

Inspire Learning!

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

YRDSB Survey for Parents/Guardians

Parents/guardians are invited to participate in a survey **before Friday, May 19th**. This survey provides an important opportunity for parent/guardian voice. Results will be used to guide planning to support student achievement and well-being.

The English version of the survey is available online beginning **Monday, May 1st**. Paper surveys are available in English, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Farsi, Gujarati, Hebrew, Korean, Punjabi, Russian, Sri Lankan Tamil, Urdu and Vietnamese. Please contact the school to request a paper copy.

We value your input and encourage you to complete the survey. The information you provide will be anonymous, considered confidential and kept in strict accordance with all relevant legislation. The survey link and additional information will be sent home with students and be available on our school website on Monday.

Please contact the school if you have any questions.

TWEET OF THE WEEK



[@Markville_YRDSB](https://twitter.com/Markville_YRDSB)

Wow! What a finale! Thanks Principal Obadia & VP's Smith & Wonnacott for an amazing dance [@Markville_YRDSB](https://twitter.com/Markville_YRDSB)



DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

IGNITE TALENT SHOW

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT



Markville's 2nd annual talent night, "Ignite" was a huge success. Thank you to all of the organizers, aides, family, friends, and community members who supported Markville's extraordinarily talented students and our charitable partner, *The Centre for Dreams*. The night reflected the variety of cultural, artistic, and musical talents of our students and the audience was captivated throughout. As a result of the efforts of so many involved, we were able to surpass our fundraising goal!



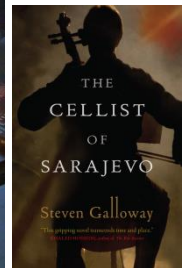
Some highlights of the night included amazing musical mash-ups of current and old school favourites, a moving spoken word performance about the importance of youth, truly captivating Chinese dancing, riveting modern hip hop, a Bollywood extravaganza with a surprise appearance by none other than our admin team, a beyond exciting K-Pop group dance, and musical

Markville English is always filled with activity! **Be Heard Spoken Word Festival!**

On April 18th and 19th, department head Ms. Bozabalian curated "Be Heard: A Festival of Student Voices", YRDSB's Spoken Word Festival (and, after eleven years, one of Canada's largest!). Canada's youngest poetry slam champion, Patrick de Belen, brought his BAM Youth Slam crew to lead writing and performance workshops for over 300 students from across the region. If you are interested in spoken word, please see Ms. Bozabalian for workshop opportunities!

Hope in *The Cellist of Sarajevo*

Also, in one of our grade 10 classes this week, students engaged in a powerful group read through of the final chapters of their core novel, *The Cellist of Sarajevo*. Students were so inspired by the powerful redemptive message of hope that they created a makeshift book shrine around our candle vigil and snapped pics. Here's our favourite.



English Department launches New Media Course (EMS 301)

This course examines the methods used in twenty first century media to investigate and explain *shifts* in *knowledge, attitudes, and audience*. You will be analyzing cultural and social trends as they are presented through documentaries and short films. Students will have regular opportunities to deconstruct the media in written forms, and develop critical thinking skills, aesthetic and ethical judgement, and abilities in viewing, presenting, listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

English Media Course

EMS 301

Digital Literacy Skills

performances in multiple languages. What a night!!



Mr. Ebrahim, Ms. Mathura, Ms. Williams, and Ms. Mitrevski are so proud of all involved; in particular, our dedicated performers, SAC organizers, and Tech Crew specialists - we're already looking forward to what next year will bring.

Markville English is also excited to launch a Media Course (EMS 301), which will be premiering in August 2017. This course offers our students to step away from textbooks in order to deconstruct social and cultural trends as presented through social media and short films. This course champions critical thinking, encouraging our senior students to examine the world around them and to make active choices in how they will engage, now and in the future, with issues that arise. Students will challenge media conventions and construct their own media pieces to strengthen 21st century skills of critical and creative thinking. A course for future entrepreneurs, media moguls, lawyers, artists, and policy makers...and anyone interested in the world around them! We also hope to foster a continued ability to embrace change, positive self-image, and a stronger sense of class unity (all facets of our mental health initiative).

**Thank you for all of your efforts, Markville!
You inspire us with your creativity!**

Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
MONDAY, MAY 1 st	• DECA ICDC International Conference (April 24 th – May 1 st)				
	• Grade 9 & 10 MADD Assembly (8:20am – 9:40am)				
	• Fusion Conference (8:30am – 2:30pm)				
	• Grade 11 & 12 MADD Assembly (9:45am – 11:00am)				
	• Music Alive – Senior String Ensemble (11:00am – 2:00pm)				
	• Varsity Girls Soccer (2:45pm – 5:00pm)				
TUESDAY, MAY 2 nd	Last Day prior to Full Disclosure				
	• Guest Speaker – UOIT's Pitch Black Program (8:20am – 3:00pm)				
	• Music Alive – Concert String Orchestra & Symphonic Orchestra (8:30am – 11:30am)				
	• Varsity Girls Soccer (2:45pm – 5:00pm)				
	• TAC Interviews (3:00pm – 4:00pm)				

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3 rd	Full Disclosure Date
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> History Trip to Boston (May 3rd – May 6th)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Badminton Game (7:30am – 4:00pm)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YRDSB Science Fair (7:30am – 4:00pm)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Varsity Boys Baseball (1:40pm – 5:00pm)
THURSDAY, MAY 4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> History Trip to Boston (May 3rd – May 6th)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MSS TED-ED Conference
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track and Field (8:20am – 4:00pm)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dev. Ultimate Tournament (8:30am – 3:00pm)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls EmPOWER Workshop (12:20pm – 1:30pm)
FRIDAY, MAY 5 th	PA Day – NO SCHOOL for students
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> History Trip to Boston (May 3rd – May 6th)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dragon Boat (3:00pm – 5:00pm)