

InspireLearning! Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin



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IMPORTANT RESOURCES

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

In an effort to support our students and families in Mental Wellness, please click here 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 News & Events.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

PARENT ENGAGEMENT EVENING - WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH

Markville SS will be hosting a Parent Engagement Evening on Wednesday, May 8th from 6:30pm – 7:30pm in the Cafeteria. We are excited to have our guest speaker Joe Musicco, a Professor at Sheridan College in the Pilon School of Business, share his insights on how best to prepare our students for success. Join us for this free event.



Cannabis Parent Session

- · An overview of the drug
- · The harms associated with use
- York Region data and parental strategies
- · Resources to help their youth to delay use

By: Substance Use Prevention & Harm Reduction York Region Community and Health Services

TALKING WITH TEENS ABOUT VAPING

TIP SHEET

Get More Information: Canada.ca/vaping-info

Please click on the image above to access the tip sheet from <u>Health Canada</u> about teens and vaping. For current smokers, vaping is less harmful then cigarettes, however, it is important to note that for non-smokers and teens especially, any amount of nicotine is harmful and can alter brain development.





Prom is coming up on Thursday, May 2nd, 2019. Students are encouraged to celebrate the event safely by signing the MMSPROMise pledge: To attend PROM and not to drive while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Students who sign the pledge are eligible to win a \$50 gift card. Stay safe Markville!

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CLOTHING DRIVE

Markville will have a used clothing drive during the week of April 23rd to April 26th. Please bring in any clean and used clothing and textiles to the school and drop them off in the box in the atrium. Additional acceptable items also include footwear, scarves, hats, mittens, belts, towels, purses, handbags, backpacks, soft bags, linens and outerwear. Donated items will be re-used as affordable second-hand clothing both in North America and overseas. Donated items deemed unsuitable for resale will be taken to textile recycling facilities where they will be broken down and remade into useful materials, such as fleece jumpers. Collected items will be weighed by Bag2School and exchanged for money which will be donated to the Evergreen Hospice.



CREATING COMMUNITY FOR ALL presents

OPEN FORUM DIVERSITY SERIES

Open Forum Is A Monthly Interactive And Professionally Facilitated Presentation And Discussion on Selected Topics open to all residents of Stouffville and beyond to expand our understanding and acceptance of our diverse community.

CAN WE TALK ABOUT RACE?

Professionally Facilitated by Cheryl McConney-Wilson M. of Ed (OISE)

Diversity Specialist

Tuesday, April 23rd at 7pm

Hummingbird Hub 6331 Main Street, Stouffville

Adults \$10

Students \$5

For More Information:

Creating Community For All - Facebook Page or creatingcommunityforall@stouffvilleuc.ca



CREATING COMMUNITY FOR ALL



TWEET OF THE WEEK



We are so proud of our Gr. 12 student, James Yuan, winner of the prestigious U of T National Scholarship! This scholarship is presented every year to only 10 students across Canada. We can't wait to hear what the future is going to bring to you, James, and to Canada!!

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS - NATIONAL CANADIAN FILM DAY

Over 400 Markville students celebrated National Canadian Film Day this past week with Markville's Library Learning Commons, in partnership with Reel Canada. This year's Canadian feature film was *Kayak to Klemtu*. Along with viewing the film, our students participated in a number of activities including researching the Canadian themes of the film, playing fun games, winning prizes, eating *Kernels* popcorn and participating in a conversation with two guest speakers via Skype.

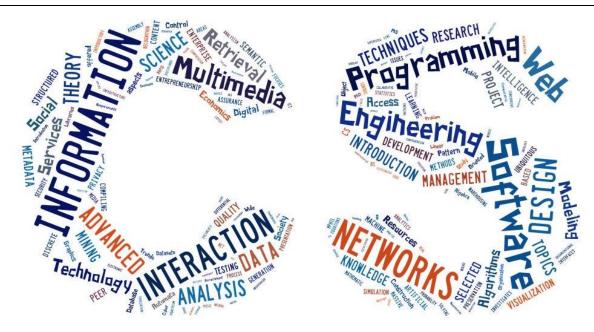
To prepare for the viewing of this film our grade 9 Geography students did a great deal of research learning about Canada's pipeline industry, the Canadian film industry, eco-tourism, and that Klemtu is, in fact, a small fishing village off the northern B.C. Coast! Additionally, senior Geography students engaged in a real-life writing experience composing questions for our guest speakers.

Our first guest speaker was Shianne McKay. Shianne is Ojibway from Pine Creek First Nation in Manitoba. She earned a B.Sc. in Environmental and Conservation Sciences, with a major in Conservation Biology from the University of Alberta and has worked with the Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources (CIER) since 2009.

Our second guest speaker was Alexis Stoymenoff, a former Markville graduate who now lives and works out West as a Senior Communications & Engagement Specialist for West Coast Environmental Law in Vancouver, BC and Coast Salish Territories, including Klemtu!

Both of our guest speakers were an asset to helping our students connect the film's story to the real world. Additionally, both guests were very inspirational in that both talked about having switched careers to follow their passion so that going to work doesn't feel like work! What an amazing message for our students! The film *Kayak to Klemtu* is now available for sign out in our Library. We highly recommend this film. Two thumbs up!





"Everyone should learn how to code, it teaches you how to think." - Steve Jobs

Computer Science is the study of the design, development, and analysis of software and hardware. Without being aware, we actually use some form of Computer Science to solve daily problems in a variety of contexts such as Business, Mathematics, and Science.

Through programming, students learn to be creative while developing the necessary analytical skills and perseverance needed to succeed. At Markville, we offer Computer Science courses from Grade 10 to Grade 12. In Grade 10 we introduce students to web development and basic programming; the Grade 11 course covers more advanced concepts such as data analysis and array manipulation; in the Grade 12 course, students dive into enriched concepts such as algorithms, abstract data types, and object oriented programming. Programming languages that are currently offered include Visual Basics, Turing, Python, and Java.

The Computer Science Club at Markville also provides students with amazing learning opportunities for students who wish to participate in various computational competitions. Members of the Computer Science Club collaborated after school weekly to prepare questions and solutions to programming contest questions. Students at Markville often participate in the Canadian Computing Competition (CCC) and Education Computing Organization of Ontario (ECOO).

The Computer Studies department congratulates the 75 students who participated in the CCC on February 20th with many receiving a certificate of distinction; we are also delighted to announce that one of the four Markville teams which represented the school to participate in the ECOO on March 22nd, came second at the regional level! We wish these students best of luck as they progress to the next level.

Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics	
MONDAY, APR. 22 nd	EASTER MONDAY – No School for Staff or Students					
	Disney Performing Arts Trip					
TUESDAY, APR. 23 rd	MAC (Markville Athletic Council) / SAC (Student Activity Council) / TAC (Transitions Activity Council) – Application Process (Apr. 23 rd – May 6 th)					
	Disney Performing Arts Trip					
	 Bag2School Clothing Drive (Apr. 23rd – Apr. 26th) 					
	Project Water – Atrium (11:00am – 1:40pm)					
WEDNESDAY, APR. 24 th	MAC (Markville Athletic Council) / SAC (Student Activity Council) / TAC (Transitions Activity Council) – Application Process (Apr. 23 rd – May 6 th)					
	Disney Performing Arts Trip					
	Bag2School	 Bag2School Clothing Drive (Apr. 23rd – Apr. 26th) 				
	Project Water	 Project Water – Atrium (11:00am – 1:40pm) 				
	Ultimate Fris	Ultimate Frisbee Team – Tier 2 (7:45am – 4:00pm)				
	Senior Badm	Senior Badminton Playoff Game (8:00am – 5:00pm)				
	Envirothon R	Envirothon Regionals (8:00am – 4:00pm)				
	ICT SHSM C	ICT SHSM Cybersecurity (8:00am – 3:45pm)				
	Drama Perfo	rmance – Sherl	ock Holmes	(<mark>7:00pm – 9:00pm</mark>	n)	
THURSDAY, APR. 25 th				Student Activity Con n Process (Apr. 2		
	Bag2School	Bag2School Clothing Drive (Apr. 23 rd – Apr. 26 th)				
	Project Water	Project Water – Atrium (11:00am – 1:40pm)				
	DECA Intern	DECA International Competition 2019 (Apr. 25 th – May 2 nd)				
	Junior Badm	Junior Badminton (7:15am – 4:30pm)				
	Tier 1 Ultima	Tier 1 Ultimate Frisbee Tournament (8:00am – 4:00pm)				
	Hoops for He	Hoops for Heart (11:05am – 1:40pm)				
	University of	Toronto Nationa	al Biology Co	mpetition (1:45pn	n – 3:15pm)	

	• Dragon Boat (2:30pm – 5:15pm)	
FRIDAY, APR. 26 th	MAC (Markville Athletic Council) / SAC (Student Activity Council) / TAC (Transitions Activity Council) – Application Process (Apr. 23 rd – May 6 th)	
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Looking for Volunteer Opportunities? Come visit the Guidance Office, or check out these helpful links:



Student Volunteer Opportunities



Lunch Time Tutoring - Library Learning Commons, Mondays and Wednesdays - Periods 3 and 4 After School Tutoring - Room 345, Tuesdays and Thursdays 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 kathy.mcalpine@yrdsb.ca for students with surnames LIN– Z

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