

Bur Oak E-Bulletin

Newsletter
November 9, 2018



Upcoming Dates

November 12-22
Grad Photos



November 14
Grade 8 Transition Day
Take our Kids to Work Day

November 16
Midterm Report Card
Distribution

November 19
Grade 8 Open House
School Council Mtg.
6:30pm-8pm

November 22
Grade 12 Semi-Formal @
Grand Cinnamon Banquet
Hall

November 23
PA Day

December 4
Winterlude Concert
7pm-9pm

School Council Forum

Parents are invited to attend the **School Council Forum** on **Monday, November 26, 2018** at Milliken Mills High School. Sessions run from 5:30pm to 8:30pm

Board Trustee, Allan Tam
416-898-9607
allan.tam@yrdsb.ca

Superintendent of Schools,
Paul Valle
905-940-7800
paul.valle@yrdsb.ca

Principal, Rose Li
rose.li@yrdsb.ca

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elizabeth.sloan@yrdsb.ca

Vice-Principal, Vanessa Wonnacott
vanessa.wonnacott@yrdsb.ca

School Phone: 905-202-1234

Please click on the attached link in order to access the [School Council Annual Report, 2017-2018](#).

Vancouver in May 2019

Bur Oak S.S has an incredible learning opportunity for students in May 2019. The Visual Arts and History departments are collaborating to take students to Vancouver to experience the art, culture and history of the West Coast. The trip runs from May 16-21, 2019. Students will participate in a variety of learning opportunities throughout Vancouver and Whistler focusing on art and the history of Indigenous People in Canada. For information please contact Ms. DeVries - michele.devries@yrdsb.ca or Mrs.

Musselman - heather.musselman@yrdsb.ca **Registration closes**

November 30th, 2018.



Graduation Photos are happening!



Potential graduates should be signing up for their appointment to have their grad pictures taken. Sign-up sheets are in Guidance. Photos will be taken during the school days between November 5th and November 22nd.

There is a sitting fee of \$30. This could be cash or a cheque made out to Edge Imaging. Proofs will be made available by the company if families want to purchase a package of pictures.

FLU SEASON IS HERE

Get the flu shot as early as possible



The first and best step to preventing the flu (or influenza), is to **get the flu shot every year**. The flu spreads quickly and easily from an infected person to others and anyone can get it. Getting the flu shot can protect you, your family and those around you.

Students may be at higher risk of getting the flu as they come together in close public spaces including the classroom, gymnasium, cafeteria and library.

The flu shot is especially important for students who have a chronic condition (e.g. asthma, diabetes) or those who live with or have close contact with a pregnant woman, kids less than five years old, or a resident of a nursing home or other chronic care facility since these groups are at higher risk of getting very sick or being hospitalized because of the flu.

Flu shots are free and are readily available at:

- Health care provider's offices for people six months of age and older
- Participating pharmacies, for people five years of age and older

In addition to getting the flu shot annually, here are some other health tips that can help prevent the spread of the flu:

- Wash your hands well and often with either soap and water or alcohol based hand rub
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze (if you do not have a tissue, cough into your upper sleeve)
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Stay home when you're sick
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and shared items

It's important to get the flu shot as early as possible as it can take nearly **two weeks** for the influenza vaccine to take full effect.

To learn more about flu and flu vaccine, visit york.ca/flu.

PUBLIC HEALTH
1-877-464-9675
TTY 1-866-512-6228
york.ca/flu



NEW! Pathways Planning and Course Selection Platform: **Grades 7 - 12**

The York Region District School Board will be providing your child with an engaging and new interactive online education and career/life planning platform starting in November 2018. Career Cruising will not be available to students after November 15, 2018. Students will be notified via their GAPPS account email of the steps required to save information, that has been stored in their Individual Pathway Plan (IPP,) from Career Cruising into their GAPPS account.

This new platform will include a number of beneficial resources to support your child as they progress through high school, including:

- **Who Am I** – 6 unique assessments for self-exploration and discovery (including Learning Styles, Myers-Briggs Personality, Holland Interests, Knowledge, Motivations, and Compatibility)
- **High School** – A tool to visually plan courses, track progress toward graduation, and instantly identify post-secondary eligibility for opportunities in all pathways
- **Post-Secondary** – A database to explore post-secondary opportunities and compare detailed information on apprenticeships, college programs, university programs and workplace sectors across Canada
- **Goals** – An interactive goal setting tool to set S.M.A.R.T. goals and action plans
- **Occupations** – A database of over 500 occupations to compare comprehensive information on jobs
- **Resumes & Cover Letters** – Interactive tools to record personal experiences, build resumes and write cover letters
- **Money** – An engaging budget-making tool to help students track income and expenses and develop financial literacy
- **Job Search** – A tool to explore real-world job postings that relate to occupations of interest
- **Portfolios** – A portfolio builder to create multiple portfolios and share it with parents, teachers, or future employers

Students have been emailed instructions on how to back up their pathway planner from Career Cruising. They will need to complete this ASAP to avoid losing this information as we move to this new platform.

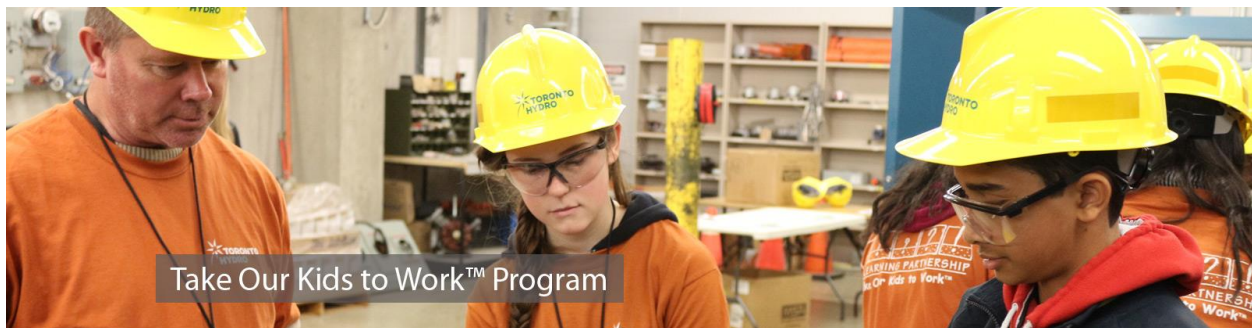
Take Our Kids to Work day is in its 24th year. On **Wednesday, November 14, 2018** Grade 9 students across Canada will spend the day at the workplace of a parent, guardian, relative, friend or volunteer host.

Parents and guardians invite their own children to join them at work for the day, but if this is not possible, there are other ways for your child to participate:

- Ask a relative, neighbour or family friend to take your child to work.
- Ask a parent who is taking his or her child to work if your son or daughter can join them for the day.
- Contact local businesses and ask if they are participating in Take Our Kids to Work day. Inquire if someone within their organization would be willing to host your child, providing you make the necessary transportation arrangements.

For more information, visit <https://www.thelearningpartnership.ca/events/take-our-kids-to-work-day> website.

Thanks to our partnership with the Immigrant Youth Centre (IYC) we have students new to Canada participating at the “Take Our Kids to Work Day @ IYC”. See Ms. McSween for more information.



Legalization of Cannabis

As of October 17, 2018, it will be legal for individuals **19 and older** to buy, use, possess and grow recreational cannabis. It remains illegal for anyone under the age of 19. This is the same as the minimum age for the sale of tobacco and alcohol in Ontario. **Regardless of age, cannabis is not allowed on school property or at school-related events at any time.**

It is illegal for **anyone** regardless of age to smoke or vape any substance, including cannabis:

- at school, on school grounds, and all public areas within 20m of these grounds
- on children's playgrounds and public areas within 20m of playgrounds
- in child care centres, or where an early years program is provided
- in places where home child care is provided – even if children aren't present

**Please note that in Markham the by-law states that cannabis can only be consumed in private residences.*

There will be consequences for students if they are believed to be in possession or under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs or cannabis. Suspension will be considered. There are exceptions if the medicinal use of cannabis is outlined in the student's Health Care Plan.

If a student gives alcohol or cannabis to anyone under the age of 19, the school will contact police, suspend the student and consider expulsion.

In YRDSB, we want families and students to be informed about the facts of cannabis legalization. To support this learning, you may find the following resources helpful. You can also request a hard copy through the school office.

[**Cannabis: What Parents/Guardians and Caregivers Need to Know**](#)

[**Cannabis Talk Kit: Know How to Talk with Your Teen**](#)

We will continue to provide students with information and support to make positive and healthy decisions.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school's administration.

Provincial Consultations on Education Reform

Ontario has launched consultations on **education reform**. There will be three ways for people to participate:

- An online submission form, available now, that allows people, organizations or groups to provide their views on any of the consultation topics. Submissions can also be sent to the ministry by emailing fortheparents@ontario.ca or ausesvicedesparents@ontario.ca.
- An online survey that will be available soon in English and French, with questions that relate to the key themes below.
- Telephone town halls across Ontario, with separate town halls in English and French. The telephone town hall discussions will be aligned with the themes discussed in the survey. The dates and times of these town halls will be posted on fortheparents.ca as they become available.

The consultations are intended to focus on the following topics:

- How to improve student performance in the disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM);
- How our schools are preparing students with needed job skills; What more can be done to ensure students graduate with important life skills, like financial literacy;
- How to build an updated and age-appropriate Health and Physical Education curriculum that includes subjects like sexual health education, mental health and the legalization of cannabis;
- What measures can be taken to improve standardized testing;
- What steps schools should take regarding the use of technology in classrooms, such as the use of cell phones;
- What elements would participants like to see included in the Ministry of Education
- Parents' Bill of Rights.



華人家長互助及交流小組(PEN)

講座: 如何閱讀學校成績單及中學畢業後的不同出路 (語言: 普通話及廣東話)

日期及時間: 星期四 2018 年 11 月 8 日 晚上 6 時至 8 時

地點: Unionville 中學, 201 Town Centre Blvd, Markham L3R 8G5

此講座將由約克區教育局老師主講

由於名額有限, 有意參加者請儘早報名。網上報名: <http://bit.ly/PEN-WS>

電話報名: 王姑娘 416-662-5416, 電郵報名: 吳老師 cathy.ng@yrdsb.ca

未來活動:

「英語學習及特殊教育課程和服務」

日期及時間: 2018 年 12 月 6 日 (星期四) 晚上 6 時至 8 時

地點: Unionville 中學, 201 Town Centre Blvd, Markham, L3R 8G5

「暑期活動及義工機會」

日期及時間: 2019 年 3 月 21 日 (星期四) 晚上 6 時至 8 時

地點: 華語處移民青年中心, 5284 Highway 7 East, Unit 2, Markham, Ontario, L3P 1B9

「親子教育講座」

日期及時間: 2019 年 4 月 25 日 (星期四) 晚上 6 時至 8 時

地點: Unionville 中學, 201 Town Centre Blvd, Markham, L3R 8G5

Parent Engagement and Network (PEN) for Chinese Families

Next Workshop! Growing Success and Post-Secondary Pathways (in Cantonese and Mandarin)

Date & Time: Thursday November 8, 2018, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Unionville High School, 201 Town Centre Blvd, ON L3R 8G5

This workshop will be presented by YRDSB educators

Space is limited. Please register online: <http://bit.ly/PEN-WS>

Phone registration: Jean Wang 416-662-5416, email registration: Cathy Ng cathy.ng@yrdsb.ca

Looking Ahead:

English Language Learning & Special Education Supports

Date & Time: Thursday, December 6, 2018, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Unionville High School, 201 Town Centre Blvd, Markham, L3R 8G5

Summer Programs and Volunteer Opportunities

Date & Time: Thursday, March 21, 2019, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Location: CICS Immigrant Youth Centre, 5284 Highway 7 East, Unit 2, Markham, L3P 1B9

Parenting Workshop

Date & Time: Thursday, April 25, 2019, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Unionville High School, 201 Town Centre Blvd, Markham, L3R 8G5





The Alliance of Educators for Black Students (AEBS)

AEBS is united in our purpose to promote the achievement and well-being of Black students.

A Conference for Students (Grades K-12) and their Families/Supporters

The African proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child", speaks to the importance of forming partnerships within families and community to nurture the wellbeing and success of our children and youth. This conference aims to equip families and students for navigating the schooling experience, forge partnership with community, and support the process of mapping the journey to success.

Theme

AEBS A Lasting Impact

Come out to be inspired and informed: Guest Speakers, Workshops, Discussions

When

Saturday, November 24th, 2018

Time

Time: 9:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Location

Redstone Public School, 235 Redstone Road, Richmond Hill, ON., L4S 2E2

[REGISTER HERE](#) by NOVEMBER 10, 2018

Send an email to charlotte.reid@yrdsb.ca if you are school staff and you wish to register students and their parents/guardians using a paper copy of the registration form.

All students attending the conference must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information about the Conference, please contact pierrette.walker@yrdsb.ca





Tamil Parents and Guardians Network

Information Sessions

In Tamil and English

When:

Sunday, October 28

Sunday, November 4

Sunday, November 11

Sunday, November 25

Sunday, December 9

Time:

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Where:

Milliken Mills High School, 7522 Kennedy Road, Markham ON L3R 9S5

For registration and more information, please contact:

Initha Subramaniam

Teacher Liaison

Inclusive School and Community Services

York Region District School Board:

905-884-2046, 228 or Initha.subramaniam@yrcsb.ca



Free Yoga and Women's Support Group

In Tamil, Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi

What:

Topics include: parenting, family stress, health and nutrition, employment, etc.

Come and have fun for Free!

When:

Every Tuesday starting October 23, 2018

Time:

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Where:

Ellen Fairclough Public School, 33 Brando Avenue, Markham ON L3S 4K9

For registration and more information, please contact:

Leena Nayar, Family Services for York Region:

416-818-7075 or L_nayar@hotmail.com

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Free Child Care & Snacks!

