11, 1988.

- 1) that the QAPSB oppose the MEQ proposal to supply nominative information on the student registration form concerning the disability categories of special education children.
- 2) that the QAPSB propose that any nominative data collected for such studies be encoded at the school board level, so as to

- 3) ensure the confidentiality of the pupils' identities.
- that the QAPSB propose that only aggregate data be furnished to the MEQ, as is the case at present.

We wish all nominative information to remain at the local school board level to minimize the very real danger of unauthorized persons having access to confidential records.

As parents we are aware that increasingly the record of our lives and those of our children are being entrusted to machines and put into impersonal computer banks — a process over which we have little or no control — a process that accelerates the dehumanizing trend in modern society.

From: Helen Koepp
President,
QFHSA



President's Message

Helen Koepp

Are we ready for the last decade?

THE START of a new school year is exciting with teachers, parents and students all anticipating great things.

The start of the 1988-89 school year brings us breathtakingly close to the last decade of this century — children starting school now will be graduating after the year 2000, in the new century.

Are we as parents prepared and are we preparing our children to meet the challenges of the new century?

The challenges for parents certainly are many. They include:

- How to cope with pollution and the protection of our environment;
- How to help the increasing numbers of families trapped by self-perpetuating poverty;
- How to educate ourselves and our children about peace, understanding and caring;
- How to use the power that we have as parents.

These are just a few.

Each local Home & School association could set a goal this fall. Decide what the greatest challenge for your school is this school year and then set about to meet that challenge.

The delegates from the 10 provincial member-federations to The Canadian Home & School and Parent-Teacher Federation annual meeting, held last June in Thunder Bay, Ontario, chose LITERACY as their common concern for the coming year.

The number of illiterates, both basic and functional, in Canada is an astonishing 4.5 million according to research done for a literacy survey by *SOUTHAM NEWS*.

Literacy skills are not only reflected in one's ability to read, but to write, reason and think as well. How can we hope to meet the challenges of the next decade if so many of us do not have some of the necessary tools — **BASIC READING AND WRITING SKILLS**.

Did you ever stop to think that the statistics on illiteracy show that a fair proportion of those parents cannot read the notices, school newsletters and memos we faithfully send.

Perhaps the personal touch, a friendly phone call to remind parents of our meetings, our membership drives and other special events will reach all of our parents and encourage those who have been "shut off" from the majority to participate. 4.5 million means 1 in 5 Canadians.

Valois Park library has parent info shelf

DOES YOUR LIBRARY have a "parent education" shelf? Diane Waugh, Valois Park's Parent Education Program chairman, discovered the answer is "yes" in their school library.

Part of her interesting findings are appearing for all of us to appreciate.

Perhaps your school's program committee chairman, if you are lucky enough to have one, might investigate YOUR library and report back in a school newsletter to YOUR parents.

One of Home and School's mandates is to help parents learn how to be even better parents.

"I found that although the collection of books is not large, the books included there are important and interesting," Diane said. "Some, such as "It's O.K. To Say NO To Drugs" by Alan Garner,

related to health and safety.

"Others relate to general topics: *The Hurried Child: Growing Up Too Fast Too Soon* by David Elkind, or to curriculum: *Learning Computer Learning* by Veronica Buckley or *What's Whole in Whole Language* by Ken Goodman."

"The latter book would be of particular interest to parents who are still searching for the phonics workbook in their child's schoolbag and who are somewhat mystified by the Whole Language approach to reading and writing used in the classroom."

"Why not borrow the book for a week or two and acquaint yourself with the principles of this approach? It's there for you as a parent, and you probably didn't even know it."

Ed. Note: We would be interested to have the titles and authors of any other books, suitable for parents, that you find in your school's library.

Dunrae Gardens

PRINCIPAL FRANCES ROTMAN, recently paid tribute to two parents who made contributions to the unique spirit of Dunrae Gardens.

Jennifer Harper retired after four years as School Committee Chairman. She gave splendid direction and brought before the committee a wide range of educational issues which were debated, discussed, and consistently acted upon with the best interests of the pupils in mind.

Her personal leadership will be missed a great deal but she does leave behind a legacy of well-developed portfolios — The Challenge Programme with Mrs. Rossy, The Before-and-After School Day Care Programme with Mrs. Howick and Lunch Hour Policies.

On May 31 Barbara Bonnell became past-president of the H&S. For two years Mrs. Bonnell and her executive, committees and sub-committees, chairmen and co-chairmen, class mothers, volunteers, parents, friends, and strangers have performed magic before our eyes!

If a child here was;
a) in pre-kindergarten

- b) in extended kindergarten
- c) enjoying an in-school computer course
- d) enjoying one of many extra-curricular activities
- e) listening to French/English stories by library volunteers
- f) wearing a "long lasting — good looking" school uniform
- g) participating in the in-school "Child Assault Safety Programme"
- h) warming up with hot chocolate on Olympic Day
- i) taking home Butterfly Boxes/Unicef cartons

and much, much more... the chance is he or she was participating in a H&S Programme.

The H&S has been guided for two years by the unerring vision of Barbara Bonnell.

Her enthusiasm for work properly done and her long days of devoted service were such that the structure which the H&S developed will continue to work for the pupils of Dunrae.

Both presidents worked hard, with a deep sense of commitment and dedication to the tasks at hand. The school community thanks them for this.

Gurekas is new peace page editor



PART OF THE SUCCESS of the Home and School Association is it recognizes education does not come to a halt when we graduate — we all can and should continue to grow, whether through experience, conferences, Quebec Home & School News, or other means.

It has been my pleasure to be able to contribute to the Quebec

Home & School NEWS over the past two years, and at this point, I am stepping down to return to my studies in the field of education.

Mary Gurekas, who will be the new editor for the peace-related articles, is well qualified. As mother of three boys, she has experience in dealing with the war toy issue, and professionally, she has provided an outlet for adolescents to voice their concern over the nuclear threat through the creative process.

She also has access to information on resources and local, national and international peace-related events.

I thank her for filling this important role, and you for all your valuable contributions and efforts. Keep up the good work.

Susan Hawker Lussier

GLOBAL YOUTH PEACE SUMMIT

A GLOBAL YOUTH PEACE SUMMIT took place in Hiroshima, Japan during the first week of August 1988.

This gathering of high-school age youth from around the world provided an opportunity to develop leadership for peace and justice, share information and ideas on global issues, educate each other on the situations in their respective countries, and explore the possibilities of forming an international youth network for developing strategies for bringing peace and disarmament to the world.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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| Sept. 20 | Peal for Peace at noon: A Minute of Silence, a moment of sound for peace. |
| Oct. 15-29: | International Youth for Peace and Justice Tour
Info: 842-5374 or 842-8600 (Montreal) |
| October | Tools for Peace Campaign for Nicaragua (Kids coloring book available)
Info: Luc Gaudet (Y.M.C.A.) (514) 849-5331 |
| Oct. 24: | United Nations Day |
| Oct. 24-31: | United Nations Disarmament Week |
| Oct. 29: | Montreal, Peace Walk |
| Nov. 11: | Remembrance Day: To remember is to end all war |
| Nov. & Dec.: | War Toy Boycott activities |



FOCUS on MEMBERSHIP



QFHSA Needs You...

Your Children Need You

By NORMA RENNIE
Membership Chairwoman

RIGHT NOW YOU are probably asking yourself what kind of inspirational message you are about to read regarding membership.

Since it is not even the end of June as I write this, while waiting at the Big "O" for the Expos-Pirates game to begin, I must admit to a certain difficulty in trying to get into a September frame of mind! The weather is doing its best to help me out — it feels like a fall day!

By the time you read this, we will be beginning a new school year, which we all hope will be a year of academic achievement and social growth for our children.

What can we, as parents, do to help ensure this? We can become involved in our children's education by joining Home & School.

Through Home and School parents can independently take part in issues at local, provincial and national levels which affect the education and welfare of our young people.

Home and School is an independent organization which, for over 90 years, has not only gone to bat for improvements in education and in the welfare of our children, but has been just as concerned with helping keep parents informed and aware.

It is an organization which listens and strives to answer and fill the need. It is non-sectarian, non-partisan, non-commercial and non-racial.

Home and School can function well only with solid support. We need a strong, growing membership to make our voices heard. The bigger we are, the stronger we are. **WE NEED YOU!** (shades of the U.S. Army!)

Across Canada, Home & School has seen membership decline. The National Voluntary Organizations

Coalition reports a general decline in volunteerism.

This is, no doubt, affected by the high percentage of mothers now working outside the home.

We can overcome this problem by sharing the load — many hands make light work. Even working mothers and fathers can volunteer a tiny part of their time, and the more volunteers we have, the less each will have to do.

A Home and School member is one who becomes involved, either to a minor or a major degree. School volunteer programmes, committees, projects and activities all need concerned parents who accept their responsibility as citizens in a democratic society.

Home and School members cannot be complacent about problems in school or in the community

strong and in the forefront in the never-ending fight to prepare our children for a bright and promising future.

Membership and publicity chairpersons can work together to inform parents in their school communities about the goal and aims of Home and School, and of its many successes.

A good membership drive depends on good publicity and effective communication of ideas. You all did a fine job last year. Now let's see if we can do even better.

We can turn those Canadian volunteer statistics around so that more, not fewer, parents are actively involved in their children's school.

ARE YOU AWARE THAT studies have shown repeatedly that children do better in school when their

ship or become a new member of Home & School. When you join your local association you automatically become a member of the provincial organization, the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations, and the

national body, the Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation.

However, you must renew your membership each year to remain a part of this vibrant organization.

LOOK AT ME!

I am the thought for 1988; remember me?

- I am the Person who comes to your meetings or the Person who quietly waits to be acknowledged. I patiently wait while everyone visits and chit-chats.
- I am the Person who finds my own seat — I don't have much to say.
- You might say I'm the good guy . . . I don't make waves.
- But do you know who else I am?
- I'm the Parent who never comes back!
- It amuses me to see how much your membership tries to find ways to get me back when I was there in the first place.
- All you had to do to keep me was give me some time, some extended little courtesy.
- Do you owe someone a phone call or a note for help given? Have you asked everyone present at your meetings for their views? Do you listen to your members?

The happy parent is the one that stays and grows with us!

which affect their children's lives. They face the challenge and try, collectively, to do something about it. There is strength in numbers.

Home and School can be only as strong as its membership. Those clichés are well-used but true.

Please join us and commit yourself to keeping Home and School

parents are involved in the school? They perform better and their marks and general behaviour reflect their awareness of the interest and commitment of their parents.

So please, invest in your child's future. Join Home and School today. Renew your old member-

HOME AND SCHOOL

WHAT ARE THE BARE FACTS ABOUT HOME AND SCHOOL???

BECOME A HOME AND SCHOOL MEMBER AND FIND OUT ALL ABOUT IT!

.....IF YOU CARE ENOUGH ABOUT WHAT YOUR CHILD IS LEARNING, THEN YOUR CHILD WILL CARE ENOUGH TO LEARN.

DON'T DELAY

JOIN TODAY

WE NEED YOU TOO

Today's thought

A COMMON EXCUSE for not participating in Home and School activities is, "I don't have the time." A good response to that is, "Do you have a couple of hours free this year?" Or do what the Winston Churchill PTA in Palatine, Illinois, did.

The PTA developed a "Call Me Once" sheet and asked parents to volunteer just once during the year.

"This gives us an abundance of volunteers and spreads out the vol-

unteer load," said Jessie Kallnowski, past president of the group.

She says that parents will gladly sign up if they know they'll only be called once.

However, she reports that once parents get involved they often get "hooked on the great feeling they get when their children recognize how important their parents are to the school!"

Reprinted from PTA TODAY, May 1987

APPLICATION — QFHSA

- Supporting (Family Membership) . . \$ 9.00
- Affiliate (Group) Membership \$35.00 *eg. School Board, School Committee, Parents Committee, School Council*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

(Please do not forget to include post office box number or apartment number if applicable)

Your membership card will be forwarded to you, immediately, upon receipt of your application by:

Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations
3285 Cavendish Blvd., #562
Montreal, Quebec H4B 2L9

Membership includes the bi-monthly newspaper and affiliation with the Canadian Home & School and Parent-Teacher Federation.

GET INVOLVED...
BE INFORMED...
JOIN YOUR HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION!



PAUL VERRALL

AT THE AGM

Membership awards



These women made their membership drives outstanding successes and were honored for their achievements at the Annual General Meeting. From top left, Carol Porteous, Elizabeth Ballantyne; Lauren Sullivan, Beacon Hill; Judy Stanway, Courtland Park; Roslyn Karpman, left is presented her award by membership chairwoman Norma Rennie. Left, Beverly Moore, Macdonald High. Below, Beverly Hayes, Hopetown/Shigawake/Port Daniel.



GO FOR MEMBERSHIP
IN
HOME & SCHOOL

WRITING SHOULD COME NATURALLY

A PARENT'S MOST important responsibility is to provide a role model for children. Writing should be natural and spontaneous.

How can parents provide the best conditions to ensure that writing matures and flourishes? We can:

Set a good example by letting your child see you writing as much as possible. Expose your child to many reasons for writing, including your own pleasure.

Provide an area where your child can write comfortably, stocked with a good selection of pencils, pens, erasers, crayons, paints.

Surprise your child by typing some of the writing he/she has done or make a special book where it can be rewritten and collected.

Send away for information and

"give-aways" frequently advertised.

Write to famous personalities — sports, entertainment, political — and enjoy the replies.

List grocery items needed and check them off as picked up.

Encourage your child to keep a daily diary (that need not be shared) to practise expressing feelings and opinions.

Record in a journal the details of trips taken, including records of accommodation and mileage, purchases and souvenirs.

Dramatize plays written by your child — puppet plays are especially popular — to be performed for the family.

Collect cartoons for which children can write new dialogue — or keep the dialogue and have the children illustrate with new cartoons.

Clip pictures from magazines and newspapers. Children can write new

captions, headlines and stories to accompany the pictures.

Allow your child to use a typewriter and word processor if one is available. This will make writing seem more important.

With the school year underway, it is a good time to remember the school's mission — 'An Environment for Growth'.

Greendale school is committed to providing a caring environment for children by actively involving all our professionals, parents and concerned members of our school committee as partners in helping each student achieve his or her potential for excellence.

We are working towards the maximum progress and highest achievement for each student in academic achievement, love of learning, personal/social development, respect for others and self-esteem.



YOUTH THEATRE

PRESENTS

CONFEDERATION SHUFFLE

by Dave Clarke

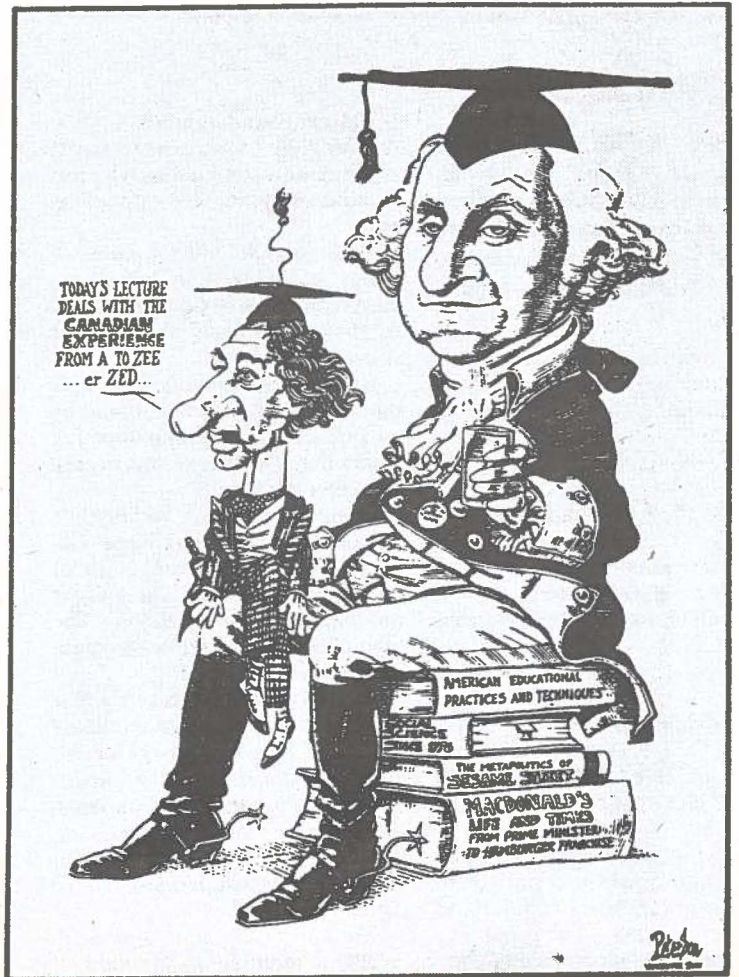
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Available dates are going fast



FOCUS on the LOCALS

NORTHVIEW

Adventure club is learning experience

ADVENTURESOME TEACHERS and students have been involved in the Adventure Club for many years at Northview Elementary.

This group was the special interest of past principal Fred Argue and is now lead by gym teacher Walter Makowski and classroom teacher Peter Sladowski.

This extra-curricular group offers many possibilities for learning experiences including:

- 1) Exposing youngsters in grade 6 to outdoor activities;
- 2) Encouraging communication and cooperation among staff and students by promoting respect for self and others;
- 3) Developing a sense of independence and resourcefulness.

The group's adventures have included hiking, camping, and canoeing in the Adirondacks in New York State and at various

camp in Quebec and Ontario.

Pre-camp activities mean menu, clothing and equipment-list preparation. Activities at the camps include orienteering, hikes, meal preparation and clean-up, plus various recreational sports. Students are encouraged to keep a journal.

To improve success, questionnaires are used to gain feedback from parents and students. Youngsters must display acceptable academic and behavior levels.

Today, as with many other special functions, funding becomes a problem. While Home and School still helps support the Adventure Club, members have had to turn to the adventure of fundraising as well.

Spring was a very busy time at the school.

Kindergarten and grades 1,2,3 put on a fantastic production of "Tom Sawyer" in April for the

parents and were a success. Thanks to all the teachers the children will have fond memories of being on stage, for the first time, and receiving a standing ovation.

Spring was Science Fair time again and everyone was at work showing off their new discoveries: Insects, electricity, astronomy, arts, music. There are future scientists at work in the school!

In June Northview was traveling. Grade 6 went on a cultural exchange with a school in Disraeli. Both groups shared good moments showing off their own town and its history.

Grade 4 P.F.I. went to Jouvence, and a few people commented, "it's like Club Med for children". What a great time they had!

At Upper Canada Village the Grade 2's discovered some of our customs and heritage. Grade 4 went on an adventure trip in Foley Mountain. Grade 3 went to Rawdon and the arboretum. "Nature" seems to be very important at Northview.

School ended with a field day



Northview Adventure Club participants share thrilling weekend at Trail's End Camp in March.

and a trip to a nearby pool. What a way to end the school year, ready and refreshed to start a beautiful summer full of new experiences.

DORSET

THE ANNUAL Avey Public Speaking contest was held during the first two weeks of May and finalists competed May 13.

Profits from the highly remunerative Spice Sale will go toward playground equipment.

Students from kindergarten through grade 7 participated in a special science workshop on environmental studies.

Ending the year with a bang, during the Field Day in June, H&S moms served a hot dog lunch com-

plete with a drink and ice cream and then supervised the students until the end of the lunch hour.

It was the first annual (we hope) hot dog lunch and our hats are off to Barb O'Neill who was eager to organize the activity and did a fine job.

The 1988-89 school year will see many changes at Dorset including a 5-day week after more than a decade of a 4 1/2 day week, and a school dress code, which parents, teachers and students seem eager to have.

ALLANCROFT

MORE THAN A UNIFORM

ROSE D'ELIA worked very hard with Constable Ray Mischook to put together the Police Week Contest. The theme of the week was "The Policeman, more than a uniform".

Nineteen schools were encouraged to participate in the Station 11's district but only eight schools chose to be involved.

One child from each of the participating schools was picked to have lunch at MacDonald's with Constable Mischook. The winner from Allancroft was Nadia Khan. Chris Rutherford won the 12 speed bike.

Terry James

FUTURE WATCH

The Macdonald High H&S Craft Fair will be held on Oct. 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Over 30 artisans will exhibit a vast assortment of crafts to suit every taste and each person on your Christmas list.

Other attractions include a bake table and a white elephant table. Refreshments will be served in the Tea Shoppe. Macdonald High School is located at 17 Maple Ave. in Ste. Anne de Bellevue.

If you are planning an event, a fair etc. at your school, let us know. Just remember our publishing date and tell us well in advance.

THORNDALE

THINGS WERE really hopping, or rather skipping, May 6 at the school's first "Jump Rope For Heart" day which was a huge success, both socially and financially.

We were blessed with a warm sunny day and a nice clean school yard, thanks to the public works of Pierrefonds who came by on Saturday with the road sweeper.

Events were opened by Mrs. Wells leading the singing of "Oh Canada". Thanks to Mr. Steele, and his sound system, we were treated to a wide variety of fast songs which was a great encouragement to skip.

During the day we hosted many visitors from Youppi to Peter Della Riva of the Montreal Alouettes. Mayor Cy MacDonald, of Pierrefonds presented a V.C.R. to Mr. Walker for the benefit of the students.

Many volunteer parents helped to cut up oranges and pass them out along with boxes of juice and Humpty Dumpty chips. It was very encouraging to see so much parental participation which is great for school spirit.

Our total collected for the Que-

bec Heart Foundation was \$4,807. A loud Tiger's Roar goes to all the students who collected such a great amount of money and skipped so well.

Each year, St. Mary's Anglican church in Kirkland presents a special plaque to safety patrollers and to those who have shown their concern for others.

Because the students of Thorndale had shown such concern by participating in the Jump Rope For Heart Day, the school was invited to receive the award.

Brian and Maureen Turkington, the children of Jump Rope For Heart Co-ordinator Carol Turkington, accepted the plaque on behalf of the school. The plaque will be placed in the main entrance of the school.

The school newsletter sent a roar of appreciation to John Amorosa of West Island Nursery for his generous donation: 20 impatiens plants, 12 petunias and 12 marigolds for the school's "Magic Garden" (a fenced area at the back of the school which is used by the lunch program).

Mr. Amorosa's generosity is an excellent example of the kind of community support that the Thorndale Resource Committee is trying to promote.



PRINCESS ELIZABETH

Carnival Week was the big week in January. The school was divided into three teams — Red House, Blue House, and Gold House.

To announce events and name winners a 'Royal Family' was crowned on the first day: John Buck, King; Sarah Maybee, Queen; Luigi Persechino, Prince, and Cheryse McKelvey, Princess.

Other special events included a decorated hat day, noon-hour centipede races, noisy games of Pop Stop in the gym, and a big day of outdoor competition to end the week.

There was broom ball, tug-of-

war, capture-the-flag, treasure hunt, shuffleboard, skiing and sliding.

When it was over Blue House was declared the champion.

Unity and hope were expressed as everyone released a balloon with a message into the sky.

EDINBURGH

THE MONTHS OF May and June were filled with activity. The students of grade 6 and grades 1 & 2, under the supervision of Mme Denise Nizri, presented the colorful musical "Le Voyage Mystereux". It was enjoyed by everyone.

Our annual Spring Fair was held

Were there any answers? Yes! Two of our balloons were later found in Maine.

Lucie Dauphinais and Penny Woodward were pleased to receive replies. Lucie even had her name mentioned in the newspaper in Bethel, Maine.

on June 2. The theme was "The Year of the Dragon" and the 'haunted' house was especially popular. There were also refreshments, raffles, prizes, game booths. As usual it was open to the public.

Every year it is a great success; this year was the best ever. The parents, teachers and students all contributed, making it a wonderful way to end a good year.

ECOLE PRIMAIRE BEACONSFIELD

YEAR IS A SUCCESS

THE SCHOOL HAS ENJOYED a tremendously successful and rewarding year in 1987-88, under the direction of our new Principal, Daniel Abergel.

The H&S received two awards of merit from the QFHSA. Our newsletter was honoured for the second year in a row and we also received an award recognizing the highest number of members to the provincial Federation.

Congratulations are due to those

students involved in winning the Battle of the Books Contest. Special mention goes to Joyce Hung, Jennifer Taylor, Ben Temperton and Thomas Unterberger from Grade 6.

Approximately \$1,200 was raised by our students for UNICEF and another \$1,500 through our read-a-thon.

Twelve students were honoured for their participation in the Cerebral Palsy Art Contest.

Over \$7000 has been donated to our library through various fun-

draising efforts.

Thirty-five students were selected to participate in Beaconsfield High School's music program.

Ellen Schlesinger won the Speech Language Poster Contest. Congratulations!

Through the combined efforts and talents of our Principal, teachers, administrative staff and dedicated volunteers, the school has benefitted greatly from many interesting and exciting activities.



1988-89 school year. With the opening of Ecole Primaire Harwood, approximately 1/3 of our students were transferred.

Our best wishes go with them. At the same time, we welcome back our kindergarten classes which due to the lack of space, had been using the Oakridge School in Baie d'Urfé for the last few years.

We were also fortunate to have had an informative speaking session with Naiomi Holobow from McGill University concerning our children's ability to achieve in different immersion situations.

Many exciting changes will be taking place at EPB during this

SEIGNIORY

AS THE YEAR drew to an end, there was lots of excitement at the school.

Our annual Bicycle Rodeo was held May 4. With the help of Provigo, Sealtest, Hygrade and General Mills a new bicycle safety program introduced wearing bicycle helmets, which will be required for children bringing their bicycles to school.

Each grade 1 student received a new bicycle helmet and two children in the school won BMX bicycles.

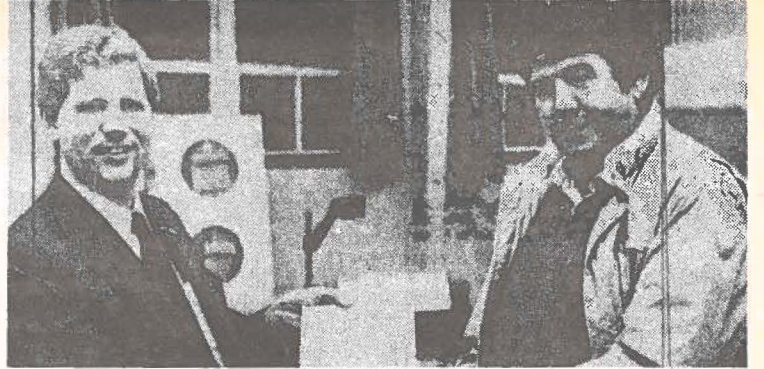
During the year the children enjoyed their special activities such as ceramics, pottery, baking, crafts, painting, field trips, computers, etc. An open house was held for parents to see what the children had done.

Our Book Fair was held in May. We are the only school which offers a 10 percent discount to students on new books and all profits are used to buy new paperbacks for the library.

Our third edition of the Seigniory Yearbook was published and everyone was very pleased with the finished product.

Grades 4,5 & 6 did a great job presenting their play "Good Knight".

Hope everyone had a good summer!



Mark Franklin, president of New Carlisle H&S presents Malcolm MacDonald, president of the Community Center Committee, a cheque for \$260. The school raised the money for the center at a No-Bake Sale held in April. (picture thanks to SPEC)

LINDSAY PLACE

COMMERCIAL NOTE: Parents are wanted and needed. I believe that many parents who were very active in the school when their children were in elementary school, feel that they are not welcome in the high school.

Nothing could be farther from the truth. If you might be interested in becoming involved please contact me at 694-2760.

I would be most interested in discussing the possibilities with you.

Peter Clark
LPHS teacher

COURTLAND PARK

For those of you who are skeptical about spending several days far from home with 50+ children, let me reassure you. On behalf of all the parents who were fortunate

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enough to make the trips to the Arundel Natural Science Centre, I want you to know what a positive experience it was for all of us.

Much work on the part of the teachers of Grades 2/3, 3, and 5's goes into a trip of this "nature". The teachers were great, the children were great, the food was great, the mosquitoes were great! Those of us who went would not hesitate to volunteer again.

FLASHES FROM THE LOCALS

Campbell's Bay deserved a rest after a busy June which included visits to the Ottawa-Hall Children's Festival and the Museum of Civilization, the Annual Spelling Competition for levels 3 to 6, Sports Day and the School BBQ...

Christmas Park established garden plots planned and maintained by each grade. A compost heap was started and digging began on May 1. Planting was done after Victoria Day.

Funding was requested from the Alternatives Education Fund and the Barry Brown Fund. Over the summer volunteer parents will help keep the gardens in shape...

The winner of Sunnydale's recent Name the Yearbook Contest was a Grade 5 student who proposed it be called *Sunny Side Up*.

The yearbook contained grad photos, biographies, class pictures, candid shots and photos of special events. It was printed professionally, with a distribution of 700. Because of the ads placed in it, it was entirely self-financing...

In the spring Beaconsfield High's Student Union conducted a winter clothes collection for Sun Youth who, in conjunction with the local Youth Squad, organized a series of seminars on drugs and

alcohol abuse for the BHS students...

The Lakeshore School Board Professional Career Centre, located at Lindsay Place High School and directed by Joan Kepron, offers full-time professional courses in a wide range of areas.

All programs are of a two-year duration.

After successfully completing their courses, graduates receive a Secondary School Vocational Diploma (DEP) from the Ministry of Education as well as a Diploma from the Lakeshore Professional Career Centre.

Courses are available in such areas as Aesthetics, Automechanics, Office Specialization, Hairdressing. Students can obtain career and personal guidance including aid in obtaining employment.

Each student spends time in business/industry in on-the-job training sessions. To qualify for entrance, the candidate must have a High School Leaving Certificate or be 16 years of age by Sept. 30 and have passed secondary level 4 in English, French, Math, MRE. Mature students are encouraged to apply. For further information call Joan Kepron, 694-2760.



At MOUNT ROYAL ACADEMY awards night, Katia Plănu, grade 6 Imm., is embraced by principal L.H. Badour in honor of her achievements.

Books On Review

By Kenneth Radu

ONE OF THE virtues of Dayle Gaetz's book, **Grandfather Heron Finds a Friend** (Press Porcépic, 36 pp.) is the moral of the tale arises naturally from the narrative itself. Another commendable aspect of her work is the talking herons, despite their anthropomorphic personalities, remain true to their bird nature. They can only do whatever is possible for herons to do, neither more nor less.

Grandfather Heron Finds a Friend is a story about an ancient heron who, because of extreme age and loneliness, has grown surly, supersensitive to cold water, and is unable to catch his daily supply of fish. Protracted hunger does nothing to improve his temperament.

He eventually meets with an equally old female heron and, after a series of incidents, including a terrifying flight through fog, the two of them learn to support and help each other. The female heron's philosophic calm provides a dramatic contrast to grandfather heron's grouchiness.

Convincingly written and energetic, **Grandfather Heron Finds a Friend** is a solid story of learning to find new ways to enjoy life, despite age and creeping decrepitude.

Illustrations consist of detailed pencil drawings by Anna Mah that capture the misty, grey atmosphere of the British Columbia coast line and rain-soaked islands.

AMONG THE MOST recent publications from Annick Press is a gentle, quiet time story, perfect for kindergarten children. Jirina Morton's **Midnight Visit at Molly's House** (24 pp.) is a fantasy picture book about the moon coming down from the sky and visiting a town and a pink house.

In a style touched with folkloric sensitivity and poetic rhythms, the narrative carries the moon gracefully from room to room until it's time for it to return to the sky.

Although the story lacks tension or real drama, it succeeds because of Jirina Morton's original premise and also because of her rich illustrations in deep blue, purples and golden brown. Slightly surrealistic, they are moonlight pictures well-suited to the dream-like quality of the story.

ALSO FROM Annick Press comes **Forget-me-not** (24 pp.) written and illustrated by Jonah Schein who is now 14-years old. A touching work, **Forget-me-not** is not so much a story as it is a memorial to the young author's grandmother who suffered from Alzheimer's disease before she died.

Jonah Schein honestly describes the hostility he and his brother and sister feel towards their grandmother when she comes to visit. The little brother complains that she smells, and none of them are too thrilled to have grandmother around.

Jonah soon notices her lapses of memory. He learns she has the dread disease and tries to help his brother understand. This is a "story" about a child's confusion and sorrow. The words and watercolour illustrations are those of a thoughtful and sensitive boy.

A **PROMISE IS A PROMISE** (Annick Press, 32 pp.) is an amusing fantasy derived from Inuit folklore about the Qallupilluit, weird troll-like creatures of the Hudson Bay region who grab children when they wander too near the cracks and fissures in the ice.

Michael Kusugak devised this particular story about Allashua, a young Inuit girl who disobeys her mother's warning and fishes where the ice is dangerously cracked.

She blithely insults the Qallupilluit who rise to take their revenge. The child is pulled beneath the ice and how she escapes is the crux of the story. All does turn out well in the end, however, thanks to Allashua's clever mother.

Kusugak sent his story to Robert Munsch who helped to tell the tale. Together the authors produced a delightful narrative that young children will undoubtedly enjoy.

Watercolour illustrations by Vldyana Kryorka are clear and vivid. The Qallupilluit are especially well done.

Preventing Accidents is World-Wide Concern

The concept of overall safety cannot be realized unless all those involved first unite behind a common ideal.

Road accidents alone account for almost 400,000 people in the world being killed and 2 million injured. One hundred and eighty thousand deaths and 110 million injuries occur at work every year.

But the greatest number of injuries results from accidents in the home and this is true throughout the world. If we take just the United States, in the space of a 10-minute address on safety two people will have died accidentally and 170 others will have been seriously injured.

These figures serve to illustrate a

painful reality, a situation which is epidemic and yet has little impact on public opinion. Somewhat fatalistically, people tell themselves that such accidents were bound to happen.

When safety on a personal level is involved, they say that it is a strictly private matter. Changes in attitude sometimes have to wait until strong penalties are imposed as, for instance, with drinking and driving.

In the same way, it sometimes takes the death of a child or someone near and dear to wake people up to the importance of preventive measures.

But, despite these somewhat negative considerations, progress has been made. Children's safety has become a priority for many

parents. Wearing safety belts and being sober while behind the wheel have become a way of life for most drivers.

Companies as well as individuals have become more conscious of their responsibilities with respect to on-the-job safety. But safety in its own right is still far from becoming a part of the everyday lifestyle.

In the past, we have tended to compartmentalize safety, speaking of safety on the roads, at work, at home or at play. Today, Quebec Safety League and similar organizations are increasingly directing their efforts towards a concept of **OVERALL SAFETY**, which should become an integral part of everyone's behaviour, 24 hours a day. Behaviour is definitely the

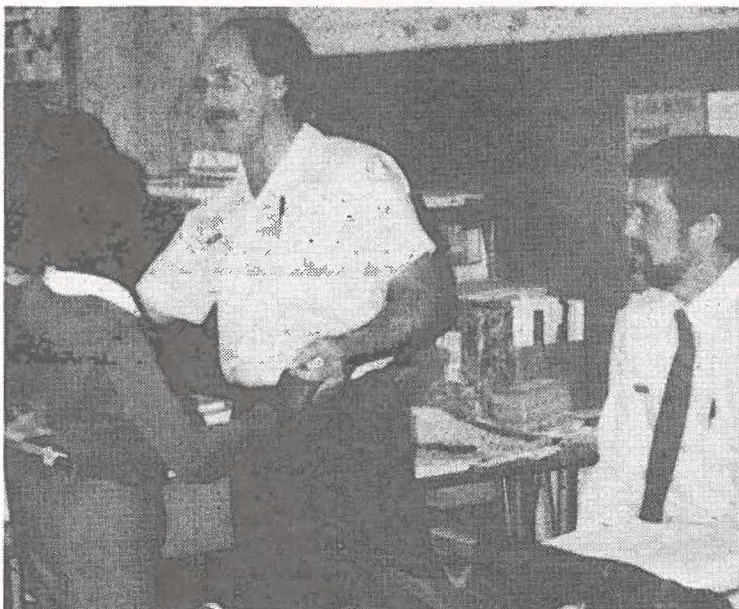
SAFETY SCENE

hardest thing to change, since people consider safety measures as curbs on their personal liberty or issues which only arise in certain circumstances and at certain times.

We, however, believe that a positive attitude towards safety should be a permanent facet of our lives,

adopted in order to improve the quality of life overall and with the ultimate goal of saving human lives and reducing the aggressiveness, negligence and carelessness which are often at the root of many fatal accidents.

Reprinted from "Signal", the newsletter of the Quebec Safety League, Summer '88.



MOUNT ROYAL ACADEMY grade 5 student Marc Henry learns basic bicycle rules from MUC constables Normand Duval and Robert Beauchamp.

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AYER'S CLIFF

Sink your teeth into a good book

STUDENTS WILL long recall the excitement of Reading Week which began with a visit from Peter Scowen, Editor of the Stanstead Journal.

Mr. Scowen's talk about his newspaper prepared students for a trip to the Newport Daily where the Stanstead Journal is printed. There students learned a lot and asked many good questions. It seemed their eyes weren't big enough to see everything.

Next came a lunch stop at Sunnyside Elementary where they were met by the school's principal, Tom Bean. He escorted the visitors to the school cafeteria and invited them to enjoy a special ice cream treat after lunch. The big day continued with a guided grand tour of the Haskell Library and the Opera House.

Reading Week also included readings by local authors John

Mahoney and Heather Rhodes. School board administrators could not resist the temptation to get in on the reading fun.

Tom Matthews, Director of Educational Services for the Eastern Townships School Board, shared some of his favourite stories with students.

Marlis Wehr, Director of Personnel, taught students several German nursery rhymes and school principal Vance Patterson conducted poetry lessons in each class.

The week closed with a 'reading sleep-over' at the school. Afternoon activities and supper were followed by an entertaining sing-along with Michael Nerenberg and Elaine Vachon.

Snacks and bedtime meant spell-binding stories by John Pitt who told tales of his adventurous trip to South America and his narrow escape from an untimely end when

he fell through the ice of Lake Massawippi. Students were then allowed to read until they fell asleep.

In the morning parent volunteers prepared a breakfast of hot pancakes and sausages. Students were then ready to pick up their belongings and go home after having spent a good week of reading instead of 'too much TV'. If they didn't already know it, students discovered that reading can be exciting, entertaining and fun.

Grades 3 and 4 read up a storm with their own Parents as Partners Program. During the three-month program students read almost 900 books at home with their parents, for a total of more than 50,000 pages.

The Reading Party, held at the end of the program, featured a cake with the inscription 'Sink Your Teeth Into a Good Book'.

Monique Letourneau

MONEY CRUNCH

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printed but only executive committee will receive copies until the fall. However, the list of To Do's will be sent as soon as possible.

ACTION 6: The CHSPTF Directory will be typed and sent when we can afford printing and postage.

ACTION 7: The Newsletter will be prepared but will not be able to go to the printer until the fall. We will even have to review our ability to translate this edition as Secretary of State Funding requires a 50 percent sharing of the cost by CHSPTF and it is hard to share 50 percent of "nothing".

ACTION 8: Telephone communications by long distance must be minimal by all officers and committee chairmen. Submit bills but they will not be paid until the fall. Please write to each other whenever possible.

ACTION 9: Conferences. Attendance by CHSPTF officers at all national conferences is cancelled until further notice. We cannot afford any expenses to be incurred. Letters will be sent by the president to note our distress at our enforced absence at a time when dialogue is so important.

ACTION 10: Distribution of CHSPTF Publications is on hold to all members and other interested groups (e.g. Department of National Defense schools in Canada and Europe, native groups, etc.). As a consequence, materials aimed at the promotion and/or the prevention of health and social problems such as smoking and health, child abuse prevention, fitness and nutrition, alcohol and drug abuse, literacy, home influences and parenting materials must wait until CHSPTF acquires the funding that will allow it to fill the income void.

ACTION 11: 1988 resolutions letters will be prepared but resolutions will not be sent to their destinations until the fall.

ACTION 12: Health Exchange '88 follow-up materials and information will be adversely affected

by our negative financial status. This is a sorry situation as Home and School participation in this conference was extremely valuable. Home and School has the established network that is needed — NOW.

ACTION 13: Provincial H&S federations. It would be greatly appreciated if you could somehow find it possible to send some of your affiliation membership fees, in advance (on account).

ACTION 14: A copy of this internal memo will be sent the Health and Welfare Canada's Sustaining Grant Division/Committee, for their information. It is important for Health and Welfare Canada to realize the effect of its decision upon a national, volunteer grassroots organization that has worked since 1895 to improve the health and welfare of all children and youth in Canada in the "holistic" sense, by reaching into their homes, schools and communities, large and small.

ACTION 15: A copy of this internal memo will be sent to the Secretary of State Consultant who interviewed CHSPTF regarding the Bilingualism Grant program of the Secretary of State. Regardless, we have applied for Phase V, as CHSPTF wishes to be able to function in both official languages for its membership.

ACTION 16: The national office will be CLOSED for the month of August. Please direct urgent inquiries to the president or to the eastern vice-president during August.

ACTION 17: Suggest that provincial federations use this memo to publicize the plight of our national organization of parents and volunteers who directly and quietly donate tens of thousands of dollars and volunteer hours annually to improve the quality of life of our Canadian children and youth.

To everyone: Thank you for your help at this difficult time.
Sylvia Adams.



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