



The Holland Landing Highlights

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From the Office

If you have moved, or will be moving over the summer, **please ensure you have informed the office!** This information impacts our school organization and class placement for the coming year. Thank you!

Year-End Dates to be Aware of

As we approach the end of June, there are some dates for families to be aware of as we prepare to close up the school year.

Material Retrieval & Drop-Off dates

June 25, 28, 29

- Students/families will be able to come to the school to pick up any remaining personal belongings
- students/families will drop off any materials that belong to the school (e.g., books, technology)
- All loaned technology must be returned to Holland Landing Public School on one of those days
- Process and timing to follow - please note the dates, and more information will be shared as it becomes available.

Early Release Day

June 29

- June 29 will be an asynchronous learning morning. This is the last day of school for students and the school day will end at 12:00
- Join us in a community celebration while safely at home: at 12:00 noon, cheer and celebrate all you have achieved this year! If you can, step outside to ring a bell, cheer, clap, bang a pot or pan! Make some noise for all of our amazing HLPS Hurricanes who have much to celebrate!

Message from Our Trustee

Dear families,

It is hard to sum up this past school year; it truly has been a year like no other. Many of our students have been transitioning between virtual and in-person learning. Others have spent the full year learning virtually as part of our Elementary and Secondary Virtual Schools. Whatever option you have chosen, this year has been challenging and has asked a lot of all of us - students, families, staff members and community partners. We have had to be flexible and adaptable in how we learn, teach and work. We have had to be diligent in learning new routines and adhering to public health measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. And, we have had to pay more attention than ever to supporting mental health and well-being during this challenging time.

This pandemic has affected different families in different ways, and I want to thank you for your patience, support

and resiliency throughout this challenging year. I also want to take this opportunity to remind you that resources are available on the Board website, including [community resources](#), [mental health supports](#), [tips](#) and [resources](#) to support online learning, and [tips for speaking with your child about COVID-19](#). These resources will continue to be available throughout the summer.

Despite the challenges this year, we have seen incredible examples of student learning and achievement. I am incredibly proud of the determination, resilience, creativity and perseverance demonstrated by our students. I want to wish a very special congratulations to the graduating class of 2021. This is an important milestone and while we are all disappointed that we are unable to celebrate in person as we would have hoped, we look forward to honouring our graduates virtually. Schools are working hard to make their virtual graduation celebrations a very special occasion. We are very proud of our graduates and wish you all the very best in the next chapter of your journey.

I also want to acknowledge the hard work of our educators and staff members who have maintained a focus on supporting students while navigating the challenges of the past year. Our staff members have shown a true commitment to their own learning in the service of our students, and have been participating in webinars, online training modules and other **professional learning opportunities** throughout the school year to enhance their own practices.

Earlier this spring, we launched the [Board's Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy](#), with the goal to "achieve racial equity in YRDSB schools for Black students and staff." The strategy was co-developed by York Region Black community leaders, YRDSB staff and in consultation with students. Thank you to everyone who supported this work and participated in the launch. We look forward to continuing this essential work.

The Board is also preparing for the 2022 Municipal Election by undertaking a **review of school board trustee electoral areas**. The boundaries of the areas the trustees represent change over time due to population growth and changes in student numbers. We are committed to ensuring that, as the region's population changes, electoral areas continue to reflect the communities we serve. Public input is important to the Board of Trustees during the electoral area review. Throughout the process there will be a number of ways for you to learn more about the review and to provide input. Information about the [Trustee Determination and Distribution](#) is available on the Board website.

As was communicated to families in May, we are looking ahead to the 2021-2022 school year. Our goal is to create a learning model within the provincial funding allocation that meets public health requirements and is centred on the safety and well-being of our students and staff members. To help meet this goal, we are planning to implement a hybrid model of learning for elementary and secondary schools, a model several other school boards have been using during this current school year. Through this model, families will continue to have the ability to opt for in-person or remote learning, and placement for all students will be in their home school. I know there are many questions about what this will look like and what to expect in September. The Board continues to provide as much information as possible and has shared some [frequently asked questions on the Board website](#) about the model change for 2021-2022, this page will continue to be updated. As planning continues and information becomes available, we will provide regular updates to families. Please know that health and safety of our students, staff and families remains our top priority. You can also continue to find information on the Board website at www.yrdsb.ca and on Twitter [@YRDSB](#).

As we go into the summer months, I want to thank you once again for your support over the past year, and to wish you all a safe, healthy and enjoyable summer.

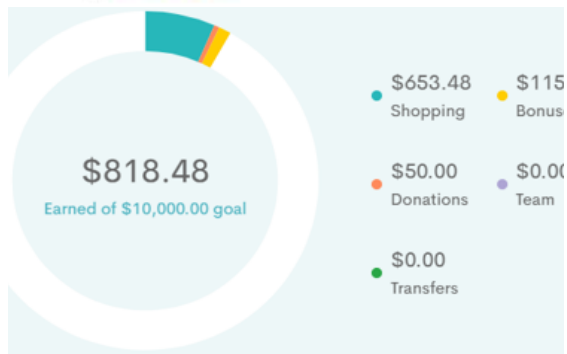
As the school year comes to a close, I want to wish you and your families a safe, healthy and happy summer. I look forward to a time when we can welcome your children back into our schools again. We know that families have questions about what the return to school will look like. We will continue to share information with you as it becomes available. In the meantime, we encourage you to continue following public health guidelines and to stay connected.

Elizabeth Terrell-Tracey
East Gwillimbury and Whitchurch-Stouffville

School Council

FlipGive

Please consider joining our FlipGive fundraising team! We've raised **\$818.48** so far!



- ❖ How to participate;
 - Download the FlipGive App or visit www.flipgive.com/join to sign up
 - When asked to "join existing team", enter our unique team code: **YF9WHZ**
 - Have fun shopping!

School Council Meeting

Please join us for our final School Council Meeting of this school year. Monday, June 14, 7:00 pm. Link to the virtual meeting will be sent to families Monday afternoon. Hope to see you there!

Reach Out!

If you have a question for our School Council, or any items you would like to be brought to our attention, please email our Chair - Zalema Mavor holland.landing.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca

Highlights from the Week



Junior Firefighter Contest

We have another winner from HLPS! Guilherme Rodrigues De Carvalho also placed in the **top six** and was named a member of *Team East Gwillimbury!* Congratulations, Gui! We're so proud of you!

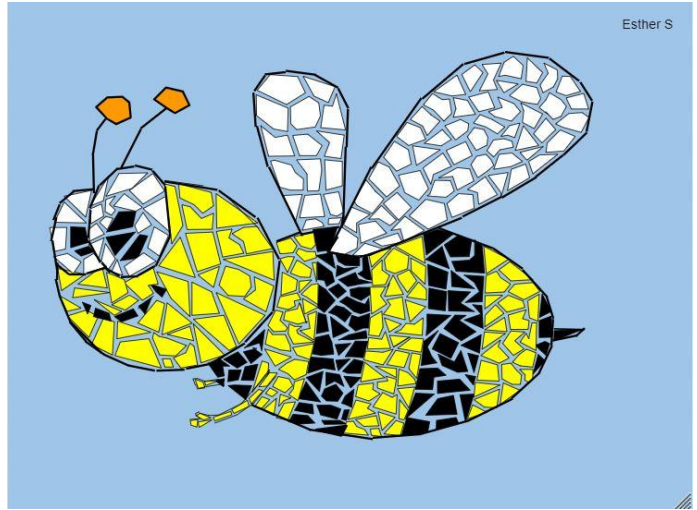


Grade 8 Digital Mosaics

Mrs. Whitehouse's grade 8 students have been creating digital mosaics during virtual learning. Check out these awesome works of art!



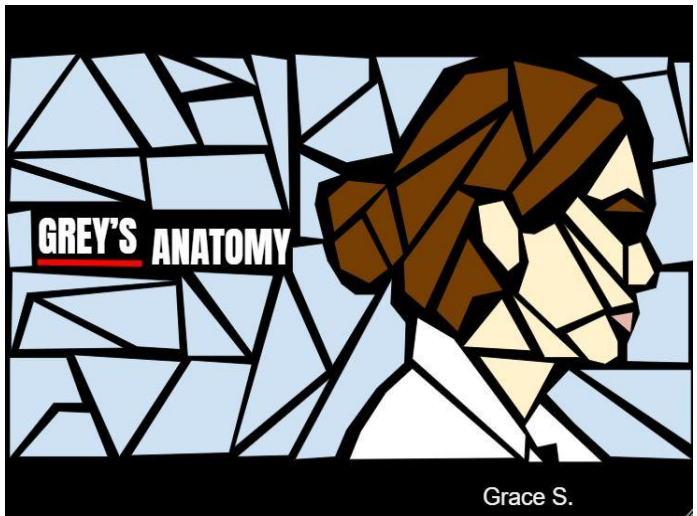
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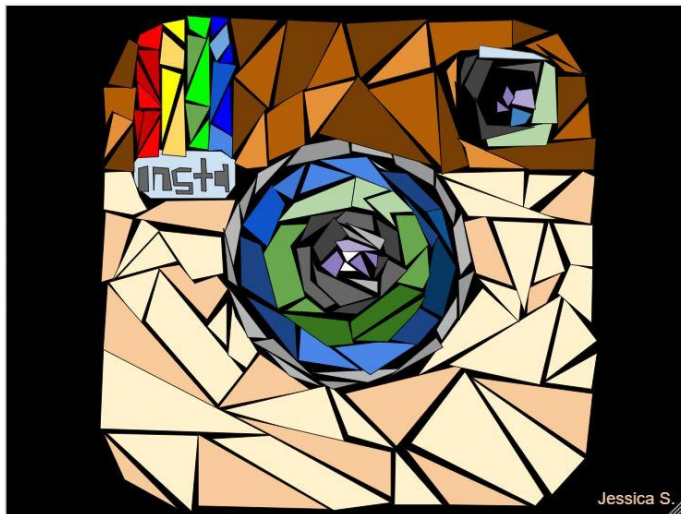
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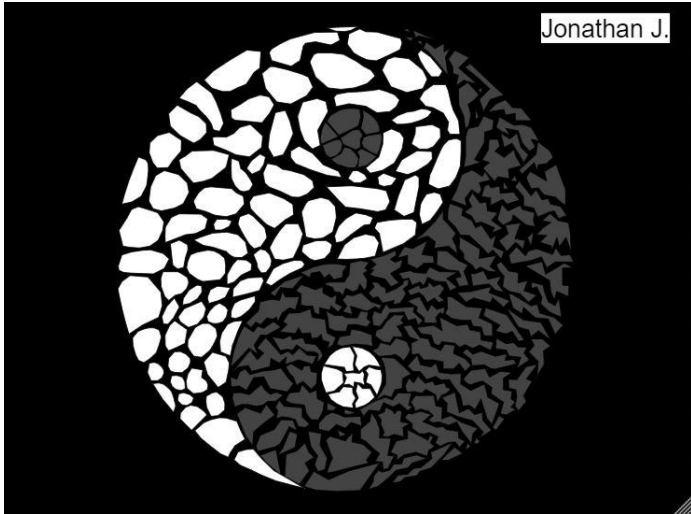
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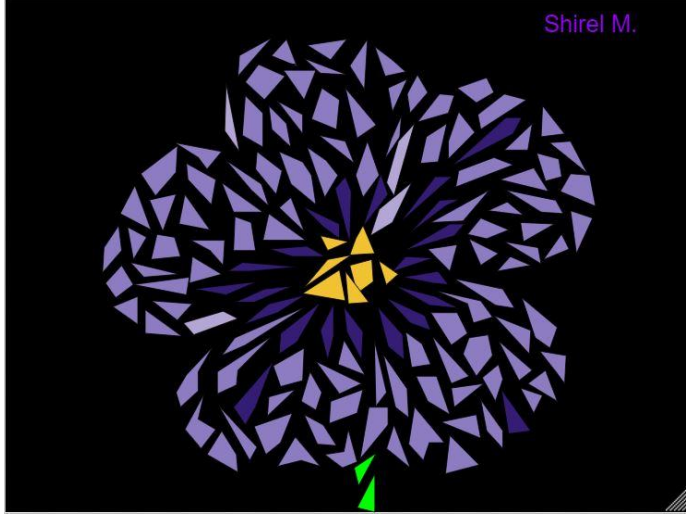
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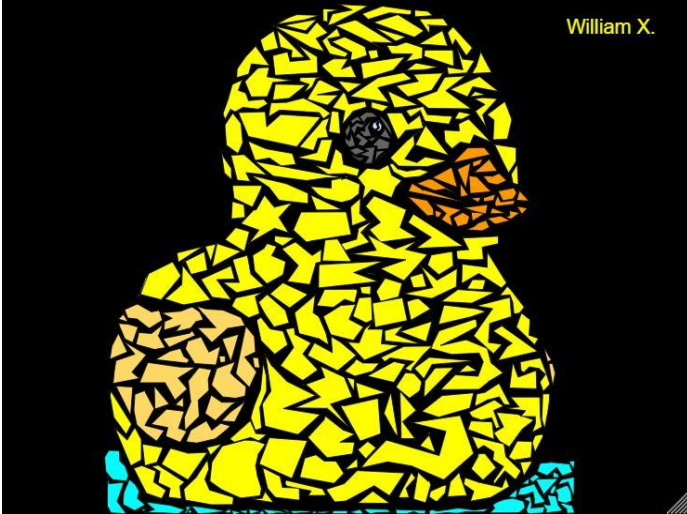
Jonathan J.



Shirel M.



Trevor H.



William X.

