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Friday, March 10, 2017

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

As we start March Break, I would like to thank students, staff, and parents for contributing to our school community. This semester we have had outstanding achievements in many areas. Our students placed in the provincial championships in swimming and skiing. Our Music students shone through the Kiwanis competitions and came back with a number of awards and certificates. In addition, one of our Grade 10 students was awarded the City of Markham Women Leaders award. In the spring we will be sending two dozen students to compete internationally in Business (DECA) and Science (HOSA). Everywhere they go Markville students are not only recognized for their achievements, but also for their positive and respectful interactions in the community. We are extremely proud of them!

**We wish everyone a safe, restful, and enjoyable March Break!**

- Patricia Obadia, Principal

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

#### York Region District School Board Climate Survey for Students

Students in Grades 5 to 12 in the York Region District School Board will be invited to participate in a survey between March 20<sup>th</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**The survey is voluntary, anonymous, confidential, and will take place at school.**

The YRDSB survey fulfills the Ontario Ministry of Education's requirement for schools to conduct student surveys and is aligned with the YRDSB's Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-Being. Survey questions will address topics related to Math, Modern Learning, Mental Health & Well-Being, Equity, and School Safety.

This survey provides an opportunity to hear directly from students and the results will be used to identify student needs and plan strategies to support student achievement and well-being.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

If you do not wish for your child(ren) to participate in the survey, please contact the school by March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Tel: (905) 940-8840 or email: [markville.ss@yrdsb.ca](mailto:markville.ss@yrdsb.ca)

**Thank you**

#### Front Door Replacement Over March Break

Please be advised that over the March Break, there will be no access to the school building through the front doors. To enter the school, please use the doors on the East side or West side (wheelchair accessible) of the building. All visitors must still report to the Main Office.

**We apologize for any inconvenience**

### TWEETS OF THE WEEK



Yes, #MarkvilleSS #YRDSB WE ARE IN!  
#BeBoldForChange #InternationalWomensDay



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Congrats to our students who did swimmingly well in and out of the pool representing [#MarkvilleSS](#) [@OFSAASwimming!](#) So proud of our swimmers! 🏊‍♂️ 🏊‍♀️ 🏆 1 🏆 3



## DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

### SHSM (Specialist High School Major) and Co-operative Education

There are five SHSM pathways which offer sector specific experiences and career exploration through Co-op:

- INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY
- BUSINESS
- ENVIRONMENT
- ARTS & CULTURE
- HEALTH & WELLNESS

SHSM students have been working on:

- First Aid/CPR Training
- Ergonomics Certification
- Infection Control Training
- P.A.R.T.Y. at Markham Stouffville Hospital, an injury prevention program aimed at teens

Stay tuned for upcoming SHSM events:

- Customer Service Certification
- Leadership Certification
- G.P.S. Tracking Outdoor Fieldtrip
- Small Business Centre Guest Speaker
- University & College Campus Tours and more...



### HOSA Conference (Health Occupation Students of America)

Markville students participated in the HOSA Canada Spring Leadership Conference on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Students attended bi-weekly meetings since September to prepare for this competition.

As HOSA members, students had the opportunity to learn about a specific healthcare career that was of interest to them, as well as the healthcare industry in general, by preparing for and competing in one of over 40 unique competitive events. Some events focused on training students in core technical procedures unique to a particular profession, while others were more generalized and developed teamwork, communication, and leadership skills. 12 of our students placed in seven events and have now qualified to participate in the International Leadership Conference this upcoming June in Orlando, Florida. Congratulations to all Mavericks for their hard work and dedication to this event. Good luck to those competing in June. Go Mavs!



## Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
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MARCH 13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>MARCH BREAK – NO SCHOOL</b>
MONDAY, MAR. 20 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Interim Reports</b> will be distributed in Homeroom classes</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guest Speaker – RBC (9:45am – 3:00pm)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Council Meeting (7:00pm – 8:30pm)</li> </ul>
TUESDAY, MAR. 21 <sup>st</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OSSLT Literacy Blitz #5 (11:05am – 12:20pm)</li> </ul>
WEDNESDAY, MAR. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<u><a href="#">World Water Day</a></u> - 2017 theme: 'Wastewater' (why waste water?)
THURSDAY, MAR. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<u><a href="#">World Meteorological Day</a></u> - 2017 theme: 'Understanding Clouds'
FRIDAY, MAR. 24 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OSSLT Literacy Blitz #6 (11:05am – 12:20pm)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dragon Boat (3:00pm – 6:00pm)</li> </ul>