

Newsletter  
October 5, 2018



## Upcoming Dates

**October 5**  
**Bossilicious**  
**World Teacher Day**



**October 8**  
**Thanksgiving**

**October 10/11**  
**SHSM First Aid Training**  
**(in school)**

**October 11**  
**SHSM PARTY Program**

**October 12**  
**Junior Achievement**  
**Entrepreneurship @ Deloitte**

**October 16**  
**Interim Report Card**  
**Distribution**  
**Photo Retakes**



**October 17**  
**Awards Breakfast**

**October 18**  
**Music Benefit Concert**

**October 22**  
**PA DAY**

Board Trustee, Allan Tam  
416-898-9607  
[allan.tam@yrdsb.ca](mailto:allan.tam@yrdsb.ca)

Superintendent of Schools,  
Paul Valle  
905-940-7800  
[paul.valle@yrdsb.ca](mailto:paul.valle@yrdsb.ca)

Principal, Rose Li  
[rose.li@yrdsb.ca](mailto:rose.li@yrdsb.ca)

Vice-Principal, Elizabeth Sloan  
[elizabeth.sloan@yrdsb.ca](mailto:elizabeth.sloan@yrdsb.ca)

Vice-Principal, Vanessa Wonnacott  
[vanessa.wonnacott@yrdsb.ca](mailto:vanessa.wonnacott@yrdsb.ca)

**School Phone: 905-202-1234**

In November 2018, York Region District School Board will invite all students to participate in the **Every Student Counts Survey (ESCS)**. The purpose of this census survey is to better understand YRDSB's diverse student population as well as students' experiences in school and outside of school. Families with a child in Kindergarten to Grade 6 will be invited to complete the survey online with their child at home. Students in Grades 7-12 will be invited to complete the survey online during class time. If you are a parent/guardian of child(ren) in Grades 7-12 and do **not** want them to participate in the survey, please contact CCI Research at 1-866-450-4907 **no later than October 9, 2018**.

The surveys are voluntary and confidential. Information about the surveys and the process is available at [www.yrdsb.ca/escs](http://www.yrdsb.ca/escs). This important initiative will help us work together to create equitable and inclusive school environments.

### **Post Secondary Fairs in the Area**

Other high schools in the area invite the Bur Oak community to participate in their evening college/university fairs. A collaboration of schools will be hosting this event at Unionville High school on Wed. Oct 10 starting at 6:00 pm. Stouffville S.S. will also host an event on the same evening. Thornhill S.S. will have an evening on Oct. 18th.

### **Upcoming Post-secondary events—October 13<sup>th</sup>**

Angus Glen Library is hosting their 5<sup>th</sup> annual University and college fair on October 13<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 3:00 pm. All are welcome.

## **Islamic Heritage Month**

In 2007, the Government of Canada declared the month of October as Canadian Islamic History Month. The province of Ontario passed the Islamic Heritage Month Act (2016) to recognize and affirm the important contributions that Muslims make in Ontario as part of the vibrant social, economic, political and cultural fabric of our province. This month affords an opportunity to reflect, celebrate and learn about the rich and longstanding contributions of Muslim Canadians to this nation. Affirming Muslim identity for our students is critical in combating Islamophobia in our schools and further challenging systemic barriers that impede the inclusive climates necessary for student well-being and achievement.

Please consult the Islamic Heritage Month calendar below for family engagement and educator learning opportunities throughout the month.

### **Islamic Art Workshops (in partnership with Aga Khan Museum)**

1. Thursday, October 11 Teston Village Public School 4:30-5:45 p.m.
2. Thursday, October 18 Donald Cousens Public School 4:30-5:45 p.m.
3. Thursday, October 24 Sixteenth Avenue Public School 4:30-5:45 p.m.

### **Literature Café with Authors and Book Signing**

1. Tuesday, October 3 Middlefield Collegiate Institute 5:30-7:30 p.m.

## **Student Activity Fee**

All students are encouraged to contribute to Bur Oak Secondary School's Activity Fee, which helps support a variety of initiatives around the school (i.e. school breakfast program, student celebrations, athletic transportation, clubs, dances, guest speakers), using [School Cash Online](#). These activities help to build a sense of community and belonging. The cost to participate in many events and athletic teams will be decreased based on the payment of this student activity fee.

## **New Voicemail/Attendance Reporting**

Parents will continue to receive a Safe Arrival voicemail and e-mail for Period 1. Another Voicemail and e-mail will be sent after Period 5. E-mails will no longer be sent after each period.

## **Updated Information:**

Parents / guardians are encouraged to make sure we have your up-to-date contact information. If you have moved, changed jobs or mobile number, please contact the Main Office. Please also ensure that we have up-to-date information for any allergies or illnesses your child may have.



## 華人新移民家長互助小組——支援有特殊需要孩子的新移民家庭

活動主題: 介紹約克區教育局特殊教育課程及服務

語言: 普通話及廣東話

小學 - 2018 年 10 月 4 日 (星期四)

中學 - 2018 年 11 月 8 日 (星期四)

講員: 吳老師 (約克區教育局華人社區聯繫老師)

時間: 早上 10 時至下午 1 時

地點: 萬錦村圖書館 (6031 Highway 7, Markham ON L3P 3A7)

未來活動:

2018 年 12 月 6 日 (星期四) 「ABA 行為分析及塑造合宜行為的策略」

2019 年 1 月 10 日 (星期四) 「特殊需要人士的社區資源及政府資助」

2019 年 2 月 7 日 (星期四) 「正念: 如何平靜與放鬆」

報名或查詢 (可以要求托兒服務):

陳太 (Community Living York South) 905-294-4971 分機 267,

[echan@communitylivingyorksouth.ca](mailto:echan@communitylivingyorksouth.ca)

## Chinese Newcomer Parent Support Group for Families with Children with Developmental Disabilities

Topic: Intro to YRDSB Special Education Program and Services

This event is only available in Mandarin and Cantonese

Elementary - Oct 4, 2018 (Thur)

Secondary - Nov 8, 2018 (Thur)

Speaker: Cathy Ng, Teacher Liaison (YRDSB)

Time: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Location: Markham Village Library (6031 Highway 7, Markham ON L3P 3A7)

Upcoming topics:

Dec 6, 2018 (Thur): ABA strategies to understand and manage behavior of children with ASD

Jan 10, 2019 (Thur): Community Resource/Funding for Special Needs

Feb 7, 2019 (Thur): Mindfulness

Registration and inquiries (Childminding available upon request):

Ellen Chan (Community Living York South) 905-294-4971 ext. 267,

[echan@communitylivingyorksouth.ca](mailto:echan@communitylivingyorksouth.ca)



SEAS, in partnership with the York Region District School Board, along with funding provided by the Government of Ontario presents:

# SUPPORTING EAST ASIAN STUDENTS IN YORK REGION

## What is SEAS?

SEAS (Supporting East Asian Students) is a group of educators who are committed to responding to the lived experiences of East Asian students by advocating for their improved achievement and well-being through equitable practices. Building relationships with students' families, educators, community members and partners is also a focus of our work.

## Themes include:

- Unpacking the Model Minority Myth
- Investigating the relationship between Mental health and Equity
- Exploring culturally relevant and responsive supports

## When & Where:

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

Unionville High School, 201 Town Centre Blvd, Room: Library

## Agenda:

6:00 pm – 6:30 pm Light Dinner and Introduction

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm Keynote Speaker and Interactive Dialogue:

A.W. Lee is a researcher and educator, specializing in race, gender and sexuality with a PhD in Cultural Studies from Queen's University. He is currently a post-doctoral researcher at the University of Toronto in the Centre for Global Social Policy.

Please [register](#) now! **Deadline is Friday, October 19, 2018**

Further information can be obtained from:

[joanne.tang@yrdsb.ca](mailto:joanne.tang@yrdsb.ca) or [sara.leung@yrdsb.ca](mailto:sara.leung@yrdsb.ca)

Save the Date

## Are you interested in the International Baccalaureate Programme?

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme is student-centred with a focus on developing intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills for students who live, learn and work in a rapidly changing world. The Programme emphasizes critical, compassionate thinking, community involvement and intercultural understanding. It is founded on international standards and assessment. Students who complete the Programme earn both an Ontario Secondary School Diploma and an IB Diploma.

We invite students who will be starting **Grade 8** in September to find their area IB School or Candidate School on the YRDSB School Locator (<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/pages/school-locator.aspx>) and join us for an information evening to discover what we can offer.



### IB Information Evening

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

Students and their families interested in York Region District School Board's IB Programme are invited to attend an information session at their area school to learn more about the Programme and application process.

Alexander Mackenzie H.S. @ 7:00 p.m. Bayview S.S. @ 7:00 p.m.  
Dr. G.W. Williams S.S. @ 7:00 p.m. Maple H.S. @ 7:00 p.m.  
Milliken Mills H.S. @ 7:00 p.m.



### Assessment Days

Saturday, November 17, or  
Thursday, November 22, 2018

Admission to the York Region District School Board IB Programmes includes an assessment at your area IB School or Candidate School. At the time of application, students will select to write in either the morning on Saturday, November 17 or in the evening on Thursday, November 22. There is a \$35 fee to apply.

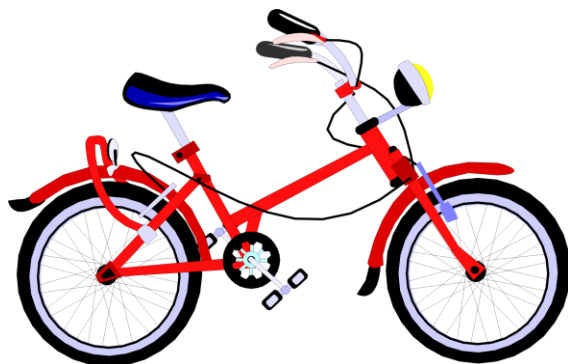


@yrdsb



YRDSBMedia

For more information, please visit [www.yrdsb.ca/IB](http://www.yrdsb.ca/IB)



# Don't forget to lock up your bicycle!