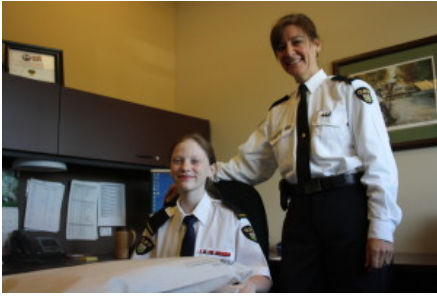


Bolton girl runs Caledon OPP for a day



Paige Barclay took over the desk of Caledon OPP Detachment Commander Inspector Rose DiMarco for the day Friday.

By Nick Fernandes

Paige Barclay, a Grade 5 student at Ellwood Memorial Public School in Bolton, took up service in her community as Caledon OPP Detachment Commander for the day Friday, taking over for Inspector Rose DiMarco.

Almost 60 students wrote letters asking to be considered for the position. Many were part of school projects.

Paige, 11, said she was interested enough in the work of Caledon's police that she took the initiative to submit a letter herself. With DiMarco showing her the ropes, she got a look at the world of police work and what kind of qualities a police officer needs to have. "You have to be serious, fair, and you have to be more kind and understanding," said Paige with the agreement of DiMarco.

Paige said that among all the skills and responsibilities a police officer possesses, she is drawn most to the scientific side of police work, and the community-oriented efforts that can make a police force a fixture in their community.

Paige will be writing up a report for her class after her day as Detachment Commander ends, for which she will be well prepared.