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## Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin



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Thursday, May 03, 2018

### IMPORTANT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Two Markville students have won Tamil Student Awards of Excellence. Congratulations to Maya Thayalan who received the Perseverance Award, and to Maathumai Yogarajah for demonstrating excellence in Athletics. Way to go!



Congratulations go to seven Markville students who were recognized by York Region District School Board for winning the Government of Canada History Award. The students attended Applause! at the Board office in Aurora, an event held monthly in recognition of outstanding achievements.

Grade 10 student Austin Chan entered the Young Entrepreneurs, [Make Your Pitch](#) competition and won! Austin and 5 other students from across Ontario won the top award out of over 250 entries. Austin's video caught the attention of the Ontario Centres of Excellence (OCE), and was chosen as a top 20 entry to be pitched live at the OCE Discovery conference and showcase. Out of those 20 pitches, the top 6 were chosen. Austin will receive a scholarship and reserved entry into Summer Company which includes start-up money to launch his business! Learn more about this annual contest [here](#).



### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

#### PROM

Markville SS will be celebrating Prom next week with our graduating students. This is an exciting time for students, parents, guardians, and Markville staff. Prom is also a great opportunity to talk to your kids about party safety. There are a number of wonderful resources available online to start the conversation. Click here for: [What Parents Should Know About Prom \(And the After Party\)](#), and here for: [Safer Partying Agreement – Talking About Prom](#)

#### FREE FAMILY WELLNESS EXPO

On Thursday, May 10, 2018, Black Walnut Public School in Markham will be hosting a Free Family Wellness Expo starting at 6:00pm. Doors open at 5:45pm for the keynote talk at 6:00pm on "Growth Mindset: Your Proactive Approach to Wellness". At 6:30pm there will be a variety of workshops to choose from including: social media safety, skin care & wellness, yoga for families, nutrition & wellness, and much more! There are free raffles to be won and light refreshments to be enjoyed.

Click here for more information and to RSVP: <https://bit.ly/2qwWHUa>

#### NEW EQAO STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

EQAO's [new student advisory committee](#) is seeking representatives for the 2018-2019 school year. Students who will be in Grades 7 through 12 during 2018-2019 and who have written at least one

EQAO assessment are invited to apply. There will be 30 students from across Ontario chosen for the committee. EQAO is interested in hearing student's voices and insights on how EQAO can improve their assessments and programs and increase student engagement. Applications are due May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 and must be signed by a student's parent / guardian and principal. [Click here for the application.](#)

### SOUTH ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH STUDENT CONTEST

York Region District School Board students are invited to submit an entry in the South Asian Heritage Month Student Contest. This contest is open to all YRDSB students and must be received by May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. The theme this year is South Asian Heritage in the Canadian Context. Students have a choice between three topics: How do you embody your South Asian identity? What does being South Asian mean to you? or Who is your South Asian hero, and why? Submissions must be: unpublished fiction or non-fiction writing (300 words or less), a video (2 minutes or less), or a piece of original artwork with accompanying explanation.

For more information please contact Sumir Bansal: [sumir.bansal@yrdsb.ca](mailto:sumir.bansal@yrdsb.ca) (905) 884-2046 ext. 234

### TWEET OF THE WEEK



Markville SS Retweeted  
 [LouiseSirisko@YRDSBDirector](#)

My face hurts from smiling so much. Check out this video [@YRDSB](#) students with special education needs dancing their hearts out at the 2018 Best Buddies Prom. [@yrdsbinclusion](#)



### DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

#### ENVIRONMENT

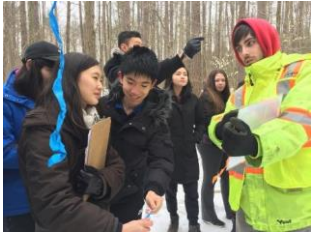
Markville students have continued to be actively involved in many environmental initiatives and activities this year. Students in the Eco Club began their year weeding and watering the plants in the school's gardens. In the spring, the team will plant flowers and small shrubs that will attract and support native butterfly species with suitable food sources and shelter.



Students in the Eco Club have also been busy with waste management. Students conducted a school wide waste audit in the fall. Results were analyzed and measures have been taken to decrease contamination rates and increase diversion rates. In addition to our 3 tier waste system, students collect and package toner cartridges, batteries, and white board markers to be recycled. Milk bags have also been collected for a mat that they have been weaving to be sent to those in need. The city of Markham came to give an interactive presentation to a few classes about waste water. Environment students went out to analyze the health of local stream water. These activities amongst others will help towards the school's application and maintenance of Ontario EcoSchools Platinum status.



Beyond the classroom, Markville's students have experienced many learning environmental opportunities and successes. Two teams were sent to represent Markville at the regional Envirothon competition, a competition that allows students to develop and expand their knowledge, problem solving, and critical thinking skills in issues related to the environment. The junior team of Arthur Chen, Anson He, Freda Li, Emily Liang and Kevin Tong took second overall. The senior team of Winnie Lin, Elena Parkinson, Rachel Ruffo, Florence Sy and James Yuan won in four out of five categories placing them first overall. The senior team will advance to represent York Region at the provincial competition!





## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The Markville Music Department had one of its most successful years of festival competition with appearances in the Kiwanis Music Festival of Greater Toronto, the OBA Concert Band Festival, and the York Region Music Alive Festival. All of the Markville Music ensembles achieved top honours, winning four first place awards, seven platinum ratings, nine gold ratings, and seven scholarships for outstanding performances. In addition, Markville Music received ten invitations to compete in the MusicFest National Competition, and the Symphonic Band and Symphonic String Orchestra were selected to compete in the OMFA Provincial Championships.



Our concert season will officially come to an end with our “Markville Pops” concert series on Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at the [Flato Markham Theatre](#). This year’s theme is “A Musical Journey Around the World”. The concerts will feature all of the major performing ensembles from the Markville Music Department (including our concert bands, string orchestras, and choir), as well as groups from our neighbouring elementary schools (including Central Park Public School, James Robinson Public School, Ramer Wood Public School, and Unionville Public School).

The Markville Music Department’s annual Music Banquet will take place on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at the Pickle Barrel at Markville Mall. This semi-formal event is an end-of-year celebration of the Music Department’s accomplishments that will include a buffet dinner, an awards ceremony, and a dance. For further details about Markville Music performances and events, please contact the Music Department at 905-940-8840 ext. 131, or visit the Markville Music website at [www.markvillemusic.com](http://www.markvillemusic.com)

## HISTORY DEPARTMENT

Shout out to Markville Grade 10 Gifted History students who created and shared projects (VR simulation and panelled art) for the media launch of Defining Moments Canada ([@Moments\\_Canada](https://www.instagram.com/Moments_Canada)) at the Royal Military Institute in Toronto. Defining Moments Canada is a new digital platform commemorating the centenary of the Spanish Flu pandemic in Canada, in partnership with the Department of Canadian Heritage. We are so proud of our students who are producers and not just consumers of historical stories! More info and photos at Markville History Twitter: [@MSS\\_history](https://www.instagram.com/MSS_history)





### Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics					
MONDAY, MAY 7 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-op Career Fair</li> <li>AP Chemistry Exam (8:00am – 11:00am)</li> </ul>									
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Army Recruitment Co-op Fair (10:00am – 12:00pm)</li> </ul>				
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Varsity Baseball Game (11:45am – 4:00pm)</li> <li>Ultimate Frisbee Tier 2 Game (2:45pm – 5:45pm)</li> <li>Varsity Girls Soccer Home Game (3:00pm – 5:30pm)</li> </ul>				
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Markville Pops at Flato Markham Theatre (7:30pm – 10:00pm)</li> </ul>				
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SAC (Student Activity Council), TAC (Transitions Activity Council), MAC (Markville Athletic Council) – Applications Close</li> </ul>				
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ontario Skills Provincial Competition (7:30am – 3:00pm)</li> </ul>				
TUESDAY, MAY 8 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guest Speaker – Factory Farming Awareness (8:20am – 4:00pm)</li> </ul>									
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AGO (Art Gallery of Ontario) Infinity Mirrors Trip (8:45am – 3:00pm)</li> </ul>									
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prom Assembly (9:45am – 11:00am)</li> </ul>									
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ultimate Frisbee Tier 1 Game (2:45pm – 5:45pm)</li> </ul>									
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Markville Pops at Flato Markham Theatre (7:30pm – 10:00pm)</li> </ul>									
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guest Speaker – Job Skills (9:45am – 12:20pm)</li> </ul>									
WEDNESDAY, MAY 9 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guest Speaker – Job Skills (9:45am – 12:20pm)</li> </ul>									

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Varsity Girls Soccer Game (3:30pm – 5:45pm)</li> </ul>
THURSDAY, MAY 10 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SAC (Student Activity Council) Interviews</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Track and Field Meet (8:00am – 5:00pm)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Class Zoo Trip (8:45am – 2:15pm)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade 9 Geography Zoo Trip (8:45am – 2:15pm)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Chem 13 News Exam</a> (University of Waterloo Chemistry Exam) (9:45am – 11:00am)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>College Degree Panel (12:20pm – 1:35pm)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dragon Boat Competition (3:00pm – 4:45pm)</li> </ul>
FRIDAY, MAY 11 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prom! (6:00pm – 11:00pm)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">PISA Test</a> (Programme for International Student Assessment) (am)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SAC (Student Activity Council) Interviews</li> </ul>

Looking for Volunteer Opportunities? Come visit the Guidance Office, or check out these helpful links:

	<a href="#">Student Volunteer Opportunities</a>		<a href="#">Volunteer Opportunities</a>
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Lunch Time Tutoring – Library, Monday and Wednesday – Periods 3 and 4

After school Tutoring – Rm. 345, Tuesday and Thursday 3:00pm – 4:00 pm

If you have any questions, please email your child's vice-principal: [michael.vlachopoulos@yrdsb.ca](mailto:michael.vlachopoulos@yrdsb.ca) for students with surnames A – LIM, or [vanessa.wonnacott@yrdsb.ca](mailto:vanessa.wonnacott@yrdsb.ca) for students with surnames LIN– Z

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