



Anne Frank Forward

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"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to

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A Message from Administration

Dear Families,

We can't believe that it's March already! Where has the time gone?

We are so thankful for your continued support and partnership. Last month we recognized we hosted the Anne Frank Exhibit which was an unforgettable experience. We are so proud of our YRDSB students, both from high school and from our intermediate division, for doing an incredible job being Anne Frank ambassadors, leading tours and facilitating many important discussions. We had numerous YRDSB schools visit the exhibit, learning more about issues of freedom, discrimination, racism and equity. We also had an overwhelming response from the community and had many visitors come out to see the exhibit on February 22nd in the evening and on February 26th in the morning. We extend a big thank you to all of you for sharing the information with your friends and family and spreading the word! Together we can make a difference! This work is important and we are fully committed to our continued partnership with the [Anne Frank House](#) in the years to come.

We are very excited for the many wonderful events coming up in the next couple of months. Please mark these dates in your calendar as appropriate and check out the links:

- March 6: School Council Meeting (7:00-8:30pm)
- March 7: Lion Pride Assemblies
- March 8: Kindergarten Concert
- March 8: [Big Crunch event](#)
- March 13-17: March Break (no school)
- March 22: [Alyson Schafer](#) parenting evening
- March 24: [Bike Safety](#) (grade 1-3)
- April 3: Lion Pride Assemblies
- April 3: Spring photos
- April 13: [Jump Rope](#) Kick off Assembly
- April 24: Lice Checks
- April 25: [Earth Hour](#)
- April 26: Family Wellness Evening (for students and families)
- April 26: [Dufflebag Theatre](#) Play – Grade 1-3
- April 27: Welcome Author [Barbara Reid](#)

We wish everyone a restful March Break and we look forward to taking on Spring with renewed zest and enthusiasm!

Best regards,

Aneta Fishman
Principal

Doug Chester
Vice Principal



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Alyson Schafer

Parent Talk Series



PRESENTS

HONEY, I WRECKED THE KIDS

Misbehaving children always make us question if we are parenting properly. We feel like we are messing up all the time! In this talk based on her best selling book, Alyson discusses why millennial children are a different kind of child from past generations and how to parent them effectively. Parents will learn:

- The conditions that have led to our current parenting confusion
- The 4 misbehaviour “dances” we do with our children
- New effective discipline techniques to replace punishment and rewards.
- To feel more confident and positive about their parenting!

EVENT DETAILS

Date: Wednesday, March 22, 2017

Time: 7:00-8:00pm

Location: Anne Frank Public School, Vaughan

RSVP: by email to Carly: carlycohen@hotmail.com

***Include age of children and if childcare is needed**

Alyson Schafer is a therapist, best selling author and internationally acclaimed parenting expert with an approach that empowers families to live as a democratic unit. Her style is fast, witty, warm and engaging. She is the resident expert on The Marilyn Denis Show, CanadaAM and a HuffPost Canada Parents contributor. She is an international speaker including the inaugural TEDxKids in Brussels and offers free parenting tips at www.alysonschafer.com



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Family Math Night

"Before your child can learn mathematics, he or she needs to believe in his or her ability to do so. That's where you come in. You can be your child's first role model for learning. When you engage with your child in a supportive, relaxed atmosphere, your child will enjoy taking risks while having fun with math!"

-Doing Mathematics with Your Child: A Parent Guide

Thank you so much to families who attended our 2nd annual Family Math Night! The evening was well attended and it was wonderful to see so many families engaging in mathematics together! Parents have a strong influence on how children feel about learning math, and we appreciate the risks you took and the fun you had while learning with your child. This sends important messages to our learners: to take risks, use a growth mindset, and learn through valuable mistakes. We provided families with two resources: "Doing Mathematics with Your Child: A Parent Guide" and "Paying Attention to Spatial Reasoning", which are both available online (see links below). We chose to focus on Spatial Reasoning as it is one of the ministry foci for math, and has been a large part of our staff professional learning this year. Spatial Reasoning is a key predictor of success in other areas of mathematics, and plays a large role in many life skills and careers. We use spatial thinking during everyday activities, across math strands, and other subject areas. We hope you enjoyed your evening and were able to take some valuable information away. Thank you so much for your support!

"Doing Mathematics with Your Child: A Parent Guide"

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/parentGuideNumEn.pdf>

"Paying Attention to Spatial Reasoning"

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/LNSPayingAttention.pdf>



8 Practical Ways to Conquer Your Child's Math Anxiety

1 Be involved

Student success in school has been shown to increase if their parents are positively involved in their education.



8 Make math relevant to real life

Highlight ways in which you and your family use math in everyday life and discuss how good math skills will open the doors to a larger choice of career options.



2 Encourage a growth mindset

Studies have shown that effort trumps ability when it comes to learning math, so set high expectations when encouraging your child.



7 Take baby steps

Support new topics by slowly building from the topics your child already understands. Use gradual, repeated success to build math confidence in your child.



3 Be positive about math

A parent's perception of mathematics influences not only their child's feelings about math but also their child's achievement in mathematics.



6 Allow mistakes

Focus on the concepts rather than the right answer, since making (and correcting) mistakes is an essential part of math learning.

$$3+4=4$$

4 Overcome gender stereotypes

Foster math confidence regardless of the gender of your child by highlighting achievements made by both male and female scientists.



5 Learn the basics

Rote learning is essential to mathematics performance as many higher level concepts build on the memorization and repetition of the basic math facts.



Anne Frank P.S. on twitter

Supporting your child in Mathematics

Please visit the links below for resources meant to help support your child in mathematics:

Grades K-3

- [ABC 123 Tips and Toolkit](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/abc123/) :
- [Doing Math With Your Child](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/parentGuideNumEn.pdf) :
- [Tips and Tools for Parents](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/abc123/eng/tips/) :
- [Video Podcasts](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/abc123/eng/podcast/) :
- [Full-Day Early Learning - Kindergarten Program](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/kindergarten_english_june3.pdf) :
- [Prodigy](https://www.prodigygame.com/Canada/) :
- [Mathies](http://oame.on.ca/mathies/) :
- [TVO kids](http://www.tvokids.com/) :
- [Ontario Curriculum Grades 1-8: Mathematics](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/math18curr.pdf) :
- [Building Blocks for Mathematics](#) :

Grades 4-6

- [ABC 123 Tips and Toolkit](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/abc123/) :
- [Tips and Tools for Parents](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/abc123/eng/tips/) :
- [Prodigy](https://www.prodigygame.com/Canada/) :
- [Mathies](http://oame.on.ca/mathies/) :
- [TVO kids](http://www.tvokids.com/) :
- [Ontario Curriculum Grades 1-8: Mathematics](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/math18curr.pdf) :

Grades 7-8

- [Mathies](http://oame.on.ca/mathies/) :
- [Ontario Curriculum Grades 1-8: Mathematics](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/math18curr.pdf) :
- [We Use Math](http://weusemath.org/) :
- [Guide to Selecting Courses in Mathematics](http://www.careercruising.com/individual/CP_CourseCalendar.aspx?SID=17426&DID=45525) :
- [Partnering with Your Teen in Mathematics](http://oame.on.ca/mathies/files/Partnering%20with%20your%20teen.pdf) :



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Family Wellness Night

On April 26^h, 2017

6:00pm—7:30pm

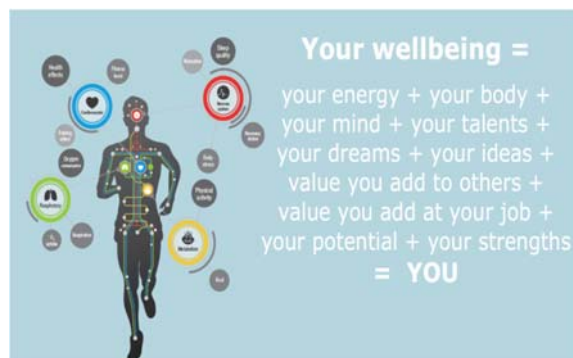


What is Wellness? Wellness is a state of well-being that encompasses the physical, emotional, intellectual, spiritual, social, environmental, and occupational states. Join us for our Family Wellness Night where you can engage in activities that promote wellness and positive mental health.

We would appreciate your input and suggestions. Please click on the link below and complete this survey to help us further plan our Family Wellness Night based on your interests.
Kindly complete the survey by March 10th, 2017.

https://docs.google.com/a/gapps.yrdsb.ca/forms/d/1omb-zhbSmyZJ0YWfnfs9QNKvGEHrtTnoO_sD7SQjrc/edit

We look forward to seeing you at our First Family Wellness Night!



York Region District School Board School Climate Survey for Students

Students in Grades 5 to 12 at the York Region District School Board will be invited to participate in a survey between **March 20 and April 28, 2017**. **The survey is voluntary, anonymous and confidential**, and will take place at school.

The YRDSB survey fulfills the Ontario Ministry of Education's requirement for schools to conduct student surveys and is aligned with the YRDSB's Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-Being. Survey questions will address topics related to Math, Modern Learning, Mental Health and Well-Being, Equity and School Safety.

This survey provides an opportunity to hear directly from students and the results will be used to identify student needs and plan strategies to support student achievement and well-being. If you have questions, please contact the school office.

If you do not wish your child(ren) to participate in the survey, please contact the school by March 10, 2017.

March 2017 Trustee Greetings

With spring approaching and the hours of daylight increasing, now is a good time to enjoy the outdoors and our natural environment. Did you know that our Board has five [outdoor education centres](#), and students have opportunities to visit them and other outdoor learning spaces throughout their schooling? This is part of our commitment to giving students an opportunity to learn in and about the natural world. This learning supports students in gaining a deeper appreciation for nature and the importance of environmental sustainability.

"Modelling continuous environmental sustainability" is one of the goals outlined in our [Board of Trustees' Multi-Year Plan](#). We believe that we all have a role to play in reducing waste and protecting our environment. Our students, staff members and families continue to show leadership when it comes to supporting student learning and initiatives to reduce our ecological footprint.

Spending time outside as a family also provides a great opportunity to support and enhance your child's learning outside of school. Whether visiting a park or museum, reading with your child in your home language or asking questions about their day at school - know that there are many ways you can support their education and that you are making a difference.

I hope you all have a happy and safe March Break and enjoy the warmer weather ahead.

Linda Aversa

SCHOOL NEWS AND UPCOMING

Basketball

Thank you to the Intermediate Boys Basketball team for a terrific season. The boys learnt how to be winners on and off the court and we are tremendously proud of them.

The Junior Boys Basketball team continues to practice and the Junior Girls team will be picked soon.



Drumming Club:

Every day 1 at lunch recess, students in grades 3 through 8 have the opportunity to attend the Anne Frank Drumming Club with Mr. Cohen and Mrs. Hopkins. Students in the club have been working on a bucket drumming song called "Yuck" and more recently have started exploring the



Bike Safety Workshop



On March 21st, and March 24th

With the warm weather soon approaching in the next month, we can bike to school!

Cycling is the most popular outdoor activity among young Canadians.

Unfortunately, every year 50,000 children are seriously injured in bike-related mishaps.

Wearing a certified helmet can reduce the risk of serious head injuries by 85%.

The Bike Safety Workshop is a 40 minute interactive discussion facilitated by a public health nurse. It is designed to equip children from Kindergarten-Grade 3 with the skills to identify and prevent some of the most common causes of childhood bike-related injury.

We look forward to seeing many students safely biking to school.

EARTH HOUR

Anne Frank Public School will be observing Earth Hour on Friday March 24th, 2017. YRDSB is encouraging all board locations to turn off lights and monitors from 1:00-2:00PM.



Participating in Earth Hour is a simple way to show that you want to be a part of the solution and sends a powerful message to others that, together, our small actions can make a big difference.

FOCUS ON CHILDREN PHOTOGRAPHY

Monday April 3rd Focus on Children Photography will be at Anne Frank P.S for Spring and Sibling photo shoot.

All students with signed forms will have their picture(s) taken.

Forms will be sent home soon!



The York Region District School Board's Summer Institute is a program that offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum for children and youth entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8.

Weekly Sessions July 4, 2017 to August 11, 2017

Programs are offered at locations in Richmond Hill, Markham, Stouffville, Newmarket, Woodbridge, Vaughan and Georgina from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm with extended YMCA before and aftercare programs available at all locations.

The Summer Institute is being offered to community members as a component of the Performance Plus (P+) Family of Schools.

The "Performance" in the program's name refers to student achievement and well-being.

The "Plus" in the program's name refers to the additional resources and leadership that can enhance learning in elementary schools in neighbourhoods affected by poverty.

Additional resources and leadership bring school staff members, families

Anne Frank Public School Student Attendance Reporting

Please report your child's late arrivals, vacation dates, appointments, illness days and parent approved absences prior to 9:10 a.m. Only after 9:10 a.m. will you need to contact the school directly.

Attendance Phone #: 1-855-203-2994
Website: yorkrdsb.schoolconnects.com

A screenshot of the York Region District School Board's 'School Connects' login page. The page has a green header with the text 'York Region District School Board'. Below the header, there is a login form with the following fields: 'Login Name:' with a text input box and a 'Forgot login name?' link; 'or phone number or email address you designated for login identification:' with a text input box and a 'Don't have login?' link; and 'Password:' with a text input box and a 'Forgot password?' link. There is also a 'Remember my login name' checkbox and a 'Log In' button. At the bottom, there is a link for 'What is the Parent Portal?'. The 'School Connects' logo is visible on the left side of the page.

Create a log in.

Grade 7 & 8 Summer School

The York Region District School Board will once again be offering a Grade 7 & 8 Summer School program. The program will run from July 4 to July 21, 2017. The following programs will be offered:

- i. Language and/or Math reinforcement for students who do not have an Individual Education Plan (IEP).
- ii. Language and/or Math reinforcement for students with an academic Individual Education Plan (IEP).
- iii. English Language Learner (ELL) Language for students who are ELL Stage 1 or 2 learners.

Locations:

Bur Oak S.S.
Emily Carr S.S.
Keswick H.S.
Markville S.S.
Richmond Hill H.S.
Sir William Mulock S.S.

Register on-line using Career Cruising, please refer to the Instruction Tip Sheet on how to register.

Kindergarten Concert



Each year, the Kindergarten students at Anne Frank Public School take to the stage for their annual Kindergarten concert. This year's Kindergarten concert will take place on **March 8th at 2:15 pm** and is titled, **Kindergarten Kindness**. Each Kindergarten class will be performing two pieces, one of which will focus on a message of kindness. There will also be a special finale number at the end of the concert that will showcase all of the Kindergarten classes together. Full-Day Kindergarten educators and students have been busy preparing for this exciting event and it is sure to be a memorable performance!

Invitations and tickets have been sent home with each Kindergarten family. Due to gym capacity restrictions there is a limit of 2 tickets per family. Families are reminded to bring their tickets with them to the concert as they will be checked at the door.

On Thursday March 9th at 2:30pm, we are going to be celebrating the Big Crunch. The Big Crunch is a special day to promote healthy eating and locally grown produce. All homeroom

teachers will be given a bag of apples to distribute to students. All students will participate in the hallway outside of their classroom. An announcement will be made at 2:20 for classes to get organized and again when it is time to all CRUNCH !



PLAY Program Update

The Peer Leadership for Active Youth (PLAY)

At the beginning of January, our PLAY Ambassadors students from Grades 5-8 participated in a half day leader training with our public health nurse. In this workshop, student leaders learned about leadership, respect, conflict resolution, communication, bullying, role modeling positive behaviour, and developing skills to promote physical literacy and physical activity at school. They also learned about safety, problem solving situations, and various games to play with students during recess.

During the month of February, our PLAY Ambassadors officially launched the program. Students from Grades 1-2 during lunch recess engaged in various comparative games such as dodge ball, four squares, spud, Mr. Wolf, basketball and wall ball. Many students were very eager and excited to try these new recess games.

It is wonderful to see how this new PLAY program is beginning to support the development of positive climates for learning and inclusion in our playgrounds.



Peace by Peace Program



In January, Anne Frank PS welcomed students from York University and University of Toronto to facilitate a social skills program called “**Peace by Peace.**” The volunteers facilitate the program every Tuesday at our school. It focuses mainly on conflict resolution and community building for elementary school students in the Toronto and York region areas. The 11-week program empowers grades 4 and 5 students to deal with the pressing issues of conflict, bullying, and violence in their day-to-day lives, schools, and communities. The volunteers continue to use an interactive, hands-on approach based on games, activities, and discussions that engages students and provides them with practical skills. As students gain practical and life skills from the curriculum, we hope that students will continue to use the skills they have learnt as they face challenges in their everyday life. The benefits are to educate, motivate and challenge our students to recognize choice and make a more peaceful world for themselves and their community.

Anne Frank Exhibition

From February 6 to March 3, our school hosted an exhibition about Anne Frank set against larger historical events during her life. The exhibition consists of 12 panels displaying various photos, texts and a chronological order of events leading up to and during World War II. This project is intended to educate students in grades 7 and older about the dangers of discrimination, the importance of tolerance, acceptance and human rights. The exhibition tours were run completely by student ambassadors who received special training from the Anne Frank House. These ambassadors included students from Anne Frank P.S., Stephen Lewis S.S. and Westmount C.I.

On February 8, the school hosted a launching ceremony for the exhibit which included a special presentation from Holocaust survivor, Jochebed Katan. Jochebed shared the story of her family's survival during World War II and presented a song she wrote about the chestnut tree Anne Frank could see while in hiding.

All of our students in grades 6-8 visited the exhibition as well as students from several other schools including Stephen Lewis S.S., Aurora High, Thornhill Woods and Crosby Heights. Aside from school tours, the exhibition was open to the general public on several occasions and the turn out and response was overwhelmingly positive. Hosting this exhibition has been a wonderful learning opportunity for our entire community and we are especially proud of our student ambassadors who led all of the tours.

The Canadian Jewish News also featured our school and the exhibition in an article. <http://www.cjnews.com/living-jewish/jewish-learning/students-lead-tours-anne-frank-exhibit-school>



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“Anne Frank – A History For Today” Traveling Exhibition

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Being the first school in Canada named after Anne Frank, Anne Frank Public school was honoured to host the Anne Frank Exhibition: A History for Today. This travelling exhibition made its way all the way from Amsterdam. It consists of twelve panels displaying various photos, texts and a chronological order of events leading up to and during World War II. The personal story of Anne Frank is set against larger historical events of the time to help viewers understand the connections between the personal and the political. One additional panel shows Canadian participation in World War II that was created to mark the 70th anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands in 2015. Through the story of Canadian soldiers, the panel addresses themes such as enlistment, Canada's role in major battles, the prisoner of war experience, liberation of Nazi camps, war brides and immigration following the war.

The exhibit was open to the public during set times and trained student ambassadors. The ambassadors attended a two day intensive training by Julie Couture, Anne Frank House education liaison coordinator.



Exhibition

Welcome to the new snappd!

If you experience any technical issues, please [let us know](#).

Event Search:



NEWS FROM THE LEARNING COMMONS

This past month the learning commons has become so much more than just a place where our students can come and enjoy books and build with our makerspaces. It has become a place where we can do so much learning as we have been lucky enough to host the Anne Frank Exhibit. Our grade 6 – 8 students were able to get a guided tour through the exhibit and learn so much valuable information about the Anne Frank. We were also lucky enough to have some of our grade 7 and 8 students, along with high school students from Stephen Lewis and Westmount Collegiate, be our tour guides and they did a fantastic job. This exhibit will be wrapping up this week and the learning commons will be returning to its normal operation very shortly.

With this return, we are able to introduce many new books that talk about coming to Canada from another country, being a Canadian citizenship, welcoming new comers to our community, as well as books that look at Black History and the important lessons we can learn from these topics. We will also be introducing many new makerspace items including Lego Robotics and some Kinnex buildings. We look forward to a great month ahead in the learning commons.

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STUDENTS LEAD TOURS OF ANNE FRANK EXHIBIT AT THEIR SCHOOL

By **Sheri Shefa, Staff Reporter** - February 17, 2017



Anne Frank Public School student Sahej Saini offers a guided tour of the Anne Frank exhibit. SHERI SHEFA PHOTO

York Region's Anne Frank Public School is presenting an exhibit about the young Jewish diarist whose name has become synonymous with Holocaust education.

Anne Frank – A History for Today is the name of a travelling exhibit produced by the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam, the place where the Frank family hid in the 1940s in an attempt to escape deportation by the Nazis to death camps. The house became a biographical museum in 1960.

The exhibit consists of 12 panels displaying photos and information about the events leading up to Adolf Hitler's rise to power, the persecution of Europe's Jews, the circumstances that led the Frank family to go into hiding and their tragic fate.

Shortly after Hitler was elected in 1933, the Franks fled Germany and settled in the Netherlands. When the Nazis occupied the Netherlands and began deporting Jews in 1942, the Franks went into hiding with four other people. It was there that Anne Frank penned arguably the most famous diary in literature, which has since been translated into 60 languages. In 1944, the hiding place was discovered by the Nazis and the Franks and the others were shipped to concentration camps. Anne's father, Otto Frank, was the only survivor.

ANNE FRANK EXHIBIT IS COMPELLING INTRODUCTION TO HOLOCAUST

The exhibit, which is geared toward students between the ages of 10 and 18, presents Anne Frank's personal story alongside the historical events of the time, to show how Holocaust education is about much more than facts and figures.

Aneta Fishman, principal of the Anne Frank Public School, explained that educating students and the community about the school's namesake is one of her priorities.

"When the school opened in 2014, one of our visions for the school was... 'We are the world,'" Fishman said, following an opening ceremony for the exhibit on Feb. 8 at the elementary school, during which Dutch Holocaust survivor Jochebed Katan shared her story.

"We are a public school in York Region named after Anne Frank, and it was important to us that every person who comes through our doors feels a sense of belonging and knows that it is OK to have a voice and to speak your mind and to ask questions."

Fishman said she began looking into the possibility of bringing the exhibit to her school as early as 2015.

"When the opportunity to book the exhibit came up, we didn't know then how relevant and timely this was going to be," she said, referring to today's divisive political climate.

Stephanie Hopkins, a music and special education teacher at the school who helped organize the exhibit, explained that the idea is to educate students about the dangers of discrimination and intolerance.

“My hope is that students will learn from the past and make connections to their world today and think deeply about discrimination and the dangers of it,” Hopkins said.

As part of the program, student ambassadors volunteered to take part in a two-day course with Julie Couture, the Anne Frank House project co-ordinator, to train them in giving guided tours of the exhibit.

Hopkins said the exhibit is usually held at high schools, libraries and museums, and this may be the first time the student volunteer ambassadors are as young as seventh graders.

“Normally they are high school students – Grade 9 and up – who are in this position,” Hopkins said, adding that it gave the elementary school students an opportunity to connect with 10 high school students from Stephen Lewis Secondary School and Westmount Collegiate Institute who also took part in the training course.

Fishman said she is thrilled that the exhibit is booked for a tour by a different school every day until it ends on March 6. The exhibit is also open to the public on Feb. 22 and Feb. 26.

Sheri Shefa, Staff Reporter

Setting Kids & Teens Up for Success

Essential steps to help your kids
be successful in school and in life.



with clinical Social Worker
Elissa Kline-Beber MSW,RSW



Elissa Kline-Beber is a clinical social worker with over 20 years of experience in working with children and parents in a variety of settings including schools, hospitals and camps. Elissa works with families to thoughtfully consider their parenting practices and harness their own strengths as they navigate the many challenges facing families today. Her candid speaking style and her own experience as a mother of four sons makes this presentation a must see for parents wanting to raise confident, resilient children.

Wednesday March 29th 7pm - 9pm
Thornhill Woods Public School
341 Thornhill Woods Drive