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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

This is our last e-bulletin of the year, and what a year this has been! Many different global events have impacted our lives at Markville and in the world. Through all this, our students have been terrific! It was so rewarding to see many of them in the building this week as they returned to collect their belongings. We are so fortunate at Markville to have such a supportive community of students, staff and families! Your support and guidance has been and is always appreciated. We remain committed to our students' academic studies and their well-being, with a focus on equity and inclusivity for all. Please know that we are always here, so continue to reach out to us with any questions, suggestions, or concerns you may have. We need our partnership to ensure the ongoing success of our students.

This is also the time of the year when we say thank you and farewell to staff who are retiring, transferring to other schools, taking a leave, or who have completed their assignment at Markville. Firstly, I would like to thank one of the almost original Mavericks, Ms. McCallum. Ms. McCallum has decided to retire after 31 years in education, 30 of which dedicated to Markville. On behalf of every student she ever taught or coached, congratulations and thank you for your commitment and dedication to our students. We will certainly miss you! We are also thanking the following staff for their contributions to Markville and wish them all the best in their next adventure: Darian Abbey in Modern Languages, Elif Kaynak in Geography, Willy Cao in Geography and Health and Physical Education, Timothy Chan and Gordon M. Li in Mathematics, Christina Fiorentino in ESL, Adeline Kwan in Family Studies, Bobbi Sabatini in the Library, Sekou Sanford in Special Education, Bina Shah (one semester leave) in Science, Jessica Sipos-Kocsis in the Main Office and Jennifer Harding in English (one year leave). To you, dear families, have a safe summer; I hope you find time to rest and rejuvenate. Keep well and see you all in September. Thank you!

Patricia Obadia

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

YORK REGION PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL

York Regional President's Council- Executive voting was held virtually on June 9, 2020. The YPRC Executive members are leaders across our board, supporting the YPRC mandate to promote communication and cooperation, inspire and foster ethical leadership, and engage student voice. We are very excited to announce that two of our students have been elected to executive positions, Minister of Public Relations, and Dorian Chen as the Minister of Communication.

MARKVILLE ATHLETIC COUNCIL

Markville's Athletic Council held a virtual athletic celebration in lieu of our annual Athletic Banquet this June. Highlights included team photos, action pictures, and coach selections for MVP & Character Awards. Check out [@markville_mac](#) for full details:

Listed below are the MVP and Character Award Recipients:

SPORT	MVP AWARD	CHARACTER AWARD
Basketball – Junior Girls	Lauren Fung	Makayla Blackstock
Basketball – Junior Boys	Sarujen Arulharan	Demir Eren
Basketball – Senior Girls	Vanessa Wong	Sarah Cheung
Basketball – Senior Boys	Usman Rasool	Ajay Maharaj
Cross Country Running	Jenna Smith & Joseph McLaughlin	Jason Zhang
Field Hockey – Varsity Girls	Jessica Smith	Stephanie Wu
Hockey – Varsity	William Wu	Caleb Templo
Rock Climbing	Aaron Lee	Edward Zhou
Alpine Skiing	Catherine Tse	Matthew Wrong
Alpine Snowboarding	Elina Zheng	Aiden Lee
Soccer – Varsity Boys	Adam Bather	Salim Mohammed
Swimming – Junior	Kevin Wu & Courtney Lin	Logan Tran
Swimming – Senior	Erika Ing & Arthur Bright	
Tennis – Varsity	Brandon Lee & Jennifer Zhu	Vaseehar Ajanthan
Volleyball – Junior Girls	Janice Lam	Sameera Waseil
Volleyball – Junior Boys	Justice Liao	Wilson Wu
Volleyball – Senior Girls	Mandy Chua	Rebecca Zhong
Volleyball – Senior Boys	Ryan Chen	Asher Mak

Thank you to all athletes for a great sports fall and winter season. Big shout out of appreciation to all Mavericks coaches... without you we know these amazing athletic experiences in high school would not happen. Thank you as well for taking the time to select award recipients and share a short blurb with all athletes. Finally, farewell to our graduating athletes, may the Maverick pride and spirit be with you always.



DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

ENGLISH – SUMMER READING

The English Department has put together a [summer reading list](#) of titles students may enjoy over the summer months. We are living in a time of obvious, unprecedented change. The need to remain connected with the stories of the world has never been more important. Reading relieves stress, builds empathy, fosters stamina, and is an all ages activity. This list can be found on the Markville SS website, under [English Department Resources](#).

Check out the YRDSB online collection using the [SORA app](#) for access to free eBooks or visit your local public library's website for a list of their eResources.

MESSAGE FROM GUIDANCE

This is a reminder to all Graduating Grades 12s who are currently taking a course in **PRIVATE SCHOOL** this semester. Please ensure that the Private School emails your report card directly to your Guidance Counsellor no later than **June 23rd at 4:00pm**, in order for the course to be included in your Official Transcript. If you suspect that your report card will be later than this date, please reach out to your Guidance Counsellor to discuss.

LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS

We all know June as one of a schools' most exciting months as we take time to celebrate all the achievements of our much deserving students. But it is also a time of farewells as both students and staff move on to new challenges.

One of Markville's staff members moving on to a new challenge at a 'northern' YRDSB high school is our Library Technician, Ms. Sabatini. Her invaluable contributions to both our Library Learning Commons and our greater school community have been impactful and insightful.

It is important to note Ms. Sabatini's role in our library extends beyond our school walls. She also serves on the *Board of Georgina Public Library as Vice-Chair* as well as volunteering on the *Friends of the Library* fundraising committee where she helps run and organize several events throughout the year. Here at Markville, she has served both our staff and students with her incredible knowledge of library sciences. She has been an integral part of teaching students, serving on school committees and celebrating student achievement by attending their performances - whether at a theatre or enjoying a meal in a food lab or having her nails done in a science lab - best of all, she provided us all with our next perfect read. And if all of this is not enough, this e-bulletin is the handiwork of Ms. Sabatini.



Just this week I told a graduating student who also happens to be an avid reader, she was leaving Markville. He hung his head. Then he looked me in the eye and said, “well, at least I had her for four years.”

To our friend: Ms. Wilson and I will dearly miss you. We have been a team - or as I like to say ‘the dream team’! We shall miss our secret tea parties and most of all, our ‘round table discussions’ where much sharing, brainstorming, debating, and reflection of our next library project would take place. Wishing you all the best at your next school.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

TECHNOLOGY COLLECTION FOR GRADUATING STUDENTS

Please remind any graduating Grade 12 students who have borrowed technology from Markville SS to check their gapps email on a regular basis. Details on how and when to return laptops, chargers, and other devices will be emailed directly to students in the days to come. Students are encouraged to keep learning at home using the borrowed technology for the remainder of the school year.

GOOGLE DRIVE TRANSFER OF DATA FOR GRADUATING STUDENTS

When students graduate from high school, their google drive accounts (GAPPS) get cleared within a few months. For students who would like to retain access to projects or assignments they have completed, there are ways to [transfer the data to another gmail account](#), or simply download the files to their computer. They must be the ‘owners’ of the documents (not files that were shared with them) for the transfer to work.

SUMMER SCHOOL – CREDIT UPGRADES

YRDSB students in Grade 11 and 12 who have previously earned a credit and wish to upgrade their mark may register for Summer School (online) to run from July 6th to 16th. Courses are identified in [My Pathway Planner](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to: continuing.education@yrdsb.ca

43rd MARKHAM VILLAGE *VIRTUAL* MUSIC FESTIVAL

Today, the 43rd Markham Village Music Festival begins online for the first time. From 5:00pm to 10:00pm tonight and 11:00am – 10:00pm tomorrow, you can enjoy the music and talents of a huge line-up of entertainers. Visit the [Markham Village Music Festival website](#) for details, full schedule of performers, a vendor village, and more. Don’t forget to click on the [Markville SS](#) tab to see the wonderful profile on the work of our Flashprint @ MSS students!

MARKHAM CELEBRATES CANADA DAY *ONLINE*

Canada Day

LET'S CELEBRATE
VIRTUALLY!

JULY 1



Find out more and get involved

Markham, and many cities across the country will be celebrating virtually this year. Join in on the fun by [uploading](#) a selfie video of you and your family singing O Canada, enter the [colouring contest](#), share some fun and interesting [trivia](#), and light up your house and / or business in red and white lights on July 1st! [Visit the Your Voice Markham \(YVM\) Canada Day](#) event page for more information and ways to celebrate.

JUNE 21st IS NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY



June 21st is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures, and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Metis peoples. In cooperation with Indigenous organizations, the Government of Canada chose June 21st, the summer solstice, as [National Indigenous Peoples Day](#) as for generations, many indigenous peoples and communities have celebrated their culture and heritage on or near this longest day of the year. You can learn more about First Nations, Inuit, and Metis peoples by reading a digital copy of the one the books from the [#IndigenousReads](#) reading list.

#KidLit4BlackLivesCanada

A Rally for Black Lives

with Black-Canadian #kidlit #mglit #yalit
authors, illustrators, and allies

in solidarity with #KidLit4BlackLives and Juneteenth

Join us FRIDAY JUNE 19, 2020

On Facebook Live @A Different Booklist Cultural Centre
and Zoom: https://bit.ly/ADBCC_KL4BLC

VIRTUAL PRIDE PARADE 2020

On June 28th at 3:00pm, visit pridetoronto.com for the Virtual 2020 Pride Parade. The organizers hope to bring a sense of belonging and community to those who need it most during this difficult time. You will be able to experience the performances, passions, and energy of many amazing artists like never before.



Stay Proud. Stay Home. Stay Strong. Stay Safe.

[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 →](#)

[SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH ONTARIO](#)

Do you have questions about how to support student mental health during the COVID-19 response? We've put together some answers.

[Learn More](#)

[COVID 19 GOVERNMENT OF CANADA RESOURCES](#)

Visit the Government of Canada's COVID-19 webpage for up to date details, [announcements](#), benefit programs, and much more. Go right to the source for the most accurate information. If you see a news article that makes you question, or contradicts other information you may have heard, check it out. The government websites for Canada, Ontario, and your local municipality will have the most up to date and verified information.

[ONTARIO GOVERNMENT – STAGE 2 RE-OPENING](#)

The Ontario Government has decided on a regional approach for the re-opening of the province. York Region was included as the second phase of Stage 2, meaning many more businesses and organizations will be able to open beginning today, June 19th. For a full list of places that may choose to re-open, visit [ontario.ca](#). Physical distancing guidelines are still in place to protect you and your loved ones and anyone outside of your immediate household or exclusive social circle of no more than 10 people.

[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. The Canadian government has been able to secure support to extend the CERB for another 8 weeks.

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 or \$2000 per month for students with dependents or a disability. 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. Post-Secondary students can [apply](#) through their CRA My Account starting May 15th.

High School students who will be eligible to graduate in June, may apply for the benefit for July and August.

STRESS RELIEF

DO NOTHING FOR 2 MINUTES

For many, these last few months have presented an opportunity to slow things down. For some, it has been a time of increased work and maybe stress. Our online and / or screen time has likely increased. If you feel like you need a break from technology, visit the [Do Nothing for 2 Minutes site](#) – it is exactly that, a 2 minute timer that will reset if you touch your mouse or keyboard. See if you can go the whole two minutes without resetting, who in your family can last the longest?

DRAW ONLINE TO RELAX

There are lots of online drawing programs out there; search for one that suits your needs and comfort level with the controls. If you are looking for something easy and relaxing, try [Silk](#). Just move your mouse and beautiful lines appear. You can select the colour, if you would like it to reflect along the center line, and even save your masterpiece after. Take a moment to create and de-stress.



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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