# InspireLearning! Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin





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Friday, March 22, 2019

# **IMPORTANT RESOURCES**

# MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

In an effort to support our students and families in Mental Wellness, please <u>click here</u> to access an informational document outlining various signs, strategies, and community Mental Health resources. Of course, please always feel free to connect with a Caring Adult at MSS for support, as wellness in ourselves and our loved ones 'takes a village.' This document is also available on our school website under <u>News & Events</u>.

# **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

# **OSSLT – ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL LITERACY TEST**

Grade 10 and other eligible students will be writing the <u>OSSLT</u> on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. To give those students writing the <u>OSSLT</u> the best environment for success, March 27<sup>th</sup> will follow an exam day schedule. Only those students writing the OSSLT will attend school on March 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be no regular classes that day with the exception of the community class. When students are finished writing the <u>OSSLT</u>, they will be dismissed for the day.

# **INTERIM REPORTS & PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Interim reports were handed out in homeroom classes on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Students without a homeroom class were directed to pick theirs up in the main office.

Parent-Teacher Interview Night is **Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Appointments with teachers can be booked using <u>EDSBY</u>, an online platform. Families who do not yet have an <u>EDSBY</u> account will need to create one to access the online appointment scheduler for their child's teachers for Parents' Night. An invitation to <u>EDSBY</u> was sent through email on **Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**, to parents/guardians without an existing <u>EDSBY</u> account. Instructions on how to create an account were included. Check your junk mail folder if you have not received an invitation. Scheduling opened on **Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any trouble logging into or booking an interview time on <u>EDSBY</u> please contact the main office: (905)940-8840 or markville.ss@yrdsb.ca



# YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

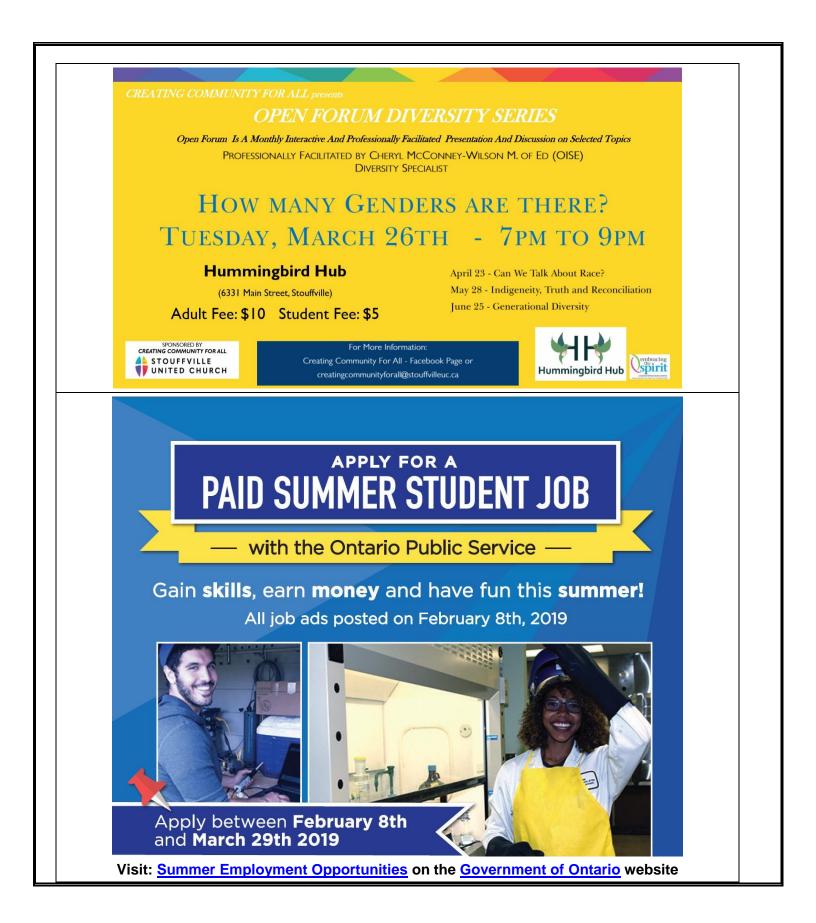
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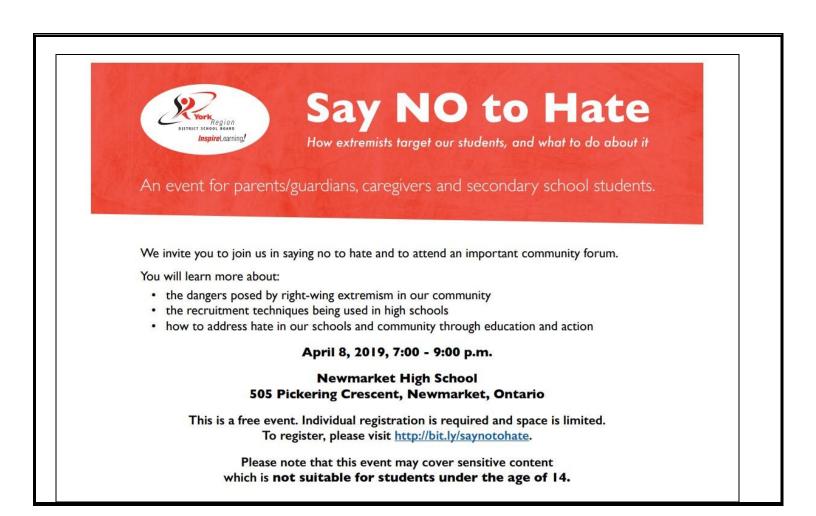
# HEALTH AND WELLNESS EVENING April 3rd, 2019 6:30-8:30

# Come before or after your interview

**Chat with Community Organizations** 

York Region Public Health Markham Public Library City of Markham Parks and Recreation York Region Police Yellow Brick House Community Health and Services Habitat for Humanity OSPCA Markham Stouffville Hospital -Mental Health Tobacco Free Living And more!





# **Featuring presentations by**



### Elizabeth Moore

Elizabeth was born and raised in Scarborough, Ontario. While attending high school, a friend introduced her to the white supremacist group, the Heritage Front. Moved by feelings of anger and ignorance about the racial, cultural and economic tensions in her school, she embraced the racist-right. Elizabeth left the Front in 1995 and has since contributed to numerous anti-racist education and arts initiatives, reaching millions with her story of personal change. In 1998, her time within the Heritage Front made up part of the award-winning CBC drama, White Lies, starring Sarah Polley and Lynn Redgrave.



#### **Evan Balgord**

Evan is a journalist and researcher on the rise of the new far right in Canada, including the anti-Muslim movement, so-called patriot and militia groups, the alt-right, self-identifying fascists and neo-Nazis. Evan monitors hate groups across Canada and is often called on to share information with other journalists, researchers, law enforcement, and community organizations. He holds an Honours Bachelor of Science from the University of Toronto and double majored in psychology and sociology with a focus on racism, politics, and the link between speech, intentions, and behaviour. He is a fellow of the Munk School of Global Affairs Fellowship in Global Journalism.





Bernie's career spans more than a quarter century focused on human rights, pluralism and interethnic/faith/race relations. Recognized and called upon by the courts, media and law enforcement as an expert in human and civil rights he is one of the few in the field to be accepted by Canadian Courts as an expert in hate crime, white supremacy and anti-racism. He has also worked closely with Canadian Indigenous communities on historical redress. He is Chair of the Canadian Anti-Hate Network and sits as a board member of Human Rights Watch.

If you have any concerns about hate-related crimes or other criminal activities please contact York Regional Police 1-866-876-5423.

## **RELAY FOR LIFE**

On May 1, 2019, Markville's Athletic Council will be hosting *Relay for Life* - a 12-hour event where students / staff create teams, walk the track, and engage in various fun activities with the purpose of raising money for the fight against cancer. On this day, MAC is encouraging all Markville students and staff to participate in this opportunity to raise money, increase awareness, demonstrate their spirit as part of our school community, and be physically active.

Date: May 1, 2019 (rain or shine)

Time: 9am to 9pm

Events: Opening Ceremony, Guest Speakers, Survivor Lap, Team Walk, Snacks / Food, Luminary Ceremony where students write down why they choose to walk in Relay for Life (often to honour a person they know who is fighting/fought cancer).

Presentation: <u>http://bit.ly/MSSrelay4life</u>

Registration: \$15 to register (includes a t-shirt, luminary, dinner) at <u>relayforlife.ca/markville</u> + additional \$35 minimum of fundraising (as part of a team).

# TWEET OF THE WEEK



Created to celebrate the lives of people with Down Syndrome, March 21st is a day to celebrate & educate ourselves on these unique voices. Are you listening? <u>#LotsOfSocks #WDSD19</u> <u>#LeaveNoOneBehind</u>



# **DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT**

## LITERACY - OSSLT

Next Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, Grade 10 students across the province will write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (<u>OSSLT</u>). It will also be written by students who were previously eligible, but have not yet written the test or who were unsuccessful on their first attempt. The <u>OSSLT</u> is administered by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (<u>EQAO</u>), an independent agency of the Government of Ontario, in order to determine whether students have acquired the minimum literacy (reading and writing) skills expected by *The Ontario Curriculum* across all subjects up to the end of Grade 9.

Please note that this date is the only opportunity for students to write the 2018-2019 <u>OSSLT</u>. Students who are absent will have to wait until the next school year to write.

To get ready and feel more confident for the <u>OSSLT</u>, participating students have been taking part in literacy sessions each month in semester one and every Wednesday over the last month. Every student received a booklet with pertinent information and practice activities. The literacy sessions are designed to give students an opportunity to practice the reading and writing skills that they will need to demonstrate on the test.

Prior to the March Break, all students eligible for the literacy test received information letters identifying the room in which they will be writing the literacy test on March 27<sup>th</sup>. In addition, there will be an <u>OSSLT</u> Information Assembly during period 2 on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> to go over the details of the test day, the general rules for the test, and some "helpful hints" prior to the <u>OSSLT</u>.

Also note, only students writing the <u>OSSLT</u> are expected to come to school on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Once students writing the <u>OSSLT</u> have completed the 2 parts of the test, they will be dismissed for the day. As has been mentioned in the past few e-bulletins, regular classes are not scheduled on that day.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the literacy teacher, Mr. McKillop (david.mckillop@yrdsb.ca), or the vice principal responsible for the OSSLT, Ms. McAlpine (kathy.mcalpine@yrdsb.ca).

# MARKVILLE SKI & BOARD TEAM Markville's Alpine Ski and Snowboard Team had a fantastic season, bringing home lots of hardware! Congrats to our Boys Snowboard Team who brought home a YRAA Banner as Champions and Mason George for winning the Boys Snowboard YRAA Individual C. Boys Snowboard Team: 1st Place YRAA Champions • Mason George, Connor George, Avian Leung, Ajan Saini • Boys Snowboard: Individual YRAA Champion 2019 • Mason George: 1st Place • OFSAA Snowboard Team: 3rd Place YRAA 2019 • Mason George: 4th Place • Brits Snowboard Team: 3rd Place YRAA 2019 • Mason George: 1st Place • DFSAA Snowboard Team: 3rd Place YRAA 2019 • Mason George: 4th Place • Brits Snowboard Team: 3rd Place YRAA 2019 • Melissa Louie, Helena Teng, Mika Hirano, Elina Zheng, Jennifer Ying, Alessia Cottone • Alpine Skiing YRAA 2019 • Rachel Ruffo: 15th Place, Shawn Hu: 24th Place



## **Upcoming Events**

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
MONDAY, MAR. 25 <sup>th</sup>	• HOSA				
	• SHSM LSF – Our Leadership Project (7:45am – 2:45pm)				
	• OSSLT Assembly (9:45am – 10:15am)				
TUESDAY, MAR. 26 <sup>th</sup>	• HOSA				
	<ul> <li>Senior Badminton Tournament (3:00pm – 5:45pm)</li> </ul>				
WEDNESDAY, MAR. 27 <sup>th</sup>		<ul> <li>OSSLT – Will follow EXAM day protocols – only those students writing the OSSLT will come to school – No Regular Classes</li> </ul>			

