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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Every year a number of parents and students ask, "What happens at school on a P.D. Day?"

For our staff the P.D. Day on September 22nd will have three main components. First, we are required to annually review safety procedures and plans. This includes everything from how to administer an Epi-Pen for students in anaphylactic shock to reviewing evacuation plans during fire drills and lock downs as well as a range of other policies and procedures to keep our school safe.

The second part of our day will be focused on professional development for teachers as they extend their skills in developing the Critical Thinking skills of our students across the curriculum.

In the third part of the day, ECSS staff will meet in department groups to analyze student achievement data and looks for trends and patterns to help assess the efficacy of changes made last school year. We are constantly reflecting upon and examining what we do to ensure that the changes we make are yielding the results we want.

Our ECSS staff are fantastic role models of life-long learners.

Paolo Burzese



Dates at a Glance!

Sept 22	PT Day (No Classes)
Sept 23	Parent Council Meeting @ 7-8:30 – in the library
Sept 24	Terry Fox Walk/Run (Period 2)
Sept 27 & 28	Student Life Expo at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre

GUIDANCE AND CAREER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

SEPTEMBER 22nd E-BULLETIN

UPCOMING POST-SECONDARY EVENTS:

The **STUDENT LIFE EXPO** will be taking place on September 27th and 28th at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre (South Building – Halls G & E). For more information visit: www.studentlifeexpo.com.

The Guidance and Career Education Department will be hosting a workshop on **NAVIGATING WEBSITES: ELECTRONICINFO.CA AND ONTARIOCOLLEGESE.CA** for students during lunch in room 116 on Tuesday, September 30th and Thursday, October 2nd.

The Guidance and Career Education Department will be hosting a **SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL PLANNING INFORMATION SESSION** for students during lunch in room 116 on October 9th.

DISCOVER POLICING is an initiative by the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police to promote the profession of policing to young people. The Discover Policing Exposition is October 15th at the Toronto Police College and will consist of exhibitor booths for police agencies and presentations. For more information visit: discoverpolicing.ca.

VISITING A UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE is a great way to find out more about the campus, the people, and the environment. Each post-secondary institution offers campus tours and special events throughout the year for secondary school students. Many post-secondary institutions host **experiential events/weekends**. Visit each institution's website to find out the best time to visit and when they are hosting their Open House.

ECSS GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT:

TOONIE TALKS is our exciting new Speaker Series which will be highlighting several parenting experts throughout the year. The focus of these talks will be on Raising Resilient Children. Information about ticket purchases and our first speaker is available in this weekly Parent/Guardian Bulletin.

TWITTER: Follow the Guidance and Career Education Department at **ECSS_Guidance** for updates and reminders related to opportunities and events.

ECSS will be continuing the **PEER TUTORING** program this year. Interested students can come to the Guidance and Career Education Office for more information and to pick up an application form.

Potential Graduates are encouraged to add their name to our **GRAD E-MAIL** distribution list to receive graduate news and regular post-secondary updates. To be added to this list, send an e-mail to Mrs. Genova at barb.genova@yrdsb.edu.on.ca with the subject line "Grad Distribution List 2015".

There are a number of **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES** available. Students are welcome to come by the Guidance and Career Education Office to explore these opportunities.

BOOKMARK THE GUIDANCE LINK ON THE ECSS WEBSITE FOR THE LATEST ON: Valuable Resources for Post-Secondary Planning, ECSS Course Offerings, SHSM Requirements and Application Form, International Volunteering Projects, Community Involvement Opportunities, Canadian Mental Health Association, National Eating Disorders Information Centre, Vaughan Community Health Care, Scholarship and Financial Planning, and Annual ECSS Grad Award Offerings. Visit: <http://emilycarr.ss.yrdsb.ca/> and click on the Guidance link.

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

WATERLOO UNLIMITED is pleased to offer this year's on-campus high school enrichment programs for students from across Canada. Students can expect an immersive, pre-university experience including an introduction to the art and science of reading academic papers, an opportunity to explore cutting-edge research discoveries with professors, and the chance to engage with current student researchers. The program runs Wednesday, November 12 to Friday, November 14, 2014. Application deadline: Wednesday, October 8th, 2014. The program fee is \$300 (includes meals) and supervised overnight shared hotel accommodation is \$180. For more information, visit: <https://uwaterloo.ca/unlimited>.

HELPFUL WEBSITES:

NEED A JOB? For information on opportunities and how to apply, visit: <http://www.ontario.ca/jobs-and-employment/employment-programs-people-under-30>.

Resources on **ANXIETY AND MOOD DISORDERS IN CHILDREN AND YOUTH** are available on our Board website. Please visit: <http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/page.cfm?id=PRNT00004>.

HOMEWORK HELP FOR GRADES 7-10 MATH: The Ontario Ministry of Education and the Independent Learning Centre offer this interactive resource for students and parents. For more information, visit: www.homeworkhelp.ilc.org.

PARENTING RESOURCES and WORKSHOPS: <http://practicalparenting.ca/parenttalk/>.

RESOURCES FROM THE SUMMIT ON TALENT AND SKILLS IN THE NEW ECONOMY

JOBS IN CANADA: Where, What and for Whom?
<http://www.td.com/document/PDF/economics/special/JobsInCanada.pdf>.

JOBS OF THE FUTURE: Options and Opportunities
http://www.minerandminer.ca/data/Jobs_of_the_Future_Final.pdf.

FROM BETTER SKILLS TO BETTER WORK
http://www.essentialskillsontario.ca/sites/www.essentialskillsontario.ca/files/From%20Better%20Skills%20to%20Better%20Work_Final_0.pdf.

CREATING A HIGHLY SKILLED WORKFORCE FOR THE NEW ECONOMY
http://www.collegesontario.org/outcomes/accountability/CO_WORKFORCE_Report_2013_WEB_Singles.pdf.

UNIVERSITY WORKS: 2014 Employment Report <http://www.cou.on.ca/publications/reports/pdfs/cou-university-works-report-february-2014>.

THE 25 HOTTEST SKILLS THAT GOT PEOPLE HIRED IN 2013 <http://blog.linkedin.com/2013/12/18/the-25-hottest-skills-that-got-people-hired-in-2013>.

COMMUNITY PARTNER INFORMATION:

THE CITY OF VAUGHAN updates their site regularly for seasonal employment and volunteer opportunities. Visit: www.vaughan.ca/cityhall/employment/recreation_jobs/Pages/default.aspx.



THE AL PALLADINI COMMUNITY CENTRE offers a number of different programs, including: active living, creative, educational, and instructional for all ages and abilities. For more information, visit: http://www.vaughan.ca/services/recreation/community_centres/al_palladini_cc/Pages/default.aspx.

The **PIERRE BERTON LIBRARY** offers a number of different programs and events. For more information, visit: www.vaughanpl.info.



The **YOUTH LINK PROGRAM** of the **Vaughan Community Health Centre** offers a number of programs and services. For more information, visit: <http://www.vaughanhealthcarehc.com/>.



EMPOWERMENT THROUGH ACHIEVEMENT VAUGHAN (ETA Vaughan) offers support to women and children in our community, and specifically offers a number of different programs aimed towards youth in Vaughan. For more information, visit: <http://etavaughan.com/?q=youth-room>.



HOSPICE VAUGHAN will be hosting their **Annual Giving Thanks Gala 2014** on Friday, October 3, 2014 at the Terrace Banquet Centre in Vaughan. Please visit the Hospice Vaughan website www.hospicevaughan.com for further details.



HOSPICE VAUGHAN

THE READING CORNER:

An informative website on **PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR FAMILIES** can be found at: <http://www.360kids.ca/programs-and-services/family-resource-centres/>

Night School Credit Courses - Fall

September 18, 2014 to January 27, 2015
Tuesday and Thursday Evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9:45
p.m.
Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning
36 Regatta Avenue, Richmond Hill, ON L4E 4R1

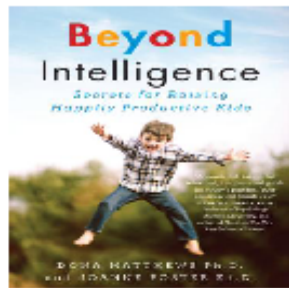
Night School Credit Courses - Winter

February 12 to June 16, 2015
Tuesday and Thursday Evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9:45
p.m.
Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning
36 Regatta Avenue, Richmond Hill, ON L4E
4R1

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM SECONDARY CREDIT PROGRAM 2014-2015

DURATION	September to June (A minimum of 32 students is required for a course to be offered.)
ELIGIBILITY	Open to students who are not native-speakers.*Students who have native-like fluency or have studied the language through the International Languages Program (SK-8).
COURSE MATERIAL	Students will be responsible for purchasing the course textbook/course packs which will be sold in September.
PREREQUISITE	Students must have the required prerequisite.

EMILY CARR SECONDARY SCHOOL
TOONIE TALKS-EXPERT GUEST SPEAKER SERIES



***Beyond Intelligence:
Secrets for Raising Happily
Productive Kids***

by Dona Matthews and Joanne Foster
House of Anansi Press; July 2014

**November 25, 2014
7:00 p.m. -8:30 p.m.**

**Revealing Seven Secrets for Your Child's
Success**

In this presentation, we reveal several key secrets for going beyond intelligence and raising happily productive children. We discuss being attuned to your child's personality and changing needs; nurturing her abilities, interests, and creativity; cultivating a growth mindset; staying focused on creating an educational match; fostering your child's social and emotional intelligences; collaborating with others; and responding to what's central to your child's well-being. We pay close attention to the implications for busy parents, and provide lots of practical take-home strategies.



Dona Matthews, PhD

Dona has worked with children, families, and schools since 1990. In addition to running a busy private practice, she was Executive Director, Millennium Dialogue on Child Development, University of Toronto, and founding Director, Hunter College Center for Gifted Studies and Education, City University of New York. She has published dozens of articles and book chapters, and is co-author of *Being Smart about Gifted Education*; *The Development of Giftedness and Talent across the Life Span*; and *The Routledge International Companion to Gifted Education*.



Joanne Foster, EdD

Joanne is co-author of the award-winning *Being Smart about Gifted Education*. She is a leading authority on high-level development with over 30 years experience. She teaches educational psychology, and is gifted education liaison at the University of Toronto. She consults to teachers, conducts parent forums, serves on advisory committees, and speaks at conferences across North America. She also writes ABCs of Being Smart, a series of feature columns in *Parenting for High Potential*. Her book *Not Now, Maybe Later: Helping Children Overcome Procrastination* is in press.

www.beyondintelligence.net

Accelerated OYAP (Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program)

The *Accelerated OYAP programs* provide Grade 12 students with the opportunity to earn high school Community Based Education credits, register as an apprentice, complete part or all of their Level One apprenticeship schooling in a specific trade, and earn hours/demonstrate competencies towards their apprenticeship. Students concurrently earn additional high school credit(s) through these dual credit opportunities.

Grade 12 students who are currently enrolled in OYAP for semester two of this school year, have expressed an interest in the Accelerated OYAP programs, AND who meet the criteria to apply **MUST** attend the relevant information session to initiate the application process. The **dates are fast approaching!** Please see the chart below for details.

Program	Open House Date	Time	Training Delivery Agent and Location
Automotive Service Technician Level 1 App: Automotive Service Technician 3105	Thursday, October 16, 2014	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Centennial College – Ashtonbee Campus 75 Ashtonbee Road Scarborough, ON M1L 4N4 Room: Ashtonbee Auditorium Parking gates open; free when you leave
Cook – Culinary Arts Level 1 App: Cook 415A	Tuesday, October 21, 2014	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Humber College – North Campus 205 Humber College Boulevard Toronto, ON M9W 5L7 Room: Seventh Semester (lower level beside cafeteria)
Child Development Practitioner Apprenticeship Program 620C (formerly known as Early Childhood Education)	Wednesday, October 8, 2014	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Seneca College – King Campus 13990 Dufferin Street King City, ON L7B 1B3 Room: Pod C (lower basement)
Electrical Level 1 App: Electrician: Construction & Maintenance 309A	Thursday, October 9, 2014	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Humber College Centre for Trades and Technology 110 Carrier Drive Toronto, ON M9V 5R1 Room: Student Common Area
General Carpenter 403A and Floor Covering 448A Level 1 App:	Tuesday, October 7, 2014	6:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Carpenters' Local Union 27 Joint Apprenticeship & Training Centre 222 Rowntree Dairy Road, Suite 2 Woodbridge, ON L4L 9T2 Entrance: Members' Meeting Hall (downstairs)
Plumbing Level 1 App: Plumber 306A	Thursday, October 9, 2014	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Humber College Centre for Trades and Technology 110 Carrier Drive Toronto, ON M9V 5R1 Room: Student Common Area
Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Systems Mechanic Level 1 App: Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Systems Mechanics 313A	Wednesday, October 29, 2014	6:30 PM – 9:00 PM	George Brown College – Casa Loma Campus 146 Kendal Avenue Toronto, ON M5T 2T9 Room: E321 (Building E, Room 321)

Students in Grades 10 and 11 would also benefit from attending the *Accelerated OYAP Open House Information* sessions with their parents/guardians to become aware of the program options available for their pathways planning and upcoming course selections in February 2015.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Corneman, Head of Community Based Education at jacqueline.corneman@vrdsb.ca.