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Home of the Titans



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Important Dates

- April 15, 22 & 29 Gr. 3 Swim to Survive
- April 27 Gr. 7 & 8 Immunization
- April 29 & 30 Arts Celebration Evening
- April 30 Pizza Day
- May 01-Gr.3 Pickering Museum
- May 20 Walk to school Day
- May 20 Track & Field Gr. 4-8
- May 21 Welcome to Kindergarten Night
- May 25 to June 04 EQAO

Courtesy

Cooperation

Consideration

Commitment

April 2015

Message from the Administration

We are now in the final stage of our school year and, as usual, it promises to be a busy time. March seemed to move quickly although there were many events that took place. We had basketball, our monthly Character Matters and Recognition Assembly, a fabulous visit from Canadian Children's Author Eric Walters and a book fair. We were also excited and impressed by the large show of support from our parent and family community for our Family Math Literacy Evening on March 26. It was great to see so many of our parents and students working together to solve math challenges in fun and exciting ways. It really confirmed the notion that Math exists everywhere and presents us all with challenges and fun problems on a daily basis.

The York Region District School Board values student voice as a key factor in decision when setting direction and allocating resources. As such, the Board conducts student surveys from time to time in order to collect the data related to students' feelings of safety, inclusion and engagement. The surveys are conducted online and are private and anonymous. The school will receive a report with the data after the completion of the surveys. Students in grades 5-8 will be provided an opportunity to complete the surveys at school using available technology between April 13 and 19. We look forward to receiving the data which will reflect our

students' voices.

In the ever changing world of technology, we recognize that families often change their telecommunications plans. Please ensure that you provide the most current and updated contact information for our records so that we can contact parents and family members using accurate information. Please be reminded that as part of the York Region District School Board's Safe Arrival Policy, we must verify the whereabouts of each of our students in the morning and again after lunch. We remind parents that it is your responsibility to inform the school whenever your child will not be in attendance. If we do not receive notification, we will make contact using all of the information we have available to us. If we cannot make connect with an adult to verify whereabouts of a child, we will contact the York Region Police Services.

We are looking forward to providing an opportunity for our students to showcase their many talents in our upcoming Arts Nights Presentations on April 29 (KG - Gr. 4) and April 30 (Gr. 5—Gr. 8). Please save these dates. More information will be sent home soon.

The annual EQAO provincial assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics for Primary and Junior grades will take place between May 25 and June 4. Students in grades 3 and 6 will have the opportunity to demonstrate their learning of the

curriculum during those two weeks. We ask that parents of students in grades 3 and 6 avoid scheduling appointments for their child during this time.

Once again, we would like to thank those parents and caregivers who drive with caution and follow signs and staff direction during drop off and pick up times. Safety is everyone's responsibility. It is important that we all remember that safety over convenience is the rule and that everyone should proceed in the parking lot and drop off areas with caution. An extra second or two gained by speeding will not make a difference in anyone's commute but could lead to a serious injury or worse. Thank you to everyone for your co-operation and support.

Next School Council

Thursday, May 6
Thursday, June 11

6:00—7:00 pm in the Library

Council Executive 2014-2015

Lisa Volpe-Brehaspatt—Chair

Ratna Muralitharan—Treasurer

Sathi Satkunanantharajah—
Secretary

Inspire Learning!



Dear Families

As you know, Markham Gateway P.S. is actively involved in Eco initiatives, such as Wasteless Wednesdays, Yard Clean Up and Lights Out Lunches. Preserving and caring for our environment requires us to collectively work together to each do our part. Our next Eco initiative, **Walk to School Wednesdays**, begins in April and we need your help! We are encouraging all families to participate and show their support by walking to school every Wednesday. Not only will this reduce traffic congestion and pollution, Walk to School Wednesdays will help increase daily physical activity. Let's work together to preserve our environment!

The Eco Team



Character Matters at Markham Gateway!



Every month at Markham Gateway we host our Spirit and Character Assemblies. We gather together as an entire school from Kindergarten to Grade 8, to show our school spirit by singing our school song, celebrating accomplishments and recognizing good character. We also have important messages presented from our student groups such as Student Council, Me to We and our Eco-Team. Parents are always invited to attend all assemblies. The dates for the remainder of the year for Spirit and Character assemblies are as follows:

April 7th – 1:00pm

May 1st – 11:00am

June 11th – 8:30am



Arts Celebration!

Our Arts Evenings are coming up at the end of April! Students are excited to share their learning in art, dance, music, and drama.

-Kindergarten to Grade 4: April 29th.

-Grades 5-8: April 30th.

[More details to follow!](#)





The York Region District School Board **Summer Institute** is a program that offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum for children and youth entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8.

Weekly Sessions July 6, 2015 to August 14, 2015

Programs are offered at [locations](#) in Richmond Hill, Markham, Stouffville, Newmarket, Woodbridge, Vaughan and Georgina from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm with extended YMCA before and aftercare programs available at all locations
[YMCA Before and Aftercare Registration](#)

Aldergrove S.I.	150 Aldergrove Drive, Unionville
Armadale S.I.	11 Coppard Ave., Markham
Crosby Heights S.I.	190 Neal Drive, Richmond Hill
Discovery S.I.	120 Discovery Trail, Maple
Lakeside S.I.	213 Shorecrest Road, Keswick
Lake Wilcox S.I.	80 Wildwood Ave., Richmond Hill
Maple Leaf S.I. (formally Prince Charles P.S.)	155 Longford Dr., Newmarket
Milliken Mills S.I.	289 Risebrough Circuit, Unionville
Oscar Peterson S.I.	850 Hoover Park Drive, Stouffville
Sixteenth Avenue S.I.	400 Sixteenth Avenue, Richmond Hill
Unionville Meadows S.I.	355 South Unionville Ave., Markham
Woodbridge S.I.	60 Burwick Avenue, Woodbridge

For additional information please email performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca or call 905-884-2046 ext. 241.

Are you moving.....?



Our preparations for the 2015– 2016 school year are underway, and our success depends on accurate projections of the school population. If you are moving out of our school area, please complete the form below and return it to the school as soon as possible or contact the office and let us know the information requested below.

My child(ren) _____ (name(s),
 who is/are in currently grade(s) _____ will **not** be attending Markham Gateway Public School in
 September 2015.

We will be moving to _____ (please provide name of new school if known).

ATTENDANCE—SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

Ensuring the safety of our students is our priority. Our Safe Arrival Program is in place so that we can account for the whereabouts of absent students. It is for this reason that we ask all parents to inform us their child's absence. Where it is possible, we ask that this is done in advance. Call the school at 905-472-3303 and leave a message on the answering machine or with the school secretary. If you have not informed the school of your child's absence in advance, the following steps, in this order, will be executed by the school to ensure your child is safe:

1. We will call your home.
2. If we do not reach you at home, we will call your work and/or cell phone.
3. If we cannot reach you at work, we will call your emergency contact number.
4. If we are not able to obtain information from your emergency contact regarding your child's whereabouts, we will speak to a sibling if one is in the school or check with a friend of your child.
5. Should we still not be able to obtain information on your child's whereabouts, we will consider your child **MISSING** and we contact **York Regional Police**.



Eco Update



Snack Attack!

On March 26th, our Classroom Eco Reps enjoyed tasting a variety of student made snacks. Thanks to all families for their support.

The winners of our Snack Contest are...

Intermediate Division: Hanika's Fruit Kabobs & Dipansh's Bite Sized Bruschetta.

Junior Division: Maira's Whole Grain Bar & Simar's Vegetarian Salad.

Primary Division: Rahul's Special Sandwich, Haajirah's Salad, Juansiya's Waffle Sandwiches, & Varshana's Fruit Salsa with Cinnamon Tortilla Chips.

Congratulations to all!

A copy of these recipes will be included in all pre-ordered snack bags.



Please join us for a light Lunch at our next
MGPS Conversation Café



Wednesday April 15th, 2015
11:45-1:00 p.m.

School and Family partnerships for
FINANCIAL LITERACY

The goal of our presentation is to help parents be equipped with the tools to foster independence in children (age 4-13). Learning about Financial Literacy at an early age helps with budgeting, money management and helps students connect math to the "real world". Presentations from our P+ Team and see sample lessons from our Primary, Junior, and High school teachers.



Borrow games and see resources to teach important concepts about money.

If you plan on attending, please return this to your child's teacher by Monday April 13th,
I plan on attending the Conversation Café on April 15th.

Child's name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Contact (Email or Phone): _____

Child care needed for children under 4 years : Yes _____ No _____

The Painted Ladies Are Coming Back!

For the third year in a row, the Markham Gateway Parenting and Family Literacy Centre will be helping Mother Nature by hatching and releasing 30 Painted Lady butterflies.

The butterflies will arrive at the PFLC as tiny caterpillars. Next, they will spin a chrysalis before finally turning into beautiful butterflies.

We hope you will come and visit Carlene in Room 127 many times during the months of April and May. We want you and your child to have the chance to watch each stage of this incredible life cycle with your own eyes!



Parent Worker: Carlene Nembhard
No cost or registration required

Open: Every school day between 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Snacks are provided for the children



Positive Parenting TIP

As parents, we can create safe environments for our children by watching out for potential dangers in our homes. To help prevent injuries, safety experts encourage us to:

- Get down on our hands and knees to look at our homes from our point of view
- Pay attention to the stages of growth our children are moving each new stage gives them greater independence
- Actively supervise children when they are in our homes and homes of others

children's



Springtime gives us a chance to make sure there are working smoke detectors, checked and cleaned regularly (batteries changed fall and spring) and that we have one carbon monoxide (CO) detector on every floor (at minimum, one CO detector outside the sleeping areas).

For more home safety tips, please go to:

<http://www.york.ca/wps/portal/york/home/health/yr/injuryprevention/homesafety>



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

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM- SECONDARY CREDIT PROGRAM 2015-2016

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 Grade 8's?! Now is the time to take advantage of this opportunity and register for a Level 1 YRDSB International Language CREDIT course of your choice! We offer CREDIT courses in 13 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)	SCHOOL LOCATION			
		MIDDLEFIELD C.I.	RICHMOND HILL H.S.	THORNLEA S.S.	UNIONVILLE H.S.
CANTONESE	LKC BD	Saturday		Saturday	Tuesday
PERSI	YF BD			Saturday	
GREEK	LSG BD		Saturday		
GUJARATI	LSG BD	Saturday			
JAPANESE	LQI BD			Saturday	Tuesday
KOREAN	LKK BD		Saturday		
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED	LKB BD	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Tuesday
MANDARIN TRADITIONAL	LKM BD	Saturday		Saturday	
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED AP	Grade 12 Course Only	Saturday			
PUNJABI	LIP BD	Saturday			
RUSSIAN	LRR BD		Saturday		
SPANISH	LWS BD		Saturday		
TAMIL	LTI BD	Saturday			
URDU	LIU BD	Saturday			

SCHOOL LOCATION	ADDRESS	SUBMIT REGISTRATION FIRST CLASS OF CLASS
MIDDLEFIELD C.I.	525 Hignion Ave. South of 14th Ave., East of McCowan Rd	September 19, 2015 8:45 am to 12:30 pm
RICHMOND HILL H.S.	200 Yorkland St. East of Yonge, North of Elgin Mills Road	September 19, 2015 9:45 am to 12:30 pm
THORNLEA S.S.	8075 Bayview Ave. South of Highway #7	September 19, 2015 9:45 am to 12:30 pm
UNIONVILLE H.S.	200 Town Centre Blvd. Warden Ave. & Highway #7	September 22, 2015 9:45 am to 9:30 pm

Register online via *Career Cruising* commencing May 4th, 2015.

- See attached *Career Cruising Tip Sheet* for registration instructions
- Once you have registered, print a sign-off sheet and get your parents to sign for parental approval
- Students who have pre-registered 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 schedules will be posted in the foyer of the International Languages school on the first day of class



Please join the **York Region District School Board Psychological Services Department** for:

An Evening Presentation for **PARENTS**
with **Dr. Debra Pepler**
Promoting Resiliency Through Healthy Relationships

The symposium will be of interest to parents/guardians in promoting caring and supportive relationships within their family.

Healthy relationships are critical for the development of resiliency in children and youth.

Those relationships start at home and then extend to school, peers and the community.

Recent research is showing that the quality of children's relationships is important for many outcomes: healthy DNA and the expression of genes in cells, brain development, behaviour, learning and physical, mental, and social health.

This workshop will:

- Provide a deeper understanding of how healthy development depends on healthy relationships, which sets the groundwork for developing resiliency and well-being;
- Focus on strategies to support children and youth's healthy development;
- Focus on strategies to support the development of resilience; and
- Describe the work being done within PREVNET (Promoting Relationships and Eliminating Violence Network) to promote healthy relationships in all places that children and youth live, learn and play.

When: Wednesday, May 6, 2015

Where: Riviera Parque Convention Centre
2800 Hwy. #7 West

(Hwy. #7 & Creditstone Road/ between Keele and Jane, North Side)

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Registration Fee: **\$10.00 per person** or **\$15.00 per Family** (parents or guardians of student(s))
(no refund if unable to attend)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION WILL BE SENT TO YOU VIA YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS PROVIDED

Name(s): _____ Contact Phone #: _____
(Please print clearly, name or names of each Parent/Guardian attending)

E-mail: _____ Number Attending: _____ Amt. Attached: \$ _____

Please **return this portion** of the flyer with your **CHEQUE only** (**ABSOLUTELY NO CASH**)
made payable to **York Region District School Board** by **April 30, 2015**

By Mail: Elizabeth Iarocci, Psychological Services, York Region District School Board,
300 Harry Walker Parkway South, Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 8E2

By YRDSB Board Courier: Attn.: Elizabeth Iarocci - Psychological Services - C.L.L. - Newmarket

A confirmation of registration will be sent to you on receipt of payment.

Please note: **THE E-MAIL CONFIRMATION IS YOUR TICKET FOR ENTRANCE TO THE SESSION.**

April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 School Council meeting 6:00pm Financial Literacy- PROGRANT EVENING 7:00 pm	2	3 Good Friday	4
5	6 Easer Monday National Tartan Day	7 Spirit and Character Assembly 1:00 pm Grade 3 Fire	8 Spring Photos/Sibling Photos Gr.3 Swim to Survive	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Gr. 3 Swim to Survive Walk to school day! Conversation Cafe- Financial Literacy	16	17	18 
19	20	21	22 Gr. 3 Swim to Survive	23	24	
26	27 Gr.7 & 8 Immunization	28	29 Gr. 3 Swim to Survive Arts Celebration Evening KG to Gr.4	30  Pizza Day Arts Celebration Evening Gr.5 to Gr.8		

Phone Number Changes

Just a reminder that if you have any changes in your home, work or cell phone numbers, please let the office know so we can update our records. We want to ensure that we are able to reach you in case of any emergencies.

Thank You!

