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## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

### MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Markville students and staff have been recognizing Mental Health Awareness month during May. There have been activities, resources, and lots of communication – the most important piece! The Guidance department would like to share a document that they have created to help recognize the signs of a decline in mental health and where students and parents / guardians can go for help.

[Click here](#) to access the document, or find it on our website under the [News & Events](#) tab.

### 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 Submissions must be: unpublished fiction or non-fiction writing (300 words or less), a video (2 minutes or less), or a piece of original artwork with accompanying explanation.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



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Thank you to Markville's YAC (Young Activist Club) who are in the atrium all week creating awareness about Operation Smile. Play a game and support a great cause! [#LearnMore](#) <http://operationsmile.ca>  
[@OpSmileCAN](#)



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[YRDSB EcoSchools](#) @YRDSBEcoSchools May 14

Wow. What a team!! Congrats on all your eco initiatives

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## DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

### Best Buddies Prom

On May 2nd, 2018, the community class attended their annual Best Buddies Prom. They were able to socialize and dance with their peers from across the Board. We said goodbye to those who were graduating and sang a few karaoke songs. The students enjoyed their meal and loved the cake. A special thanks to Ms. Thompson for doing the students' hair and makeup. Our students had so much fun they didn't want to leave the celebration.



### Grade 10 Gifted students Volunteer at Sunrise Seniors Residence

Students planned activities such as card games, board games, origami, and musical performances during an afternoon with the residents at Sunrise Seniors Home. Conversations about life ensued and we left with an appreciation for life as it was nearly 100 years ago. We were amazed to hear stories about hope, heroism, and resilience. We would like to thank Sunrise for allowing us this opportunity.



## BUSINESS STUDIES DEPARTMENT

*What better way for a student to really apply their business knowledge and acumen than through competition! In our classes, students participated in stock market challenges, taste tests and mock trials, but out of class, they also had a chance to participate in large scale competitions with students across the region or even from around the world!*



This year, Markville had 15 students qualify to compete at the DECA International Competition in Atlanta, Georgia, at the end of April. A huge thanks to Mr. T. Rao and Ms. B. Cheung for chaperoning our students and performing administrative tasks all week.

The following students qualified and competed at this year's international competition: Ashif Burkutoola, Keshav Chawla, Harry Chen, Michael Ding, Chris Li, Sophie Li, Victor Liu, Salah Mahdi, Shaan Mehta, Lily Tao, Helena Teng, Megan Tu, Jonathan Young, Melody Yu, and Helen Wong.

Special mention goes to the following students:

- Placed Top 10 overall: Keshav Chawla, Helen Wong, Chris Li, Sophie Li, Megan Tu, Jonathan Young
- Placed top 20 overall at ICDC: Ashif Burkutoola, Harry Chen, Michael Ding, Victor Liu
- Placed top 20 for Written: Shaan Mehta



A very special congratulations to **Keshav Chawla** for being chosen to be an **Executive Officer of the DECA Ontario Provincial Team as their Media Coordinator for 2018-2019**. As a part of the Officer Team, Keshav will help make decisions that guide the direction of the organization, advance their programming goals, and serve as a role-model for all of the 14,500 members of DECA Ontario.

On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, our top grade 11 and 12 accounting students will participate in the OBEA Accounting Contest (Ontario Business Educators Association). We wish them all the best as they continue to practise and refine their accounting skills before the contest!





## Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
MONDAY, MAY 21 <sup>st</sup>	• VICTORIA DAY – NO SCHOOL				
TUESDAY, MAY 22 <sup>nd</sup>	• Canada's Wonderland Trip (8:45am – 4:30pm)				
	• Varsity Baseball Game (1:45pm – 5:30pm)				
	• Tier 2 Ultimate Frisbee Game (2:45pm – 5:45pm)				
WEDNESDAY, MAY 23 <sup>rd</sup>	• Cricket Tournament (7:30am – 5:00pm)				
	• Science Centre Trip (8:30am – 2:15pm)				
	• ESP (Empowered Student Partnership) Year-End Celebration (8:45am – 2:00pm)				
	• <a href="#">OBEA</a> (Ontario Business Educator's Association) Contest (9:45am – 12:15pm)				
	• Math Team Contest (11:05am – 1:40pm)				
THURSDAY, MAY 24 <sup>th</sup>	• Varsity Girls Soccer Home Game (3:00pm – 5:30pm)				
	• Track & Field Meet (8:00am – 5:00pm)				
	• Ryerson University Visit (8:30am – 9:30am)				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ESL (English as a Second Language Students) Blue Jays Game (12:30pm – 4:00pm)</li> <li>• Dragon Boat Competition (3:00pm – 4:45pm)</li> <li>• Music Banquet (7:00pm – 10:30pm) at Pickle Barrel (Markville Mall)</li> </ul>
FRIDAY, MAY 25 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Track &amp; Field Meet</li> <li>• SAC (Student Activity Council) Marketplace</li> <li>• Drama Rehearsal (3:00pm – 5:00pm)</li> </ul>
SUNDAY, MAY 27 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Envirothon Provincials (May 27<sup>th</sup> – May 30<sup>th</sup>)</li> </ul>

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

 <p>Community Information &amp; Volunteer Database</p>	<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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