



Friday, May 14th, 2021

Good afternoon GMPS families!

We have had another wonderful week at GMPS! Thank you to all staff, students and families for continuing to persevere and do some awesome things under these unique and challenging circumstances! Go Mavericks! Please take some time to review this week's message:

School Council Meeting: All families are invited to join our virtual School Council meeting on Wednesday, May 26th at 8:00 p.m. It is the last one for the 2020-2021 School year. We will have the opportunity to discuss and share on topics such as Graduation, look ahead to next year and other highlights. If you would like to attend, please click on the link below. Only Yes responses need reply. Thank you.

[RSVP - School Council](#)

Class Placements for 2021/2022: In the upcoming weeks, homeroom teachers, support staff and administration will be working to develop balanced classes for the next school year that strive to best meet the needs of our students. In this process we rely on the professional judgement of the teachers and staff who have worked with your child.

We appreciate that parents/guardians may wish to share information about their child for staff to consider during the class placement process. If you wish to do so, please email me before May 21st, 2021. Requests for specific teachers will not be considered.

As we make placement decisions, your input is taken into consideration; however, we cannot make any guarantees regarding placements.

Should you have any questions regarding the class placement process, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kindergarten Registration

While schools may not be open, families can still register for Kindergarten. Our school, along with all elementary schools in the Board, is now offering online registration. Families can access the online Kindergarten registration information at bit.ly/KindergartenYRDSB.

Please note: A laptop or desktop computer is strongly recommended to complete the online registration, rather than a mobile device.

Alternatively, families can also complete the elementary school registration form and email it directly to the school. Once schools re-open, families will need to bring in their documents. School office staff will reach out to make appointments.

Are you moving?

If your child/ren is moving schools and not returning in September, please email the school and at your earliest convenience. Please also let us know which school your child will be attending.

MESSAGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FROM YRDSB AND THE COMMUNITY:

2021 Summer Learning Programs Available: During the month of July, YRDSB continues to offer credit and non-credit summer school program opportunities for elementary, secondary and adult students.

Traditional in-class face-to-face summer programs will move to a remote learning delivery model. Registration is now open for the following programs:

Elementary Credit and Non-Credit Programs:

- Elementary Summer School (Grades 6 - 8 non credit reinforcement)
- Grade 8 Reach Ahead

Secondary Credit Programs:

- Online-Learning
- Remote Learning

Adult Learning Programs:

- Adult Literacy and Basic Skills
- English as a Second Language
- Citizenship Classes

For more information about summer learning programs and registration please visit www.yrdsb.ca and follow us on Twitter @YRDSB.



Caribbean Playground: An interactive event with the author of the Malaika book series, Nadia L. Hohn. Please see attached flyer for details



Education Interrupted: A webinar series to engage parents, caregivers, scholars and community leaders in dialogue to imagine what a meaningful anti-racist model of parent/caregiver engagement could look like. See attached flyer for details.

ALLIANCE FOR EDUCATORS OF BLACK STUDENTS - STUDENT AND FAMILY EVENT: This is an event that supports Black-identifying students and their families from YRDSB and the community. Registration information can be found in the attached flyer.

JEWISH HERITAGE MONTH – MAY 2021

[Canadian Jewish Heritage Month](#) was given Royal Assent in the Senate of Canada on March 29, 2018. As we approach the month of May, staff and students are encouraged to engage in opportunities that celebrate and affirm Jewish histories and the achievements of the Jewish community.

Canada is home to the fourth largest Jewish population in the world. There are close to 400,000 Jewish residents in Canada, and almost half of that number reside in Ontario. Jewish settlers in Canada can be traced as far back as 1760. Jewish Canadians have proudly contributed to Canadian heritage in all of its facets including the military, the arts, government, business, academia, law, medicine, culture, and sports. Throughout the month of May, we celebrate the contributions Jewish Canadians make in communities across the country.

ASIAN AND SOUTH ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH – MAY 2021

May is Asian and South Asian Heritage Month in Ontario. In May 2002, the Government of Canada officially declared May as Asian Heritage Month. At the provincial level, the Legislative Assembly of Ontario designated May as South Asian Heritage Month in 2001 and as Asian Heritage Month in 2005.

[The South Asian Heritage Act of 2001](#) established the foundation upon which South Asians, whose origins are or can be traced to the Indian subcontinent, can see themselves reflected and valued in the fabric of Ontario and our schools, and appreciated for their extensive contributions to Canada.

In [May 2002, the Government of Canada](#) signed an official declaration to designate May as Asian Heritage Month. This acknowledges the long and rich history of Asian Canadians from East Asia, Southern Asia, Western and Southeast Asia and their contributions to significant Canada



Raising Children With an Intercultural Lens

Guest Speaker:

Varenya Kuhathaas

Family Services York Region

Presented by:

Family Service for York Region

YRDSB Performance Plus Schools - Milliken Mills, Highgate and Wilclay Public Schools,

Inclusive School and Community Services, YRDSB

Date: May 17th, 2021

Time: 7:00 - 8:30pm

Registration: bit.ly/3eCuaqz

Registration Deadline: May 16th, 2021

COMING UP:

- **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.

A blessed Shavuot To our families observing and a lovely weekend to all of you!

Stay safe. Be well.

Eugenia Korinis

Principal
German Mills PS