

Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin



Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin

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KAST Spotlight

KAST @ MSS is a science-based, outreach club that seeks to excite elementary students about science. Members of KAST believe that Kids Are Scientists, Too! This is the second year that MSS is hosting this club. With Samantha, Fiona, and Catherine's leadership, the club, made up of 18 members, fundraised over \$200 to support the virtual science lessons that they are delivering to some of

Ms. Dranfield's and Ms. Ngan's grade 4 and 5 students at Ramer Wood Public School. With the fundraising completed in semester 1, KAST has turned its attention to creating fun science units, each comprised of a lesson, experiment, and activity.

KAST members work together in teams to create and videotape short science lessons, model fun experiments, and instruct 26 students to complete the activities that are created for them. Each topic covered includes all materials and handouts that are mentioned in the videos. Each video is fun and engaging. All videos are posted to the shared Google Classroom between MSS and RWPS based on a schedule.



Figure 1: Screen capture from introductory video with Fiona, (left-VP), Catherine (centre-VP) and Samantha (right-President).



Figure 2: Recording Jina making and blowing into lungs for the experiment (Human Body Systems unit) in the classroom.



Figure 3 Jina in the video for RWPS students to watch and model after.



Figure 4: Recording the Human Body Systems unit after school on a Wednesday.

When RWPS students finish their activities, the handouts are sent back to KAST @ MSS in their folders to be marked by KAST members during the next club meeting. Not only are KAST members eager to see what RWPS has learned, but it also gives them an opportunity to receive and write a message to their assigned students. Points are awarded to RWPS students based on completion, correct answers, and Google Classroom posts of their creations and work. Take a look at the response from RWPS!

Jason
29 Mar, 16:28

I had fun making the kit and learned a lot from the homework. Thank you!

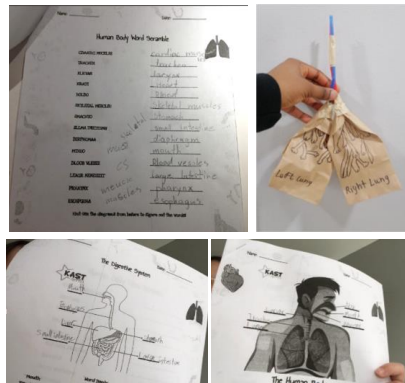


Figure 5: Left top: The Human Body Lesson
Left bottom: Ryan instructs RWPS students on video. Above: Handouts



Figure 6: RWPS student's submission to the Google Classroom - and comment.

Ms. Ngan from RWPS has reported back to say: "It's been going really well so far, the students are super excited about the experiments and some have even brought them to school to show me!" **Great job KAST @ MSS!**

Eco Club Spotlight

On April 13th, Markville sent two teams to the annual regional Envirothon - a hands-on competition about the environment with focus topics



of aquatics, soil, forest and wildlife. Our students prepared hard and their efforts paid off! Team chicken soup: Flora Gu,



Amy Lin, Catherine Lin, Megan Tam and Angelina Wang placed second and Team Shrub Shorty: Jason Deng, Emily Lim, Kevin Lin, Diya Rangrej and Ella Wen placed first. Good luck to both teams as they

prepare for the second part of the competition next week!



ECO club's CAT says...

eat less meat!

the production of 1 kg of beef results in 60 kg
of greenhouse gas emissions.

this means, on average, each Canadian can produce
1650 kg of greenhouse gas emissions each year,
just by eating beef.

reduce your meat consumption by trying a meat substitute
and limit your purrr-sonal emissions!



Markville SS
Eco club's
CLIMATE ACTION TEAM



Community Announcements

The Student Exchange Program

This program will resume for the 2023-2024 school year. ISE-Ontario will offer exchange opportunities to European destinations for 8-12 week periods. This program is available to students aged 13-17 years of age. To learn more about the program that runs independent of the school, please visit <https://iseontario.on.ca/>

Jewish Heritage Month Special Event Periphery Film Community Screening

Date: May 16, 2023 **Time:** 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm **Location:** Richmond Hill Secondary School **Audience:** YRDSB students, families and staff

“Periphery is an evocative photographic and film project that bears witness to ethnic diversity in the Jewish community. Sharing narratives from individuals of multiracial and multiethnic backgrounds, Periphery creates space to look, listen, and learn from participants as they share their experiences and explore ideas of representation, intersectionality, ethnicity, race, and sexuality.”

More information regarding [Periphery, the Short Film](#) can be found on the [Periphery webpage](#).

Directly after the film screening, there will be a question and answer period hosted by Sara Yacobi-Harris from No Silence on Race.

Register through the [Google Form](#) by May 1.

This event is presented by Inclusive School and Community Services, in partnership with the Network of Educators Supporting Jewish Learners (NESJL). Please contact ISCS at iscs@yrdsb.ca for more information.

Stay Informed! Sex Trafficking and Youth Exploitation

DID YOU KNOW...?

- **Instances of sex trafficking and sexual exploitation are a growing concern for youth and families in York Region**
- **Would you notice and be aware of it if you saw it?**
- **What might you do to get help and necessary resources?**

Parents, guardians, caregivers, educators, staff and community members are invited to attend one of the information sessions being offered. [Register today!](#)

When: May 18, 2023 **Session A:** 10:00am – 11:30am **OR Session B:** 6:30pm – 8:00pm

In a collaborative partnership with the Women's Support Network, the York Region District School Board is hosting a virtual information session about sex trafficking and sexual exploitation.

This session will provide awareness and information about:

- What is sex trafficking?
- How to identify signs of someone who may be in the process of being recruited or is already being trafficked?
- Who is at risk?
- Available resources and supports in the school and community

For more information please contact Oksana Majaski, Community & Partnership Developer, YRDSB

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PEAC Regional Symposium

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Annual PEAC Regional Symposium "Parent Voice Matters!"

Wednesday May 3, 2023
6:50-9:00pm

The theme for 2023 will focus on successful strategies for improved parent engagement.

This year's Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee (PEAC) Regional Symposium will be guided by the [Director's Action Plan \(DAP\)](#) and its fourth goal which commits the YRDSB to build trust and collaborative relationships with students, families and staff through respectful and responsive communication focused on shared solutions.

Please register by accessing the [PEAC Regional Symposium webpage](#) where you will find the registration form as well as more information about the PEAC Regional Symposium.

Questions: nina.saini@yrdsb.ca

Message from Guidance

This is a mental health resource that will appear in the E-Bulletin weekly that was created by past and present Markville students.



MSS Mental
Health Resource

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zxvp0ngpV22ikM7Fow2FNIMxX2wErCF5/view?usp=sharing>

Markville Guidance Website Wellness Page:

<https://sites.google.com/gapps.yrdsb.ca/markvilleguidance/wellness>

School Notices

Upcoming Dates

Apr 22	Earth Day
Apr 26	YRDSB Every Student Counts Survey in Homeroom (20-30 min)
Apr 27	SAC Event: Picnic and Pals
May 3-5	Electronic Distribution of Midterm Reports
May 5	PA Day
May 5	Red Dress Day (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Day)
May 11	Moose Hide Campaign Day



Social Media of the Week



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Moose Hide Campaign Day

Register
Here!



HELP END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN

On **May 11, 2023** join Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians from across Canada to support reconciliation and help end violence against all women and children.

Moose Hide Campaign Day is a day for connecting, learning and sharing, where you can hear from inspiring speakers, share experiences and join workshops. It's a day of ceremony where we invite you to fast with us from sunrise to sunset in our **#FastToEndViolence**. Tune into the livestream or join us for our in-person Workshops and **#WalkToEndViolence** in Victoria, BC.

Supporters are encouraged to wear and share the moose hide pins on the day (and every day!) and organize events with their organizations, schools or communities. Fasters will be supported on their fasting journey throughout the day. Events are free for anyone to attend.

Join us and register early at moosehidecampaign.ca

info@moosehidecampaign.ca
778-400-5780





Register at:



MOOSE HIDE CAMPAIGN DAY TAKE ACTION MAY 11, 2023

Learn more at:

MOOSEHIDECAMPAIGN.CA

YRDSB Communications



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Building an Understanding of Anti-Black Islamophobia

YRDSB Families and Communities

In this session, participants will explore the interlocking impact of anti-Blackness and Islamophobia on Black Muslim Communities and Black Muslim Students. Throughout this session, participants will be encouraged to think about how they center intersectionality in their everyday lives and how that impacts anti-Islamophobia work. Practical resources and recommendations will be shared to support efforts in creating equitable and inclusive environments.

Date: May 10, 2023

Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Location: VIRTUAL

Registration: [Register for Event](#)

Know Your Rights: Muslim Students and Families

YRDSB Families and Communities

In this session, students and families will learn about their legal rights and responsibilities within schools. Participants will be provided with tools and resources that will support them throughout their child's school experience, allowing them to feel more confident and empowered.

Date: May 16, 2023

Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Location: VIRTUAL

Registration: [Register for Event](#)



Preserving our Past Sikh Heritage Month

Please join us to commemorate our first Sikh Heritage Month Celebration with YRDSB. Our focus is on **Preserving our Past**. At this event, the Educators of Students of South Asian Heritage (ESSAH) will provide time and space to

highlight and promote Sikh histories, language and identity, and to build unity through community.

Exhibits:

- Sikh Heritage Museum Display and Keynote Speaker
- Artifacts
- Artwork Exhibit by YRDSB Students
- Shabad Performance
- Gathkha Performance
- Community Partners and Vendors

Date: April 29, 2023

Time: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Location: Woodbridge College, 71 Bruce St, Woodbridge

[Registration Online by April 26](#)

More Information, contact: harpinder.kaur@yrdsb.ca 905-884-2046 ext 268

Community Events

Markham Celebrates Earth Day Event

- Presented by: City of Markham
- Date: Saturday, April 22nd, 2023
- Time: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Location: Downtown Markham, 179 Enterprise Blvd, Markham
- Register: Drop in event, no registration necessary
- About: The City of Markham is celebrating Earth Day inside the Downtown Markham building complex! The event will provide Markham residents with a fun and educational take on environmental issues. Markham's Earth Day Celebration draws over 300 residents to the event annually. This year's event will be the first in-person celebration since the pandemic started. We have an exciting array of attractions including wildlife conservation animal booths, free electric vehicle test drives, and a sustainability fair. Listen in on our Children's Story Time to learn about energy conservation and pollination, ride the Pride of the Carousel, and complete our passport activity to enter a raffle for a prize!
- Questions: sustainability@markham.ca

Annual Earth Week Community Tree Planting

- Presented by: 10000 Trees
- Date: Saturday, April 29th, 2023 and Sunday, April 30th, 2023
- Time: 8:00 am to 1:30 pm and 9:00 am to 1:30 pm
- Location: Hillmount Park, 93 Hillmount rd.
- Register: 10000trees.com/
- About: Join us at Hillmount Park, Markham – April 29 - 30, 2023 for our Annual Earth Week Community Planting to plant 3200 trees and shrubs. We are looking for 1000 volunteers! Please Note: April 29th is a Set-up Day – we will be moving plants and shovels into the field and setting up tents. April 30th will be the primary tree planting day.