

# Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin

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## Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin



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## Principal's Message

Dear families,

It is hard to believe that the end of June, and with it the end of the school year, has arrived. After a very rewarding year, our students are excitedly awaiting for their summer holidays to begin and to take time to rest and enjoy their families, friends and leisure activities. Some will also be taking time to continue their learning in summer school or other programs, but we encourage them to make sure they have some down-time in preparation for the next school year at Markville or beyond.

The 2021-2022 school year has certainly been a rewarding and at times also trying experience. Our students returned to so many “normals” such as in-person teaching and learning, extracurricular activities, enhancements to their education and to their social lives. They took advantage of these opportunities, whether they were in the building or from home, making a difference to not only academics but also to their personal, emotional and social well-being. We did have some challenges, but Markville, being such a tight community, was able to deal with them and grow as we learned from them and each other. All this would not have been possible without the support you offered at all times. We value and respect your commitment to your children, our students.

With the summer holidays upon us, I would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to some of our staff members who will be leaving Markville for other paths, and to welcome others to our school:

- Ms. Achong, our Head of the Student Services Department, will be on a leave of absence next year. We wish her all the best as she pursues other interests of hers and enjoys more time with her family and friends.
- Two of our teachers retired at the end of semester 1, Ms. Patel and Ms. Stecher. They both dedicated most of their careers to support the learning needs and the well-being of Markville students. Their unselfish commitment is valued and respected!
- At this time of the year, it is not unusual for staff members to seek other opportunities within our Board or in other organizations. Erin Keyzers, the Assistant Head of Science, has accepted a central position supporting the Specialist High Skills Majors program regionally. Markville will miss Ms. Keyzers and her dedication to both

students and staff, but know that she will be able to offer her expertise and skills to students across the board.

- The 2021-2022 school year has seen a number of long term occasional staff members who supported our students, our community and each other. At this time, they will be offering their knowledge, skills and care across the system. We say goodbye and thank you to Ms. Babirad, Mr. Barovier, Ms. Drenoski, Ms. Gowrikumaran, Ms. Kaynak, Ms. Newman, and Ms. Paul. Their support has been critical to the success of our students, whether in or out of the classroom, and we are so thankful for that! All the best to them!
- The 2022-2023 school year may still seem far away, but we will see the return of some of our staff members who were on a leave of absence during the current school year. We welcome back Ms. Caston, Ms. Marine Li, Mr. Patten, Mr. Parks, Ms. Sirju, Ms. Wager, and Mr. Whiler.
- Markville will be also welcoming a number of new, or new to Markville, staff members. Ms. Ng will be leading the Student Services Department, Mr. Lee will be acting as Assistant Head of Science, Ms. Ting Li will be joining the Science Department, and Ms. Christina Babirad will be joining the Visual Arts Department. The administration team is still engaged in hiring staff for the upcoming school year, so please stay tuned as they are introduced.

Some of you may have already learned about a change in the administration team for the upcoming school year and beyond. After many many years in education, the last eight of which I spent at Markville, I have decided that it is time to start a new adventure in my life, and will be retiring as of July 1st. I have had the privilege and the honour to serve the Markville community, the students, their families and the staff members. We have had so many successes and some challenges, but I am thankful for your continued support and commitment. I know that Markville is left in very capable hands and I am looking forward to hearing all about its future accomplishments. Thank you, dear families!

It is with great pleasure and honour to introduce and welcome the new Principal of Markville Secondary School, Mr. Anthony Hu. Mr. Hu has been with the YRDSB for the last 15 years, and has lengthy experience in both the elementary and secondary panels. His belief in diversity, equity and inclusion will be pivotal to his leadership. Markville is looking forward to working with him.

Finally, dear families, I wish you all a restful and safe summer. Find time to enjoy your loved ones and take care of yourselves. Once again, my most sincere appreciation to you all!

Sincerely and best wishes,

Patricia Obadia  
Principal

## Library Spotlight

Greetings from the Markville Library Learning Commons!

Markville's students have been busy all year reading books and interacting with our Library Learning Commons space which was so great to see. We missed this so much over the last couple of years; it is nice to have our space come alive again. With that said, Markville's Library staff would like to encourage students to continue their reading efforts into the summer months.

This year, we are piloting a summer reading program with over 85 select books signed out to students to read over July and August to be returned to us in September. If your child did not sign out any of our physical books there is a great free app (Sponsored by YRDSB) called Sora by Overdrive.

The Sora app allows students to log in using their student number and have access to hundreds of eBooks and audiobooks suited to their age. The book titles range from Manga books to Young Adult to best sellers.

How to access Sora as a student:

1. Open Sora ([soraapp.com](http://soraapp.com)) or download the Sora App
2. Select York Region District School Board as your school
3. Select Student from the dropdown menu
4. Enter 0+your student number (example: 0123456789)
5. Start your reading adventure!

We hope you enjoy a safe and relaxing summer.

From Markville's Library Staff

## Markville Gazette Spotlight

Fresh off the Press: Markville Gazette Summer Publication

The Gazette team has worked hard on bringing to light important stories from a variety of topics that impact our Markville community and the world. Our editor-in-chief, Andy Wei and talented team of writers, editors, photographers, PR, and layout contributors have developed another compelling publication that covers a variety of topics that cover school and community, arts and culture, sports, and world news. We hope that you enjoy reading the summer publication!

If you are interested in keeping up with the Gazette, please follow us on Instagram @markvillegazette. In September, we are looking forward to growing our team, so keep an eye out for our first meeting of the 2022/2023 school year where we are recruiting future writers, editors, photographers, layout, public relations, and editors-in-chief.

Many thanks, Ms. Babiolakis & Ms. Millington

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## EcoClub Spotlight



Markville is proud to announce that it has maintained its Platinum Status for its EcoSchools Certification this year! Many thanks to the EcoClub students for the numerous campaigns they organized this year which increased awareness in the school community about environmental issues. Thanks also goes out to the staff and students at Markville for their support of environmental initiatives.

# School Notices

## Summer Office Hours

Monday to Thursday 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Fridays office is closed.

## Upcoming Dates

July 1	Canada Day
Aug. 29	First Day of School (Grade 9s only) and all students in Community Classes
Aug. 30	Grades 10-12 begin classes
Sept. 1	Safe Schools Presentations (Gr 9/10)
Sept. 1	Grade 9 Parent Info Night (7:00-8:30)
Sept. 2	Safe School Presentations (Gr. 11/12)
Sept. 2	Photo Day - All Grades (schedule to follow)

## **Important Information for students graduating wishing to download files from their YRDSB Google Account.**

Visit [Google Takeout](#) and login with your YRDSB Google Account.

1. Select the Google Apps and Services you want to export your data and documents from, and select the option to receive the file as a download via email (*depending on the size of your Google account, this could take several hours*). Use the .zip file option.
2. Once the Google Takeout email arrives, use the links to download your archived data and documents to the personal computer, USB/external drive and/or the personal Google Drive that you wish.
3. You can "unzip" the archives and then upload the data and documents to a new personal Google Account or use the files and documents in Microsoft Office or other applications.

Need More Help? Google has great resources for questions, answers, and more information about Google Takeout, [visit this frequently asked questions page](#). You can also contact Service Desk for ongoing technical support.

**Please note: Student access to their Google Workspace for Education account will cease at different times during the year, we cannot guarantee that a student account will remain active for any time after they are deactivated in Trillium. Please ensure that this is part of the student retirement plan, and that students move their files and documents as soon as possible before they leave the board.**

## Social Media of the Week



# YRDSB Communications

## YRDSB Student and Family Surveys - Now Available

The 2021-22 YRDSB Student and Family Surveys are now available online until June 30, 2022.

These surveys will provide the Board and our schools with valuable information about the experiences of students and families. Results will be used to guide Board and school planning to support student achievement and well-being.

Students and families have received a link to their respective surveys by email. If you do not want your child(ren) to participate in this survey, but missed the deadline on May 26, 2022 to opt your child(ren) out of receiving the link to the surveys, please advise your child(ren) to not participate. Families who do not want to participate in the Family Survey may disregard the email invitation.

The Family Survey is available online in:

- Arabic
- Chinese (simplified)
- Chinese (traditional)
- Farsi
- English
- Gujarati
- Hebrew
- Korean
- Punjabi
- Russian
- Tamil
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

As our first partners in education, we value input from families and encourage parents/guardians to complete the survey. The information provided will be anonymous and kept in strict accordance with all relevant legislation. Survey results will remain confidential and will be collated along with the responses of all students and all families in the form of a summary report (i.e., individual responses will not be reported, only grouped data will be reported).

Please contact Research Services at [research.services@yrdsb.ca](mailto:research.services@yrdsb.ca) if you have any questions or visit the [Board website](#) to learn more.

Community Events

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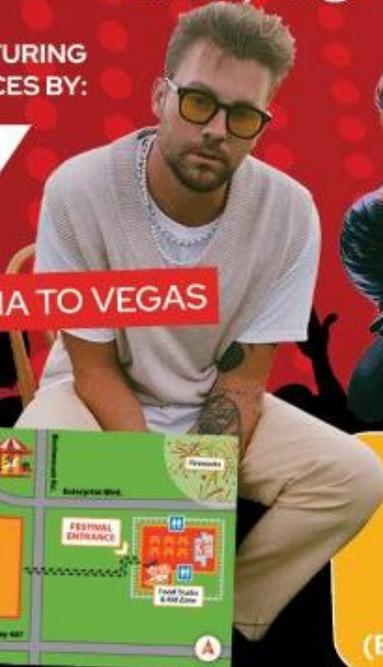
Celebrate Canada Day on July 1

Presented by Tim Hortons.

FEATURING PERFORMANCES BY:



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FREE EVENT Friday, July 1 3:00pm to 10:30pm Downtown Markham (Birchmount Road/Enterprise Blvd)

For more information, visit markham.ca/canadaday

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