



Thursday, April 29th, 2021

Good afternoon GMPS families!

We have made it through the month of April and all its surprises, weather, learning pivots and all! May is just around the corner! Our students, your children, have been working hard during our remote learning period and their resilience is inspirational! Continue to encourage your child to be on time for classes every day, to follow teacher directions for turning cameras and microphones on and off and to continue to demonstrate patience and perseverance with this model of teaching and learning.

Please continue to reach out to your child's teacher if you need anything.

Please read below for messages from the YRDSB and the community.

FROM YRDSB:

Of interest to families of students entering grade 9: **What Families Want to Know About De-Streaming**

See attached infographic for details.



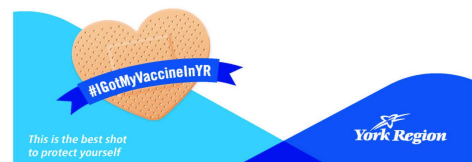
FROM PUBLIC HEALTH:

School Based Covid-19 Testing:

Continues during school closures. See the attached letter for dates, times, locations and other details.

**Need COVID-19
Vaccine Information
in York Region?**

york.ca/COVID19VaccineInfo
1-877-464-9675



OPPORTUNITIES AND EVENTS FROM YRDSB AND THE COMMUNITY

Career Discovery Expo: Dream Big York

Students in grades 7 - 12 and their parents/guardians are invited to attend the *Career Discovery Expo: Dream Big York* on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 from 6:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. ET.

This FREE event provides students and their families the opportunity to explore a wide range of career paths.

The Career Discovery Expo: Dream Big York will feature:

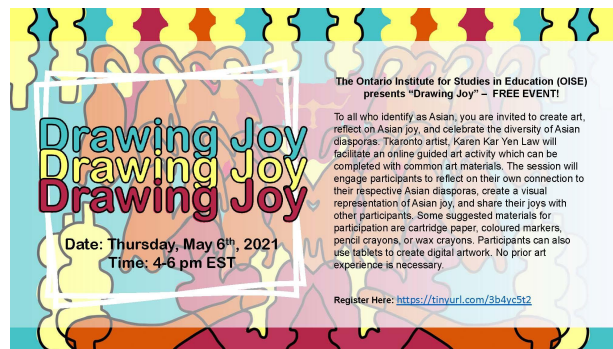
- **Dream Maker Panel:** Women from various industries share their stories and inspire young women.
- **Employer Spotlight:** Employers share their “look fors” when hiring new employees and ways to gain experience early.
- **Pathway Spotlight:** College, University and OYAP representatives share the different pathway programs available, scholarships, courses etc.
- **Games, Prizes**

To register, please visit: dreambigYork.eventbrite.ca

From OISE: "Drawing Joy"

“To all members of the Asian community, you are invited to create art, reflect on Asian joy, and celebrate the diversity of Asian diasporas. with Tkaronto artist, Karen Kar Yen Law.”

[Drawing Joy](#) Register at this link.



Parents' Support Group hosting a virtual meeting on Monday, May 10th. Discussion titled: Does your child's anxiety, ADHD, mood disorder, learning disability, or behaviour challenges make parenting difficult?

Visit <http://www.pcmh.ca/> for information.



Parents for Children's
Mental Health

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Opportunities from the Sankofa Group for Black students and families:







SANKOFA
VIRTUAL SATURDAY MORNINGS
STORYTELLING & POETRY PROGRAM
with Drumming

Rooted in African & Caribbean Art
Free...For Black Students Grades 5-7
Every saturday till June 19th
 "Until the lions have their own historians, the history of the hunt will always glorify the hunter."




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THE SANKOFA MENTORING PROGRAM

FOR BLACK STUDENTS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 11-18

"Bridging the Past with the Present...Navigating the Present into the Future"

- MENTORSHIP • LEADERSHIP • CULTURAL EXPERIENCE • FIELD TRIPS
- LIFE SKILLS • RETREATS • SELF AWARENESS • CAREER EXPLORATION
- ACADEMIC SUPPORT

The Sankofa Mentoring Program is rooted in an African Rites of Passage framework that highlights the principles of Unity, Self Determination, Collective Work and Responsibility, Cooperative Economics, Purpose, Creativity, Faith and Self-Respect.



WHEN WE MEET:
 Now Open for new registration (space limited)
 Virtual program/workshop (Due to covid-19)

For more information please contact
 Program Manager @
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 647-807-2016
www.yorkregionaacc.ca



COMING UP:

- Friday April 30 – Holy Friday
- Thursday May 13 – Eid-ul-Fitr
- Monday May 24 – Victoria Day – no classes today
- Wednesday May 26 - School Council
- Monday, May 31st - PA Day - no classes today

Please continue to check YRDSB's website site www.yrdsb.ca, Twitter <https://twitter.com/YRDSB> and Instagram yrdsb.schools for ongoing communication.

To our families celebrating Eastern Orthodox Easter this weekend, I wish you a joyous celebration.

Wishing you all a good weekend. Stay safe. Be well.

Eugenia Korinis

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