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Friday, September 01, 2017

A MESSAGE FROM OUR TRUSTEE

As we begin the 2017-2018 school year, I want to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new and returning students and families. This is an exciting time of year and I hope you are starting this new school year as trustees are - with optimism and a commitment to working together to continue advancing student achievement and well-being.

An important part of that commitment is working together with staff members, families and communities to ensure our schools provide an environment that is safe, welcoming and inclusive. This takes on increasing importance given recent local and global events. We take pride in the diversity of our communities and will continue striving to uphold the values of equity and inclusivity in our system.

Trustees have had a busy summer, welcoming our [new Human Rights Commissioner](#) and beginning the [process for selecting a new Director of Education](#) as we continue to move forward implementing the [Minister's Directions](#).

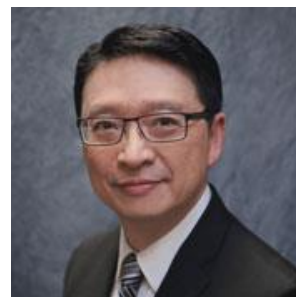
An important part of the director selection process includes collecting input from students, staff, families and community members - input that will be used to shape the job description, interview questions and more. I encourage everyone to share their thoughts through the [survey](#) available in September. We will continue to keep you updated as this work progresses.

Our schools are stronger when we work in collaboration with families and communities. Partnerships with parents and families are essential to achieving the goals we have for our students, and I hope that you will find opportunities to get engaged with the school and your child's learning this year.

I wish you all the best for the upcoming school year.

Billy Pang

Markham Wards 2, 3, and 6



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

It is my honour to welcome you to the 2017/2018 school year. The excitement and enthusiasm at Markville are evident in the atrium, the classrooms, and in and out of the building. We are ready for another year where safety, well-being and academic excellence are our priorities. At Markville we are committed to having an environment free of discrimination, where all students have the same equitable opportunities to learn and where they feel safe and included. We also welcome you, their parents and guardians, to be our partners in your children's education, supporting not only their achievement but, most importantly, their welfare.

The goal of this weekly e-bulletin is to keep you informed about the activities that take place at Markville. If you are aware of a parent who does not receive this publication, please direct them to send us an email and we will add them to our mailing list.

Please do not hesitate to come by the office or contact me at patricia.obadia@yrdsb.ca, if I can be of any assistance. Thank you for being our partners in education.

Patricia Obadia



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Parking Lot Etiquette

While a healthy mind is essential for success, we also promote a healthy body; therefore, we would encourage you to let your child(ren) walk to and from school each day. If this is not possible, and to ensure the safety of our students, staff, parents, and other community members, we ask that you follow these simple rules:

1. Follow the traffic flow of the parking lot as dictated by the pylons. Pylons should never be moved.
2. All pick-ups should occur near the front door of the school and not at random spots throughout the busy parking lot.
3. There are three lanes for traffic and they should be used as follows:
 - Lane closest to the school is for **buses and taxis only**
 - Middle lane is for picking up and dropping off, preferably from the side of the vehicle closest to the school building
 - Outside lane is for through driving – no stopping for any pick-ups or drop-offs
4. Student parking should be in the spots that face Carlton Road.
5. The center area of the parking lot is for staff parking only.
6. Visitors to the school may park in the visitors parking area and are asked to come into the main office to register as a visitor.
7. Please be aware of others while navigating the parking lot. Watch for students and staff crossing before moving your vehicle.

Please help us by working together so that we all remain safe.

Director of Education Selection – Request for input

YRDSB is currently recruiting for a Director of Education. Please [click here](#) for a letter outlining the process and to access an online survey so we may include your valuable input. Thank you.

TWEET OF THE WEEK



Welcome back to all returning students. Wishing you great success this school year. Say hello to [#Classof2021](#)



Upcoming Events

Join Us!

Mayor Frank Scarpitti
& Members of Council invite you

Markham EXPO 150

Sept. 8-10 | Markham Civic Centre

culture music fun!

Free Event for All Ages, exciting line-up!

**Celebrating Canada & Ontario's 150th Anniversary
Showcasing Markham's History & Diversity**

3 DAYS OF CELEBRATIONS INCLUDE:

SEPT. 8 8 pm - Music Under the Stars featuring: Markham Concert Band
Millennium Bandstand, Main St. Unionville

SEPT. 9 2 pm - Berczy Statue Dedication 16th Ave. & Kennedy Rd.
8 pm - Entertainment featuring: Comedian Ali Hassan & Award Winning Singing Impressionist André-Philippe Gagnon
Markham Civic Centre, 101 Town Centre Blvd.

SEPT. 10 12 noon onwards - Children's Activities | Parade | Exhibits
Entertainment | Food Trucks | Grand Finale Fireworks

6 pm - **ONtour Concert Series** featuring:
Barenaked Ladies | Tyler Shaw | Jessica Mitchell
Markham Civic Centre, 101 Town Centre Blvd.

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For program details visit
markham.ca/canada150

MARKHAM

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
MONDAY, SEPT 4 th	• Labour Day (NO SCHOOL)				
TUESDAY, SEPT 5 th	• Grade 9 MAC / SAC Applications Due				
	• Photo Day				
WEDNESDAY, SEPT 6 th	• Toastmasters Leadership Program (11:05am – 12:15pm)				
THURSDAY, SEPT 7 th	• Grade 9 Camp Robin Hood Trip (8:20am – 3:00pm)				
FRIDAY, SEPT 8 th	• International Literacy Day – Visit a Library and read a book!				

Looking for Volunteer Opportunities? Come visit the Guidance Office, or check out these helpful links:



[Student Volunteer Opportunities](#)



[Volunteer Opportunities](#)

Lunch Time Tutoring – Guidance Office, Monday and Wednesday – Periods 3 and 4
After school Tutoring – Rm. 345, Tuesday and Thursday 3:00pm – 4:00 pm

If you have any questions, please email your child's vice-principal: michael.vlachopoulos@yrdsb.ca for students with surnames A – LIM, or vanessa.wonnacott@yrdsb.ca for students with surnames LIN– Z

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