

April 12th, 2017	
Important Upcoming Dates	
April 14th	Good Friday- No School
April 17th	Easter Monday - No School
April 20th	School Council Mtg. 6:45 p.m. Learning Commons - Please join us!
April 25th	Hydro Safety Visits /Junior Girl's Basketball Tournament Huron Heights SS
April 27th	Junior Boys Basketball Tournament Huron Heights S.S.

## For your Information....

### Parent/Guardian Input Regarding September Class Placements

Much of the planning for a new school year is underway! We will be discussing organizational structures, special education delivery models, teaching assignments and timetabling very soon.

One of the most important tasks that usually begins in late May is the placement of students into new classes for September. Homeroom teachers in consultation with receiving teachers, appropriate support staff and school administration devote much discussion time to the generation of classes that strive to best meet the needs of all of our students. Class placement is a complex process that takes many hours of thought and discussion. Decisions are made following careful consideration of a number of criteria: balance of student abilities, interests and talents, gender balance, class size (consistent with Board and Ministry guidelines), learning style, learning partners and social factors.

While friendship issues can play a role in the comfort level of some students, at particular developmental stages, many friends learn best in separate classes.

Often parents have new and/or important information to share about their child which lends assistance to class placement decisions. Recent medical diagnoses, significant negative peer relationships that exist outside the school's awareness or significant individual/family issues that may impact learning, are items of information which are appreciated prior to the placement process.

Parent input that is received via the [Class Placement Input FORM](#) by **Friday, MAY 12th, 2017** will be considered (and shared) during placement meetings. We do not accept specific teacher requests. Input after **May 12th** may not be considered due to the complexity of the task. Please be advised that while such input is valued, it cannot drive class placement decisions since school-wide limitations and a variety of other factors will, at times, take precedence. Final decisions regarding student placements remain the responsibility of the Principal and the school staff. Ministry mandates on class size will impact class placements into September. As a result, we will regretfully **be unable to share class placement information with families until just prior to the beginning of the new school year.** Thank you for partnering with us in this very important task.

Please access the [Class Placement Input FORM](#) by clicking [here](http://bit.do/2017ClassPlacementInput). [bit.do/2017ClassPlacementInput](http://bit.do/2017ClassPlacementInput)



### **School Council Meeting- DATE CHANGE**

Please note that we have changed the date of our upcoming School Council meeting to **Thursday, April 20th at 6:45 p.m.** Please join us.

### **A Taste of Our Cultures Night! Help Needed!**

Have you signed up yet to help? The success of this event lies with the volunteers. Please consider joining us as a volunteer on **Thursday, May 4**, from 6:00pm – 7:30pm. You can confirm as a volunteer by using this link [Diversity Night Volunteers](#) . Without volunteers we can't make this event a success. Please help us out!

### **School Council DANCE-A-THON FUNDRAISER**

Thanks to all the Muir students and families that donated to our school dance-a-thon. We are pleased to announce that we made a grand total of \$5800 in profit from this event. We appreciate your support. Details will be sent home in a future Wednesday file as to where these funds were allocated.



## Donations to our daily HEALTHY SNACK Program

Alexander Muir families we are always looking for financial donations to our daily Healthy Snack program and/or donations of the following cereals. We offer a daily optional healthy snack to our students. We offer fruits at least twice a week. We thank you in advance for your donations.

**LOCKDOWN Practice Drill** - We will hold our second practice lockdown drill on Wednesday, April 19th. All students and staff will be participating in this short practice drill. Each year schools must have two practice drills to ensure that all are familiar with the procedures in the event of an actual school lockdown. During the drill we will not be answering the entry door bells or the phones.



## Denne Public School

is excited to announce our guest  
speaker event!

### FOSTERING CONFIDENCE



In this **1-hour customized workshop**, Dr. Shyamala Kiru will provide parents with some psycho-education on the following topics:

- Why self-discipline & a healthy mindset are critical to success
- The correlation between instant gratification, anxiety, self-discipline & resilience
- Identifying anxiety in a culture of over indulgence
- Common and dangerous signs of anxiety
- Simple strategies to help kids develop self-discipline & resilience

*In addition to her private practice, she is a mental health consultant, public speaker and media expert for sources such as Chatelaine, the Toronto Star and the Globe and Mail. You can also find her on the expert panel of Discovery Channel's National TV show, Canada's Worst Driver. Her background in fitness and nutrition lends a holistic, energized approach to mental health. With a style that is sensitive and down to earth, Shyamala brings authenticity to her work with people of all cultures and backgrounds.*

**DATE: Wednesday April 12, 2017**

**TIME: 6:30 pm**



**Please  
join us!**



Please **RSVP** as soon as possible via our  
online registration form at:  
<http://bit.do/dennespeaker>

**Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.**

**Event Location:** Denne P.S., Gymnasium (330 Burford St., Newmarket)

**Please Note:** This is an adult only evening event.  
Child minding is available if registered before April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## Parent Engagement & Network (P.E.N.) Workshop Series

### Workshop 7:

### What Can You Do This Summer? 夏日活動簡介

Camping in Ontario 安省露營資訊

Summer activities in your community 社區暑期活動推介

How to volunteer in your community? 如何參與社區的義務工作?

Date 日期: Tuesday, April 18 2017 4月18日 (星期二)

Time 時間: 6:00—8:00pm 下午6時至8時

Language 語言: English 英語 (translation will be provided in Mandarin and Cantonese 提供普通話及廣東話翻譯)

Location 地點: Markham South Welcome Centre 南萬錦迎新中心

7220 Kennedy Road, Unit 8, Markham, L3R 7P2

Speakers: Brenda He (CICS-Immigrant Youth Centre)

Portia Lee (City of Markham)

Ryan Moniz (Markham Public Library)

Registration 網上報名: <https://goo.gl/1YX8Gg>

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