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NEWS RELEASE

500+ Entries Pour in for “Builder for a Day” Contest

HAMILTON – Swimming pools filled with chocolate milk, secret laboratories, exercise rooms for pets and hundreds of other ideas for a “dream home” have come pouring in from Grade 4 students across Hamilton in response to the “Builder for a Day” contest launched by the Hamilton-Halton Home Builders’ Association (HHHBA).

A panel of judges has selected five finalists from the 530 students who drew and described their dream home. The winning student will be publicly announced on May 28, when he or she spends a half-day with local builder Brandon Campbell, of Starward Homes, donning work boots and a hard hat to learn first-hand how a house is built.

“We are amazed and thrilled at the response to ‘Builder for a Day,’” says HHHBA president Adi Irani. “The creativity expressed in the entries was incredible. Hamilton’s builders will have to consider incorporating some very different ideas into their model homes in the future!”

Mr. Irani said the purpose of the contest is to encourage young people to consider a career in the construction industry. “We know many children are fascinated by building and we are always thinking of the next generation of builders, architects, engineers and trades people who construct our community’s homes.”

Entry forms were distributed in March through classrooms in the public and separate school boards. Teachers had the option of incorporating the project into their classroom time, or simply making it available to children who were interested.

Doug Duke, executive officer of HHHBA, said he believes the “Builder for a Day” program is the first of its kind in Ontario.

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