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Friday, May 15, 2020

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Good afternoon, dear families!

I hope you had a good week and that you are keeping well. Here at Markville we have continued our daily routines, with teachers and students engaging in the Learning and Caring Plan. As we are approaching June, students have been working hard attending lessons in real time or enjoying the opportunity to review them in their own time. The admin team met with SMACT, our three councils: Student Council, Athletic Council, and Transitions Council. We met with representatives of each, as well as with their advisors, and discussed a variety of topics, including ways to celebrate students' achievements and planning for next year's activities. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to hear our students' voices and opinions, and know how they are doing and feeling. We are now starting this first long weekend of the spring/summer, and we want to wish you all well, spend it safely, and enjoy! Thank you again for your support.

Patricia Obadia



STUDENT VOICES

2020 VALEDICTORIAN

Markville S.S is pleased to announce that Boris Lam will be the valedictorian of Markville's Graduating Class of 2020. We are proud to have Boris represent the graduating class this year. Congratulations, Boris! There was a record number of votes this year – thank you to our grads for voting!



DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM - FLASHPRINT @ MSS



Photo 1 Students in semester 1 created multiple promotional posters for the festival based on parameters given by the chair of the festival, Mr. Frankfort.

Flash Print @ MSS is an Exploring Opportunities Program offered through the Alternative Education department at MSS since 2014 - 2015. This is a program that offers students an opportunity to run a venture within the school's setting. Students learn about entrepreneurship by offering their design and layout skills as services to clients who often print, laminate and trim their order with us, too.

Production at our venture is further enhanced with advice from our mentors, Mr. Ed Law from Business and Office Centro and Mr. Don Fox from YRDSB Printing Services, who provide Flash Print access to their facilities and professional advice.

Students have been working with Mr. Michael Frankfort, the chair of the Markham Village Music Festival, since semester 1 (November – December) to design a Save-the-Date poster to help market the festival. (Photo 1)

The work continued with students in semester 2 who were introduced to the on-going project in February. The new crews in Periods 3 and 5 took the finalized designs and reformatted the posters to create flyers, bookmarks and postcards for print by the festival (Photo 2). The crew was looking forward to receiving a copy of the print materials from the MVMF committee when they were due to return from the Break. In addition to this work, the initial work submitted by Juan and Angus from semester 1 in combination with the finishing touches and final layouts submitted by two students, Jacob and Bob, from semester 2 were selected to be the official marketing designs for the festival.

Due to Covid-19's impact on festivals to discourage large gatherings, the MVMF committee pivoted to a virtual, online event. This change in direction required immediate changes to be made on the flyer, bookmark and postcard. Jacob and Bob continued their work in April, voluntarily, and made the required changes to the items that they had previously submitted to Mr. Frankfort to update them for the virtual festival.



Photo 2 Promotional posters from semester 1 were transformed into postcards and bookmarks at the start of semester 2.



Photo 3 Access the website to see FP@MSS' work and learn more about the virtual festival on June 19 and 20.

Please visit <http://www.markhamfestival.com/> for more information about the festival on June 19 and June 20. And of course – check out Flash Print's contributions, too, at <http://www.markhamfestival.com/markville-ss/>.

Thank you, Mr. Frankfort, for providing Flash Print with this genuine, real life project that helps bring our community together – and for giving Flash Print students opportunities to use and sharpen their skills, too. And of course, FP@MSS students – thank you for all of your contributions, creative ideas and determination to problem solve our way to providing *the best* goods and services to our clients.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

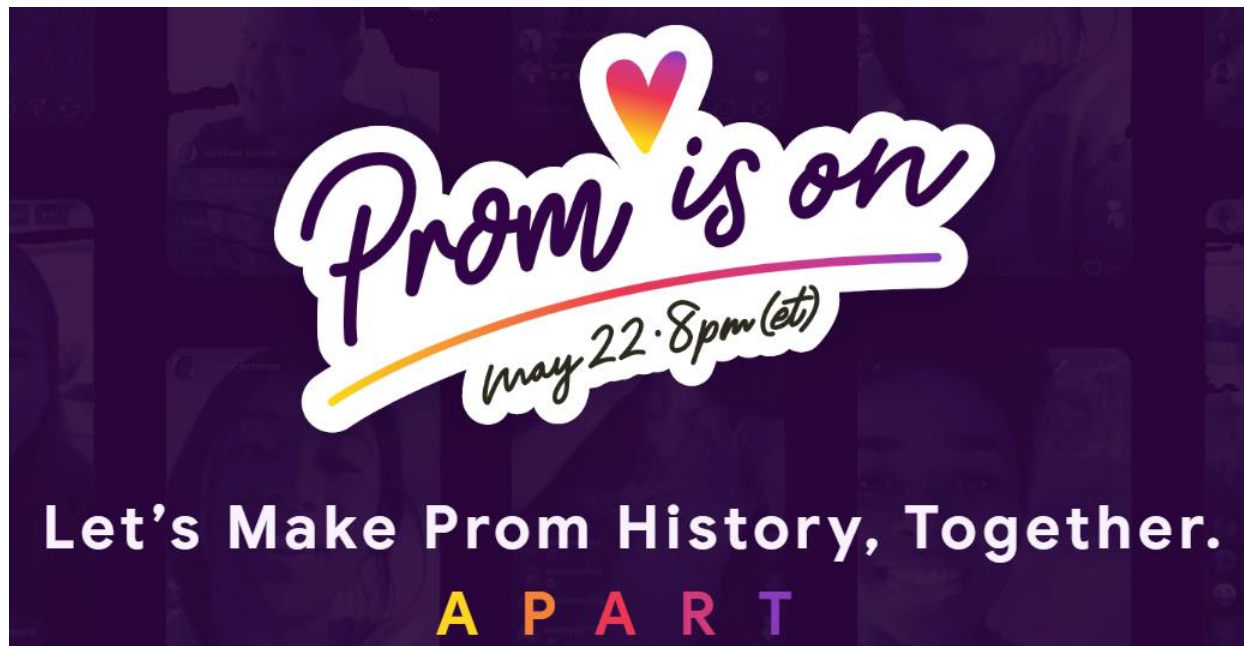
Adult Literacy and Basic Skills classes will be offered using an online delivery model. The Continuing Education Services offices are closed, but staff are available to answer emails. If you know the program name, include it in the email subject line (Adult Day School, Secondary Summer School, Night School, etc.) Direct your email to: continuing.education@yrdsb.ca

SUMMER INSTITUTE CANCELLATION

YRDSB's [Summer Institute](#), which provides academic, athletic, and recreational programs for students from Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8 has been cancelled this year. Refunds for any registrations will be processed by June 1st; anyone who has not received a refund by June 1st may contact performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca. This does not affect Summer School for high school students, which will be offered through an online model.

STUDENT LIFE NETWORK VIRTUAL PROM 2020

Student Life Network is presenting a live stream event to give all the Canadian students who are missing out on their prom an historic experience while supporting a wonderful charity like the Kids Help Phone. There are three ways to participate, the Prom Wave Challenge, the Promposal Challenge, and by Tuning-In Live. Each one will lead to a donation to Kids Help Phone from CIBC. The live stream event is happening on Friday, May 22nd at 8pm. This virtual prom is being put together by a national student committee, students all across Canada working together on this fabulous event. Special Guests Loud Luxury will be on DJ duty. #promison



BUILD A DREAM

Parents and guardians of girls in Grades 7 to 12 are invited to attend the Build a Dream Digital Career Discovery Expo on Wednesday, May 27th from 5pm to 8pm. The Build a Dream "at Home Edition" will give you and your daughter(s) the chance to explore a wide range of career paths in the skilled trades, science, technology, engineering, and emergency services.

To register for this free event, visit: dreamathome.eventbrite.ca

#DREAMHOMEEDITION



BUILD A DREAM
DIGITAL
CAREER DISCOVERY EXPO
MAY 27, 2020

Venue is now Your Home!
 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
 COST: FREE

DREAMATHOME.EVENTBRITE.CA

 **INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKERS**

 **DIY ACTIVITIES**

 **EXPLORE CAREERS**

 **GAMES & PRIZES**

Learn about exciting careers at this FREE online event for YOUNG WOMEN in Grades 7-12 (and parents / guardians)

Book your **FREE** tickets today!

UNSINKABLE YOUTH

[Unsinkable](#) is a non-profit organization founded by four-time Canadian Olympian, Silken Laumann. Their mission is to keep people invested in emotional and physical wellbeing despite the obstacles they face. On Friday, May 22nd at 1:00pm, musicians, performers, and athletes will unite to send messages of hope and gratitude to Canada's Youth in a new special, Unsinkable Youth on [CTV](#). The event will also be available online, on [Facebook](#), and YouTube.

SPACEX CLASS OF 2020

SpaceX and NASA are inviting graduates from around the world to [submit their picture](#) to be flown into space aboard North America's first human spaceflight in nearly a decade. Photos will be included in a mosaic of the Earth which will be taken on an upcoming mission to the International Space Station on SpaceX's Crew Dragon. Submit your picture by May 20th to be included!

[COVID-19 MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES](#)

YRDSB has put together a page on their website dedicated to resources to support the mental health of students and their families. If you have concerns about the mental health of your child(ren) or yourself, please do not hesitate to reach out for help.

HELPFUL RESOURCES

[KIDS HELP PHONE](#)



Text

Get support right now through our texting service

[LEARN MORE →](#)



Phone

Call us for support through our phone service

[LEARN MORE →](#)



Resources Around Me

Find a youth program near you

[GO NOW →](#)

[YORK SUPPORT SERVICES NETWORK](#)

York Support Services Network offers the Community Crisis Response Service for people living in York Region or South Simcoe who are having a mental health crisis, and their family or friends.

By calling their toll-free number 1-855-310-2673 (COPE) available 24 hours, 7 days a week, you can speak with a crisis worker anytime you need to. You can also text 1-855-310-2673, or [live chat](#) online from 7am – midnight every day.

[COVID 19 GOVERNMENT OF CANADA RESOURCES](#)

Statistics Canada is accelerating data collection in response to the urgent need for information to help the country respond to, and recover from, the social and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in Canada. Please participate in any of their crowdsourcing data collections that may be applicable to you and check back for new topics. This week's topic for all Canadians is: Perceptions of Safety.

[Participate Now – All Canadians](#)

[ONTARIO GOVERNMENT – STAGE 1 RE-OPENING](#)

The [Ontario government](#) announced this week the plan for the gradual easing of restrictions due to COVID-19 beginning with [Stage 1](#). More retail businesses will be able to open following physical distancing guidelines. Some recreational and seasonal activities will be allowed, and more community and household services will resume in the coming weeks. Visit [Ontario.ca](#) for more detailed information.

Ontario's Action Plan in response to COVID-19



A FRAMEWORK FOR REOPENING OUR PROVINCE

Phase 1: PROTECT AND SUPPORT

\$17-billion in targeted support



Support and relief

Phase 2: RESTART

A gradual, staged approach



Stage 1

Stage 2

Stage 3

Phase 3: RECOVER

Long-term growth



Long-term recovery

CANADA EMERGENCY RESPONSE BENEFIT

The Canada Emergency Response Benefit provides \$2000 per month for Canadians who have lost employment, have significantly reduced hours of work, or are unable to work due to COVID-19. Eligibility requirements have changed over the past few weeks, opening up to many more people. Check the link above if you are eligible to receive this benefit. The CERB is taxable income, however, no tax will be taken off at the time the payments are distributed.

CANADA EMERGENCY STUDENT BENEFIT

The federal government has officially passed the new [Canada Emergency Student Benefit Act](#) into legislation. Students attending post-secondary, or who have recently graduated from post-secondary, and students who graduate secondary school in 2020 who have applied and intend to begin post-secondary by Feb., 2021, will be eligible for \$1250 per month from May – August. Students must be willing to and looking for work, but unable to find a job due to COVID-19. The federal government has also increased funding to the Canada Student Summer Jobs program, which will provide 100% of funding for 76,000 student jobs this summer. Students can [apply](#) through their CRA My Account starting today, May 15th.

STRESS RELIEF

TORONTO ZOO VIRTUAL CAMPOUT

This weekend, the Toronto Zoo will be hosting a virtual campout on their [YouTube channel](#). Saturday, May 16th is Camping Outdoors with Our Wild Neighbours, meeting some incredible Ontario species from 7:45pm – 8:45pm and Sunday, May 17th is African Safari Night, meeting some amazing species from the African Savanna from 7:45pm – 8:45pm. Make a living room fort, or join in from your own backyard. More good news – the Toronto Zoo welcomed a [baby giraffe](#) on May 12, 2020! The Zoo has also announced that they will begin a drive through option to visit the animals from the safety of your own vehicle.

VISIT CANADIAN NATIONAL PARKS FROM HOME

[Parks Canada](#) has over 150 parks on Google Street View for you to explore from the comfort of home. Take a cross Canada tour this spring and plan your next road trip in advance. From glaciers to caves, lakes, and forests, Parks Canada has it all. Take the family on a virtual hike or boat ride this weekend.



[Jasper National Park, Alberta](#)



[Chilkoot Trail National Historic Site](#)



[Lake Superior National Conservation Area](#)

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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