

Newsletter May 11, 2018



## Upcoming Dates

**May 2 -16,**  
Boxes for  
Hope



**May 13**  
Mother's Day

**May 21**  
Victoria Day

**May 22**  
School  
Council Mtg.  
Arts Café

**June 5**  
Athletic  
Celebration

**June 12-13**  
Math EQAO

**June 15**  
Eid-al-Fitr



**June 18**  
Graduation Tea

**June 20-26**  
EXAMS

**June 27**  
Exam Review day and  
Inclement Weather day

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## Guidance

### Exams

This year's exams will run from **June 20 – 26**. Any exams that have to be postponed due to a closure of the building (weather, power outage, etc.) will be written the morning of June 27. All students are expected to attend their exams on the assigned date. Students, parents and guardians are advised not to make any travel plans that depart before the evening of June 27.

This year the order of exams will be as follows:

June 20	June 21	June 22	June 25	June 26	June 27
Period 5	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Exam Review and Inclement Weather Day

### **Graduation June 2018 (Save the Date)**

The BOSS graduation is being held at the school on Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. Potential graduates will receive two tickets for guests. Doors will open at 6:00 pm and the ceremony starts at 6:30 pm. It is usually two hours in length followed by light refreshments. Graduates will be given their gowns and caps previous to this day to allow for family photographs at home before the ceremony.



## Reminders

### E-Learning Summer School

Summer school courses are also available in an E learning format. These courses are generally at the grade 11 and 12 levels. Students need to make a Guidance appointment to receive the paper part of the application. This will ensure that Guidance is aware that the student has signed up online. There is a \$20 fee for the application and this is paid as part of the online application. Exams will be held at the Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre. <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/e-learning/Pages/default.aspx>

Summer school is only available in July and students cannot sign up for both classroom format and e-learning at the same time.

### Summer School Registration Continues

Students are still able to register for classroom based summer school through Career Cruising. Students will need to book a guidance appointment to discuss their proposed plans.

- Acceleration (4 weeks)
- Reinforcement (2 weeks)—usually for students who were not successful in their first attempt

### Playground Safety

We ask that parents remind their children to use the playground equipment at Wismer Park appropriately and to behave in a manner that creates a safe play area for all community members.

### After School Protocol

All students must leave school by 3:30 unless under the direct supervision of a teacher. The school is ***not open on week-ends***. Students looking for a place to meet to work together are encouraged to use the Public Library.

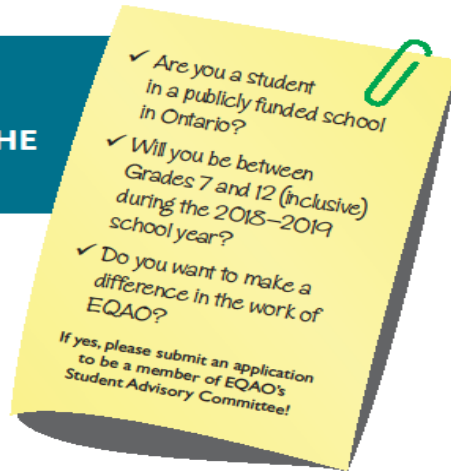
**PEAC Call For Membership 2018** is also posted on the YRDSB [Public Website](#) and includes five translated versions:

- Mandarin
- Farsi
- Urdu
- Tamil
- Korean

# AN INVITATION TO STUDENTS!

## EQAO'S NEW STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS SEEKING REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE 2018–2019 SCHOOL YEAR!

The Student Advisory Committee is a new group that helps foster a two-way conversation between Ontario's students and EQAO. Students are the focus of EQAO's work, and we value learners' perspectives on everything that we do. As EQAO seeks to continuously improve its programs, we want to ensure that students' voices are being heard. The Student Advisory Committee is a unique forum for students to share their ideas and experiences.



In order to apply to the Student Advisory Committee, please complete the application found on the [attached link](#).

**What would I do as a member of the Student Advisory Committee?**  
As a representative of the student voice, you would join other students from across the province to share insights and ideas about how EQAO can improve assessments and programs, and increase student engagement.

**Who is eligible to apply?**  
You can apply for this opportunity if you're a student in a publicly funded school in Ontario who

- will be between Grades 7 and 12 (inclusive) during the 2018–2019 school year and
- has participated in at least one EQAO assessment.

**How many students are going to be on the committee?**  
There will be 30 students on the Student Advisory Committee.

**How often will the committee meet?**  
The committee will meet three times during the 2018–2019 school year—twice in person in Toronto and once in a virtual session. The time spent on committee work will count toward your volunteer hours, and EQAO will provide a letter to confirm your participation.

**When will I know if I have been selected?**  
EQAO will receive applications by May 31, 2018, and inform you of the outcome on June 20, 2018.

**How long would I be on the committee?**  
Committee members' terms will be one school year. EQAO is currently seeking applications from students interested in joining the committee for the 2018–2019 school year.

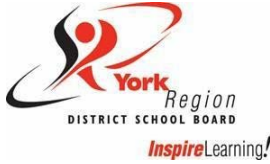
**How will EQAO select committee members?**  
EQAO celebrates student diversity across the province, and our approach to open dialogue welcomes all viewpoints. When selecting committee members, we'll ensure a diverse representation of students' experiences and perspectives. We'll also look for students who demonstrate a passion for effecting change in their communities and have a desire to make a difference—through their actions or through their ideas.

### How do I apply?

**Step 1** .....➔  
Complete the application form. The form must also be signed by a parent or guardian, and your principal.

**Step 2** .....➔  
Write an essay (maximum length 500 words) or create a video (maximum length 5 minutes).  
**The essay or video should explain why you want to be a member of the Student Advisory Committee and describe a time when you contributed to a positive change.**

**Step 3**  
Submit your application form to EQAO—along with your essay or a link to your video—by **May 31, 2018**. Refer to the application form for details on how to submit your material.



## Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee (PEAC) Call for Membership Applications

Online Applications Begin: **May 1, 2018**

Online Applications Close: **June 15, 2018**

### Available Positions

A. York Region District School Board (YRDSB) invites parents/guardians of students attending schools in the following areas:

- Central – ONE Elementary Position
- North – ONE Elementary Position
- West – ONE Elementary Position and ONE Secondary Position
- East – ONE Elementary Position

Membership is available for one-year or two-years on the Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee (PEAC) to commence in November 2018. The Board will approve membership terms, as required. There are currently five (5) positions available. (To check the respective areas that schools are in use our [school locator](#).)

B. York Region District School Board invites one (1) community member from any part of the region to participate as an advisor for a term of up to four (4) years.

- Regional – ONE Position – Not required to have child/ren in school

PEAC supports encourages and enhances parent engagement at the Board level in order to improve student achievement and well-being. PEAC does this by providing information and advice on parent engagement to the Board, communicating with and supporting school councils and undertaking activities to help parents support their children's learning. The Committee's mandate is to:

- a) develop strategies and initiatives that the Board and the Board's Director of Education could use to effectively communicate with parents/guardians and to effectively engage parents/guardians in improving student achievement and well-being.
- b) advise the Board and the Director of Education on ways to use the strategies and initiatives referred to above.
- c) communicate information from the Ministry to school councils of schools of the Board and to parents/guardians of pupils of the Board.
- d) work with school councils of schools of the Board and, through the Board's Director of Education, with employees of the Board to;

- i. share effective practices to help engage parents/guardians, especially parents/guardians who may find engagement challenging, in their children’s learning.
  - ii. identify and reduce barriers to parent engagement.
  - iii. help ensure that schools of the Board create a welcoming environment for parents/guardians of its pupils.
  - iv. develop skills and acquire knowledge that will assist the Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee and school councils of the Board with their work.
- e) determine, in consultation with the Board’s Director of Education and in keeping with the Board’s policies and procedures, how funding, if any, provided under the Education Act for parent involvement is reported.

The Parent, Family and Community Engagement Committee (PEAC) is established according to Ministry legislation and members must be prepared to attend each meeting. PEAC meetings are generally scheduled on the second Tuesday of the month. Members are required to attend a minimum of six meetings and will have opportunities to participate in other workshops and events. The first meeting date for the new membership is November 13, 2018.

PEAC is composed of:

- 12 parents/guardians (2 Elementary and 1 Secondary for each Community Education Center)
- 1 Director of Education or Designate
- 1 Trustee and 1 alternate
- 1 Special Education Advisory Committee member
- 1 Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee member
- 1 Community Member at Large

Members are selected based on principles of representation that include diversity in all its manifestations, a variety of skills, experiences, location and knowledge. The contents of the Membership Applications are kept strictly confidential.

Two references are required, one of whom should be any YRDSB staff member. Parents/guardians who are also employees of the Board are asked to self-identify when applying. References are kept strictly confidential.

Further information about the role of PEAC may be found at the Ontario Ministry of Education website [School Councils and Parent Involvement Committees](#). Parents/guardians interested in serving as a member of PEAC are asked to submit an electronic application between **May 1, 2018** and **June 15, 2018** (final deadline) using the on-line [Application Form](#) or calling Education and Community Services at 905 727-0022 ext. 2242 to submit a paper application.



## DR. BETTE STEPHENSON CENTRE FOR LEARNING INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM

### INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM- SECONDARY CREDIT PROGRAM 2018-2019

#### Why Study International Languages at High School?

Language is our connection with our community and the world. Through language we identify the world around us, express our concerns and hopes, and share our experiences and ideas.

**So what are you waiting for?! Now is the time to take advantage of this opportunity and register for a YRDSB International Language CREDIT course of your choice! We offer CREDIT courses in 15 languages at 4 high schools.**

#### Learning another language...

- can enhance intellectual functioning
- strengthens first language skills and facilitates learning additional languages
- creates pride in one's own cultural background and better understanding of other cultures
- enhances career options (source: <http://www.ilea.ca> 03/11/15)

COURSE	Level 1 (Grade 9/10)	Level 2 (Grade 11)	Level 3 (Grade 12)	SCHOOL LOCATION			
				MIDDLEFIELD C.I.	RICHMON HILL H.S.	THORNLEA SS	UNIONVILLE H.S
		Prerequisite: Level 1	Prerequisite: Level 2				
ARABIC	LYA BD	LYA CU	LYA DU		Saturday		
CANTONESE	LKC BD	LKC CU	LKC DU	Saturday		Saturday	Tuesday
FARSI	LYF BD	LYF CU	LYF DU			Saturday	
GERMAN	LWG BD	LWG CU	LWG DU		Saturday		
GREEK	LBG BD	LBG CU	LBG DU		Saturday		
GUJARATI	LIG BD	LIG CU	LIG DU	Saturday			
JAPANESE	LKJ BD	LKJ CU	LKJ DU			Saturday	Tuesday
KOREAN	LKK BD	LKK CU	LKK DU		Saturday		
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED	LKB BD	LKB CU	LKB DU	Saturday		Saturday	Tuesday
MANDARIN TRADITION	LKM BD	LKM CU	LKM DU	Saturday		Saturday	
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED ADVANCED PLACEMENT			LKB DUE	Saturday			
PUNJABI	LIP BD	LIP CU	LIP DU	Saturday			
RUSSIAN	LRR BD	LRR CU	LRR DU		Saturday		
SPANISH	LWS BD	LWS CU	LWS DU		Saturday		
TAMIL	LIT BD	LIT CU	LIT DU	Saturday			
URDU	LIU BD	LIU CU	LIU DU	Saturday			

Register online via *Career Cruising* commencing May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

- Once you have registered, print a sign-off sheet and get your parents to sign for parental approval
- Students who have pre-registered in class will not need to register again in September
- Attend the first class according to the above schedule and bring your signed Career Cruising Sign-off Sheet
- Course locations will be posted in the foyer of the International Languages school on the first day of class



**EQUITY AND INCLUSIVITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EIAC)  
ANTISEMITISM SUB-COMMITTEE**

***You are invited to attend a community consultation regarding:***

**Antisemitism at YRDSB schools**

We are seeking youth, families and community members to provide input related to antisemitism in York Region public schools. EIAC will be providing recommendations to the board based on these consultations.

There are three community consultations hosted by York Region District School Board's Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee. Please join us.

April 29	9:45 – 11:45am	Thornhill Woods PS, 341 Thornhill Woods Drive, Thornhill, ON L4J 8V6
May 10	7pm – 9pm	Richmond Green SS, 1 William Bell Parkway, Richmond Hill, ON L4S 2T9
May 16	7pm – 9pm	Dr John M Denison SS, 135 Bristol Road, Newmarket, ON L3Y 8J7

[Registration online is preferred however not mandatory.](#)

For more information, accessibility, childminding, transportation or translation requirements, please contact:

Freyja Phillips by email at: [freya.phillips@yrdsb.ca](mailto:freya.phillips@yrdsb.ca)

Light kosher refreshments will be provided.



## Asian/South Asian Heritage Month Celebration

### Family Engagement Event!

Join us for an evening of:

Interactive Booths  
Educational Activities  
Community Partnerships  
Community Building

### When and Where

Thursday, May 17, 2018  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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



# 孟嘗會中文學校

## Mon Sheong Foundation Chinese School



### Volunteer Position

The mission of Mon Sheong Foundation Chinese School is to teach students Chinese language by enhancing their reading, writing, listening and speaking skills, and to foster an understanding and appreciation of Chinese culture.

**Time:** 8:50 AM to 11:00 AM and/or  
11:10 AM to 1:20 PM

**Duration:** September 2018 to June 2019

**No. of Hours:** 3 hrs/Week

**Location:** Pierre. E. Trudeau High School  
90 Bur Oak Avenue  
Markham, Ontario

**Duties:** Assist teachers in classroom activities  
Assist with school activities  
Enforce school policies  
Regular commitment required

**Requirement:** Open to students Grade 9 and up  
Able to speak Cantonese or Mandarin  
Have enthusiasm in working with children

**Application and Enquiries:** Please send emails to  
[michellekwan@monsheong.org](mailto:michellekwan@monsheong.org)

**Application Deadline:** June 30, 2018

An appreciation letter with your name and number of service hours will be available to you by the end of the school year.