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Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin



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Friday, May 31, 2019

A MESSAGE FROM OUR TRUSTEE

As we near the end of the school year, this is a good time to celebrate all your child has learned and achieved. I hope that you have seen evidence of their growth and learning throughout the year.

Supporting the well-being and achievement of our students is a partnership with families and communities, and I want to thank you for all that you do to help strengthen our schools and support your child's learning. We know that when you ask your child about their learning, help them make connections or participate in school events, our students and our schools benefit.

Over the past few months, I am humbled and honoured to have the opportunity to take part in a lot of wonderful events, celebrating student success and achievement. Having the opportunity to participate in various school councils and school visits, interacting with students, parents and system administrators allows me to listen to the most current topics we care about as a community. With the ever-growing City of Markham, we are attracting more people because of the inclusiveness and diversities. I was excited, and at the same time very grateful, to celebrate the grand opening of a brand new school recently - Victoria Square P.S. I share the joy and success with the community thus far and wish you all the best in the upcoming years building a great school community like all others in the school board.

I look forward to continuing to build relationships with families over the summer months and in the 2019-2020 school year. As we go into the summer, there are many opportunities to continue supporting your child's learning - whether helping to plan a family trip, visiting a local museum, gathering with your school mates for some sports and fun, reading a book or participating in one of the many exciting [summer learning programs](#) offered through the Board. I wish you all the best planning your summer.

I would also like to offer a special congratulations to the graduating class of 2019. We wish you all the very best as you move on to this next phase of your life. We look forward to welcoming back all of our new and returning families in the fall.

No matter what your plan is, I wish you and your families a great and safe summer 2019. Please feel free to email me at ron.lynn@yrdsb.ca should you like to connect and chat.

Ron Lynn
Trustee

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)

WEBSITE SURVEY

York Region District School Board is currently working on refreshing the YRDSB and School websites, and invite you to share your feedback through a brief [survey](#). The information from the surveys will help us ensure that the content, navigation, and layout meet the needs of students, families, and community members.

Our websites provide important information about our school and Board, resources to help your child succeed, school programs, and more. The two-part survey is anonymous, confidential, and voluntary taking approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. We appreciate your feedback.

If you have any questions please contact communications@yrdsb.ca . The [survey](#) will be available until June 12th.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The official school year calendar for 2019-2020 has been released. The first day of school for Grade 9 students will be Monday, August 26th, with Grades 10-12 starting on Tuesday, August 27th. The full calendar is available [here](#).

EXAM SCHEDULE

The [Exam Guidelines](#) and final [Exam Schedule](#) have been posted to our website under the [News & Events](#) tab. Any updates will be noted with the date the update was made. Period 1 exams will begin on Wednesday, June 19th, Period 2 exams on Thursday, June 20th, Period 3 exams on Friday, June 21st, Period 4 exams on Monday, June 24th, and Period 5 exams on Tuesday, June 25th. Exam Review Day will be on Wednesday, June 26th following a modified schedule. The Library will be open during exams for Silent Study only from 8:00am – 3:00pm, closing on 9:30am Tuesday, June 25th. All library materials are due back on Friday, June 14th.

PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS

The parking lot in front of the school will be overhauled this summer. As such, report cards will be mailed home this year in July. There will be no pick up option available for safety reasons. The parking lot flow may change with the improvements, please stay tuned for more information.

With warmer weather hopefully here to stay, many more students are riding their bikes and walking to school which is fantastic. Please be aware of students and staff crossing the parking lot, looking both ways when changing lanes and pulling into merging traffic.



Central Park P.S. Fun Fair

SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH, 2019

10:00AM TO 2:30PM

100 CENTRAL PARK DRIVE, UNIONVILLE

Is Calling for

VOLUNTEERS!



Games | Petting Zoo | Inflatables | Food | Entertainers

Want to just come join the fun? Tickets will be available at the gate for \$5/per person ages 4 and over or email us to pre-buy your tickets.

Email Dave and Bonnie at CPPSfair@gmail.com

<https://cppsfair.wixsite.com/2019fun>

TWEET OF THE WEEK



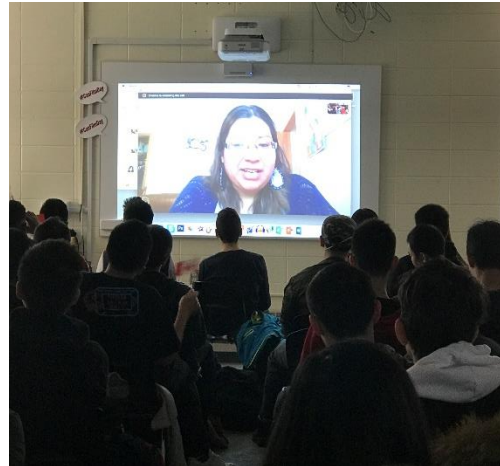
 Markville SS Retweeted
 [Learning Commons](#) @msscommons
 And you think you're having a bad day?! #RaptorsvsWarriors
 #RaptorsNation #WeTheNorth



DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

Geography at Markville would like to welcome its newest staff member to the department: Nona Wright. Students in our Grade 9 Geography class have had an active and engaging semester learning about Canada's diverse physical and human geography. Students started the semester learning about Canada's physical geography by participating in a variety of activities, such as role-playing, simulation, debates, and focus groups. Inspired by April's in-school field trip to the Library to watch Kayak to Klemtu for [National Canadian Film Day](#) and participate in a Skype chat with Shianne McKay, Project Manager at the [Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources](#), this month the Grade 9 Geography students are using the different geographic perspectives to explore different issues in Indigenous communities. Some of the case studies that students have explored include the housing crisis in Attawapiskat, building of the Jumbo Valley Ski resort, and the deforestation of Clayoquot Sound. At the end of the month, students will research and become familiarized with famous and historic Indigenous figures in Canada and will present their findings to the class in order to further their learning of Indigenous cultures.



Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
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MONDAY, JUNE 3 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DEADLINE TO ACCEPT A UNIVERSITY OFFER OF ADMISSION – this must be confirmed on OUAC. Tier 1 and 2 Ultimate Frisbee Tournament (7:15am – 4:00pm) 														
TUESDAY, JUNE 4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University Ave. Courthouse Visit (7:15am – 1:30pm) Girls Slo-Pitch (8:00am – 3:00pm) Holocaust Survivor Visit in the Library (11:30am – 1:45pm) 														
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eid al-Fitr (Festival of Breaking the Fast) for those celebrating Ramadan 														
THURSDAY, JUNE 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comm. Tech Film Festival in the Library (11:05am – 12:20pm) 														
FRIDAY, JUNE 7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAC (Student Activity Council) Carnival – Modified Schedule <table border="1" data-bbox="727 814 1175 1121"> <tr> <td>Period 1</td> <td>8:20am – 9:15am</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Announcements</td> <td>9:20am – 9:25am</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Period 2</td> <td>9:25am – 10:20am</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Period 3</td> <td>10:25am – 11:20am</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Period 4</td> <td>11:25am – 12:20pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Period 5</td> <td>12:25pm – 1:20pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">SAC Carnival (1:20 pm – 3:00 pm)</td> </tr> </table> Grade 12 Spanish Farewell (3:30pm – 9:30pm) 	Period 1	8:20am – 9:15am	Announcements	9:20am – 9:25am	Period 2	9:25am – 10:20am	Period 3	10:25am – 11:20am	Period 4	11:25am – 12:20pm	Period 5	12:25pm – 1:20pm	SAC Carnival (1:20 pm – 3:00 pm)	
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Looking for Volunteer Opportunities? Come visit the Guidance Office, or check out these helpful links:

	Student Volunteer Opportunities		Volunteer Opportunities
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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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