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Newspaper In Education Programs for 2010-2011

The Hamilton Spectator delivers relevant, curriculum-based programs that use the daily newspaper to support education and promote practical literacy. With support from readers and community partners, The Spectator is able to offer these programs and accompanying newspapers **FREE** of charge or at minimal cost to teachers. The following outlines some of the programs available for the upcoming school year. Plan now to include The Hamilton Spectator in your classroom!

CLASSROOM SPECIAL

Now offering a choice of digital or print plus digital edition!

The Spectator offers 70% off the educational rate on weekday delivery of minimum 10 copies a day throughout the school year. Whether to address curriculum or simply provide content for students to read for pleasure, teachers at all grade levels are recognizing the value of the newspaper. Include The Spectator in your classroom, library or school-wide D.E.A.R. program for the 2011-2012 school year. For pricing examples and to order go to www.thespec.com/NIE.

TuesNews

To encourage students to have a look at the newspaper and especially 'Our Pulse,' The Spectator's youth page, we offer delivery of 20 complimentary copies of The Hamilton Spectator each Tuesday, September through June. This program is available to a very limited number of teachers so registering early is highly recommended.

SERIAL STORIES

This popular program features weekly chapters of an engaging story, developed especially for young readers. With registration you will receive a class set of newspapers (digital or print edition) and access to comprehensive curriculum-based follow-up activities. Engage your

students in this program at least once in 2011-2012. You will be amazed at the enthusiasm it generates!

Fall 2011 – 'Axle Galench and the Gate of No Return' Grades 4-10

Axle grew up believing he was a manarkin boy living in the neat, orderly and sometimes boring village of Kamoo located on the planet Mizmoe. But in his twelfth year reality came crashing down around him. Suddenly he was transformed into a human boy and was forced to leave Kamoo and his mother behind. Axle passed through the Gate of No Return and entered into the wild and unruly realm of Bedlam. Follow Axle through Bedlam as he tries to find a creature named Nacklenod who can help him read the Book of Equates. This action-packed adventure is sprinkled with funny, 'punny' wordplay and slapstick humour. Written by Rooster Morris and illustrated by Scott Cummins this hilarious adventure will keep students laughing and eagerly anticipating Axle's fate in his next Bedlam adventure! (Cost to be determined)

Winter 2011 – 'Solving Damian Dermite' Grades 1-6

Alex Thomas is not excited about having to go back to school. Wishing the summer would never end, he begins his miserable journey into the sixth grade. However, during the first few days, Alex finds himself

making friends with a new boy named Henry Horkenminder. When Alex finds Henry being bullied after school, he steps in to save him. Unfortunately it means Alex has to face the wrath of the meanest boy at Ticklebellie Public School, a scruffy-haired, grade 8 Neanderthal named Damian Dermite. Written and illustrated by Burlington teacher Chris Francis, this story deals sensitively with the issue of bullying. Join us in January 2012 for this entertaining and beautifully illustrated story. (Cost to be determined.)

Spring 2010 - 'The Nordlings' Grades 4-10

Peggy is a headstrong teenager craving independence. Suddenly, she falls into her long forgotten fantasy world called Notherland. She's astonished to see old and new friends including fairy-like creatures called Nordlings, a mysterious young man for whom she feels a strong attraction, and 19th century Arctic explorer Sir John Franklin and his wife, Lady Jane. Now an evil force called the Nobodaddy is destroying Peggy's imaginary world. As the Creator, Peggy may be the only one who can stop him. Should she take on the dangerous quest to find and destroy him, or go back to her real life? This abridged version of 'The Nordlings' written by Kathleen McDonnell, a prizewinning Canadian playwright and author, is sure to captivate readers of all ages. (Cost to be determined)

PROVINCIAL ELECTION 2011 Grades 4-12

Get your students involved in examining provincial government responsibilities, political party platforms and local candidates this Fall as Ontario citizens head to the polls. Once again, Newspaper in Education will partner with Student Vote. With your Student Vote registration you will receive curriculum, the opportunity to participate in a parallel vote and delivery of complimentary copies of The Hamilton Spectator. Watch for registration information in September 2011. This program is fully sponsored by vacation donations made by Spectator subscribers.

DYMENT'S FARM FROM SEED TO JACK O' LANTERN CONTEST Preschool (SK) and Elementary School (SK-4)

Back by popular demand! This program addresses mathematics, science, language and visual arts expectations, while educating students in a creative way about the life of a pumpkin from seed to Jack O'Lantern. Individual prizes will be awarded in three age groups and each winner's class will also be awarded a prize. This program is available free of charge thanks to support from Dymment's Farm.

CELEBRATE! Grades 3 - 6

Revised in 2010, this resource examines the origins, traditions, symbols and foods associated with various fall and winter

celebrations observed by people who live within our region. Accompanied by delivery of the daily newspaper and the popular Hamilton Spectator Holiday Gift Guides, this program is available free of charge thanks to sponsorship from Dynamex. Available beginning November 2011.

CREATIVE KIDS DESIGN-AN-AD CONTEST 2012 Grades 4-8

After engaging in an exploration of The Hamilton Spectator and print advertising, students take on the role of creative designers and develop an advertisement for a local business. Winning ad designs are chosen by the ad client and featured in a special section. Supported by area businesses, this popular program is free of charge and open to only 40 classrooms in Hamilton-Wentworth, Burlington and Grimsby schools. Register for inclusion now to be part of this exciting initiative.

2012 NEWS TRIVIA CONTEST Grades 4-12

First introduced in 2011, this electronic Newspaper in Education contest is back and better than ever! Using The Spectator's daily digital edition and digital archives, students are challenged to find answers to weekly questions based on newspaper content. The contest is FREE and cash prizes are awarded to the four teams with the greatest number of correct answers.



DISCOVERING DINOSAURS

K-6
Due to its popularity we will again offer 'Discovering Dinosaurs' in May 2012. This program addresses language, science and visual arts expectations as students engage in learning activities about the fascinating realm of dinosaurs. The daily activities published in The Spectator over a five-day period culminate in student groups designing a profile for and then creating their very own 3-D dinosaur. Student groups are invited to submit their dinosaurs for prize consideration. (2012 prizing to be determined)



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