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S A N T A ' S A H E L P E R



Twenty-five Junior ActiveChefs at Oakwood Public School, who are ages six to nine, got into the festive mood as they created Cassava cake, a classic Filipino dessert. They had an extra special helper when Santa dropped in for a visit and then stayed for their 2013 year-end graduation ceremony and a free community meet-and-greet. Here, Sophia Platt, 8, left, and friend Rachel Connolly, 8, get a hand mixing their cake batter from Santa. The non-profit ActiveChefs offers a free after-school program that provides experiential learning about healthy eating, multicultural foods and how to stay active. | photo by Graham Paine - Oakville Beaver (Follow on Twitter @ halton_photog) or www.facebook.com/HaltonPhotog)

Youth survey reveals data that can be used to help

by David Lea
Oakville Beaver Staff

The results of the 2012-13 Halton Youth Survey, conducted by the Halton Our Kids Network, shows reason to be concerned, but also hopeful, about the futures of Halton's young people.

The anonymous survey is intended to measure key factors related to healthy youth development, such as connections to family, school, community and peers; as well as physical and mental health and participation in risky behaviours.

Elena DiBattista, director of the Our Kids Network, unveiled the results of this survey during a recent meeting of the Halton Regional Police Services Board.

“ We poll a great number of our students to find out what the state-of-the-union is at the moment, to give us a snapshot of what is happening.”

Elena DiBattista
Halton Our Kids Network

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