

# Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin

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## Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin



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## YRDSB Memos

### Financial support for parents/guardians

The government is providing financial support to help parents and guardians with additional costs during the 2020-2021 school year during the second wave of COVID-19.

Eligible parents or guardians will receive a one-time payment of:

- \$200 for each child up to age 12
- \$250 for each child or youth up to age 21 years with special needs

This is a new program, and all parents or guardians who are residents of Ontario with eligible children will need to submit a new application for each child.

As of today, eligible parents or guardians can go to

[Ontario.ca/SupportforLearners](https://Ontario.ca/SupportforLearners)

for more information and to apply for the one-time financial support.

The deadline to apply is January 15, 2021.



# Tamil Heritage Month 2021

# Poster Competition

**Tamil Canadian Centre for Civic Action presents  
Poster Competition for Tamil Heritage Month 2021**

**Topic:** Remembrance, Resilience & Resistance

**Due Date:** December 14, 2020

**Submission:** Please send poster submission to

[Nageswary.srikumaraguru@yrdsb.ca](mailto:Nageswary.srikumaraguru@yrdsb.ca)

**Further information:**

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East Inclusive Schools and Community Services, YRDSB  
905 727 0022, ext. 228

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## Tamil Heritage Month 2021 Poster Competition Guidelines

**Theme:** Reflecting on the 75 Years of Eelam History after the end of European Colonialism with a focus on Tamil Genocide Remembrance, Tamil's Resilience and Resistance.

**The Poster must reflect at least one of the following:**

- Tamil Genocide Remembrance and the Tamil Resistance: 75 Years of Eelam History
- Any aspect of Eelam History during the post-European colonial period. It could be about the genocide and/or about the resistance to the genocide
- Arts and culture that developed during this period that reflects the impact of the genocidal war and the resistance

### **Poster Guidelines:**

- Poster size **MUST NOT EXCEED 11" X 17"**
- Posters can be hand drawn, painted, or digitally designed as long as they are original work
- Poster will be judged on the quality of the work, originality and creativity of the depiction reflecting the theme
  - Only one entry per person
  - Poster may be used as Promotional Material or as part of a Virtual Exhibition
  - Poster must be suitable for public display and not offensive or discriminatory

### **Poster Entry must include the following in the email:**

- Title of work and brief description of the depicted content
- Full name and grade
- Parent / Guardian name
- School name
- Home phone number or cell number

**DEADLINE:** All entries must be submitted by December 14th, 2020 **Submission:** [Nageswary.srikumaraguru@yrdsb.ca](mailto:Nageswary.srikumaraguru@yrdsb.ca) Or [info@tamilcivicaaction.com](mailto:info@tamilcivicaaction.com) (PDF or PNG files only)

**Prizes:** Top 3 winners ages 18+: awarded \$300, \$200 and \$100  
Top 3 winners ages 14-17: awarded, \$200, \$100 and \$50  
Top 3 designs may be chosen for the Tamil Heritage Month 2021 official poster All selected posters will be part of a Virtual Exhibition



## Secondary GSA Google Classroom

Secondary school students who identify as 2SLGTBQI+ and their allies are invited to join a virtual GSA secondary classroom. The classroom will be moderated by our caring and dedicated GSA advisors, who will make sure the space is following ground rules, safe space guidelines and confidentiality. The classroom is now open and accepting student registrations. Students must [register](#) using their YRDSB GAPPS account.

The GSA Google classroom will bring the social and educational aspects, and fun of a GSA online. It will include discussion boards, community services and resources, group social sessions and various supports as students need.

The first GSA classroom meeting will take place on December 15, 2020 from 3:00-4:00 p.m.. Our first meeting will be an opportunity to meet the moderators, introduce ourselves and to help shape the classroom as a group.

<https://bit.ly/SecondaryGSA>.

## Schedule Change

**Rotation 7** starts Tuesday December 15th.

- If a student does attend school on the wrong cohort day, they will be sent home. Cohorts are created to keep everyone as safe as possible, so this is necessary.
- Afternoon online classes will consist of 40 minutes of synchronous learning with the remaining 10 minutes for independent work and / or time for students to stretch, get a drink, etc.
- Lastly, if a class or entire school needed to be closed due to COVID-19, the expectation is that all students are to connect in their virtual / online learning platforms (Google Classroom, Moodle, etc.) within 24 hours. The student would follow the same schedule in place at the time of the closure.

Time	Rotation 3 Oct. 13-26 Rotation 7 Dec. 15-Jan. 13
8:20-10:50 a.m. Face-to-Face	Period 4
10:50-11:05 a.m.	Exit
11:05-12:20 p.m.	Travel & Lunch
12:20-1:10 p.m. Online	Period 5
1:10-2:00 p.m. Online	Period 1
2:00-2:50 p.m. Online	Period 2

# Club Spotlight



From November 24th-26th, SAC at Markville hosted its very first and successful virtual club fair. Each day, 8 clubs showcased their goals, achievements, and general information, with 100s of students in attendance listening in. Many clubs both old and new grew in members and in outreach. We look

forward to continuing with a similar scheduled model of club fairs in future years.

As for this year, keep your eyes peeled for Markville SAC's year-end coffeehouse/game night: "Fireplace & Friends"!



## REP YOUR GRADE Activity Brought to you by YAC!

Hey Markville!

The Young Activists Club (YAC) is holding our annual Festive Food Drive again this year to support local community members in need. This will be a grade competition so bring in your non-perishable food items and place them in your **grade box** in the Atrium starting next week.

WHAT? Food drive to support Markham

Food Bank

WHEN? Dec.7-16th, 2020

WHERE? Drop your donations in your grade box in the Atrium

WHY? There is always a need for food donations however this year, more than ever, the demand is great.

PRIZE - The grade that brings in the most food will earn 100 grade points, second place wins 50! Let's do this Mavs!

## Department Spotlight

### MARKVILLE MUSIC STUDENTS STAGE *ANNIE JR.* ONLINE JANUARY 8-9, 2021



Markville Secondary School will “stick up its chin and grin and sing ‘Tomorrow! Tomorrow!’” when Markville Music performs *Annie JR.* Based on the popular comic strip and adapted from the Tony Award-winning best musical by Thomas Meehan, Charles Strouse and Martin Charnin, *Annie JR.* tells the story of a spunky Depression-era orphan determined to find her parents.

Markville Music Students have created this 60-minute musical theatre production virtually and remotely, and will be sharing their edited work with you at ShowTix4U.com on January 8-9, 2021 right from the comfort of home.

Show times are Friday, January 8 @ 7:30 p.m., Saturday, January 9 @ 2:00 p.m., and Saturday, January 9 @ 7:30 p.m. Tickets for this event are \$1.95 CAD, which will cover the cost of royalties and service fees from ShowTix4U and Music Theatre International.

For more information please contact the Markville Music Department at (905) 940-8840 x131, visit [markvillemusic.com](http://markvillemusic.com), or [ShowTix4U.com](http://ShowTix4U.com) to get your tickets. See you online!

**Our direct link to the ShowTix4U page is**

<https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/43037>



## Tech Tip



This week was Hour of Code Week, which promotes learning in computer coding around the world during Computer Science Education Week.

On the website there are coding activities that will teach your child how to code. Some of the activities include Dance Party, where you code an animal character to dance to music from today's top music artists.

The link below will take you to their website.

<https://hourofcode.com/ca>

## Community Notice via YRDSB



**BLACK FOUNDATION OF COMMUNITY NETWORKS**

info@bfcn.ca | 416-566-2731

### **Community Kwanzaa & Cultural Celebration**

*Hosted by Sandra Whiting*



An end-of-year celebration to learn about Kwanzaa and the importance of cultural traditions. Invite the whole family and join us and special guests for an evening of drumming, storytelling, and knowledge sharing!

**Friday, December 18, 2020  
7 PM - 9 PM  
Online (Zoom)**

Register at [bit.ly/BFCNWorkshopDecember18](https://bit.ly/BFCNWorkshopDecember18)



Parents for Children's  
Mental Health  
SUPPORT. EDUCATE. EMPOWER.

**Monday, December 14th, 2020 6:30 pm - 8 pm**

***PARENTS' Support Group-All are welcome!***

**VIRTUAL MEETING** Topic: ADHD Presentation and Q&A **Does your child's anxiety, ADHD, mood disorders, learning disability, or behaviour challenges make parenting difficult? Join us...**

Aurora York PCMH Chapter Meeting Mon, Dec 14, 2020 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (EST)

**Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.**

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/358202845>

**You can also dial in using your phone.**

Canada: [+1 \(647\) 497-9391](tel:+16474979391)

**Access Code:** 358-202-845

New to GoToMeeting? Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts:  
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/358202845>

**Benefits of PCMH Support Group:**

- meet other parents with children who have similar challenges
  - find encouragement and emotional support
- learn strategies to help your child or youth at home/school
  - learn how to access resources in the community

PCMH is the only provincial, family-led, non-profit organization that provides a voice for families who face the challenges of child and youth mental health issues. PCMH provides support, education, and linkage between families, communities, agencies and government. PCMH believes in the promotion of family-centred principles of care. PCMH envisions a future in which children and youth with mental illness enjoy a high quality of life in welcoming and supportive communities. For more information and resources, please visit [www.pcmh.ca](http://www.pcmh.ca).