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## HDSB's Parent Council, picking up the slack

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June 5, 2006.

**Halton Hills - Acton:** McKenzie-Smith Bennett Public School underwent a long overdue makeover today, courtesy of the school's Parent Council Committee.



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The Halton District School Board no longer maintains or replaces playground related equipment. The Town of Halton Hills Parks Department has been under agreement with the school board to maintain the equipment, which it appears from the state of the monkey bars (pictured above), may have failed to do.



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The Parent Council group allocated \$300.00 dollars from their "Don't Bug Me" campaign to repaint the weathered lines of the tarmac games (pictured above) and monkey bars. The monkey bars were the only objects left from the main playground which the Town had previously removed.



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Metro Pavement Markings of Acton, after hearing about the Parent Council's needs, donated all the paint required to repaint the tarmac game lines. Home Hardware donated, at cost, the remainder of the items required for the Parent Council's project.

The Playground Committee is hoping to raise twenty five thousand dollars for the "phase one" replacement of the playground structure. They are hoping to have phase one of the structure in place by September 2007. To date, they have raised just under two thousand dollars with a pledge from the Town for a contribution of four thousand dollars.

Many community members feel the Town should be obligated to contribute the greatest portion, if not the total cost for the playground's replacement structure and construction, because it's the immediate community's only park. Also, the Town collects users fees from the soccer club for use of the park which is suppose to go towards the cost to maintain the park, including the playground structure.



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Pictured above, Halton Herald co-editor, Sean Haefner, as well as a number of MSB Parent Council members and volunteers with their children who showed up for the Saturday morning task, including McKenzie-Smith Bennett's Principle, Mr. Swanson. Noticeably absent was Acton's own Halton District School Board Trustee, Ethel Gardner or any local politicians.

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The benefits are obvious in these photos.



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