Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin

InspireLearning! Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin





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Library Spotlight

This past school year, things have looked different at the Markville Library Learning Commons. In January the library saw the retirement of Teacher Librarian, Mrs. Cape who will surely be missed. Ms. Wilson will be the new Head of Library next year and has years of experience working with students in Markville's Library Learning Commons as a TL. Ms. Haak was new to us this year and will continue her role as Library Technician. She is knowledgeable and excited to help students find the resources they need. We are also excited to welcome Ms. Gupta to the team of Teacher Librarians at Markville in September!

Markville's Library Learning Commons is a place where students can learn, feel supported and have access to many resources to help them with their projects including our green screen studio, podcasting and recording studio, research instruction and resources, books and more. The Library team is looking forward to seeing our students in person and using our space again in the Fall.

This past year the library has been an open space for students to come to Study Hall. Throughout the year we have purchased new books including fiction, non-fiction, ebooks and audio books for students to enjoy upon their return to in-person learning.

We also have some new and exciting ebook titles available exclusively to Markville students through Sora by Overdrive which they can enjoy over the summer and next school year. A couple of popular titles include (but are not limited to): Lore by Alexandra Bracken, Midnight Sun (The Twilight Saga #5) by Stephenie Meyer, Punching the Air by Ibi Zoboi and Ready Player Two by Ernest Cline (sequel). Access them on Sora by Overdrive today!

Sora Reading App By OverDrive

Try logging in both with YRDSB credentials & Markham Public Library info for an even wider variety of books.



Transition Activity Council

ELL and Newcomer Virtual Hangout – Wednesday, June 16 at 3pm



TAC is hosting the last ELL and Newcomer Virtual Hangout of the school year on **Wednesday**, June 16 from 3:00-4:00 pm.

This hangout will focus on summer activities and tips to stay healthy and busy over the break!

All ELL (current or former) and newcomer students to Markville are welcome. <u>Open to both SVS and</u> <u>Adaptive</u> Markville students!

Join us on **Wednesday, June 16** at **3pm** here: [bit.ly/ELLVirtualHangout] bit.ly/ELLVirtualHangout

Community Events



Inclusive School and Community Services is hosting A Guardian/Parent Engagement Event

Engaging in Conversations With Our Children about Anti-Asian Racism

This session provides an opportunity for families to learn more about Anti Asian racism and includes dialogues and strategies for guardians/parents to advocate for and support their children.

Guest Speakers



Gen-Ling Chang

Gen-Ling Chang is the former Associate Director of TDSB. Currently, she is the Deputy Executive Director with ALPHA Education and Chair of School and Community with Asian Canadian Educators Network.



Sandy Yep

Sandy Yep currently works at the Ministry of Education in Ontario, and is Vice President of the Asian Canadian Educators Network.Having worked on social justice, equity and anti-racism his whole life, he brings compassion, teaching and seeks to engage others in conversations on race, diversity, and inclusion.



Philip Qian

Philip Qian works at the Toronto District School Board. He is a first generation immigrant, a learner, and a father of a seven-year-old boy.

Please note:

This virtual event is intended for guardians/parents. Children and youth may also attend with their families for strategies to continue to engage in conversations about race at home. The event will be facilitated on Zoom in English with the option for a separate audio channel for Mandarin





Sandy Yep 葉勁立先生

葉勁立先生是教育工作者,政策分析師及社區領袖。 他目前在安大略 省教育部 工作,並任加拿大亞裔教育工作者網絡的副總裁。葉先生熱 愛他的工作和社區。



Philip Qian 錢罡先生

錢罡先生任職於多倫多教

育局, 他是第一代移民, 學習者,也是七歲孩童的 父 親。

此講座針對監護人/家長

孩子和青少年也可以參加,從而幫助家庭 更好的交流

此講座在Zoom上以英文的形式進行,

同時配有普通話講解的語音頻道

日期:2021年6月17日

時間:晚上7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

<u>點這裡報名 / bit.ly/3vK4FK5</u>

報名截止日期2021年6月16日





WORLD OF MY BABY

IT'S OKAY TO NOT BE OKAY

PARENTS ARE STRUGGLING.

Parenting in this age of pandemic quarantining and fluctuating school structures is complicated and demanding. Factors such as isolation, caregiver overload, juggling responsibilities and managing expectations, as well as societal pressures are all common challenges that are currently having a profound impact on the physical and mental health of parents in our community.

Challenges will arise in life, often unexpectedly, but it is possible to parent confidently through it!

Join us for a **FREE** solutions focused workshop to validate your challenges and experiences, support your ability to build capacity and resilience, cope with these real stressors and receive practicable strategies to support your physical and mental health to facilitate sustainable wellbeing for yourself and your family.

Presented by: Dilini Mohan, Occupational Therapist and Robyn Sirkin, Occupational Therapy Student

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2021 7 PM - 8:30 PM

JOIN US ONLINE VIA ZOOM REGISTER FOR FREE AT: bit.ly/WOMBevent

For more information contact us at: info@thewombvaughan.ca or (289) 514-WOMB (9662)

Learn more about us at www.thewombvaughan.ca

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Reflecting on Racism & Discrimination



a monthly lecture series

7:00 pm

Session 5

Tuesday, June 22

Presented by Dr. Carl James The Educational and Social Costs of Life in the Suburbs for Black Youth

Professor, Jean Augustine Chair in Education, Community & Diaspora, York University

Register on Eventbrite

www.vaughanpl.info 905.653.READ (7323)

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Peer Tutoring



Hey Markville!

Do you need extra help? Are you looking for a tutor? If so, don't wait or hesitate! Submit an application for a 1-on-1 Peer Tutor. Sessions start the week of February 22.

What? 1-on1 Peer Tutoring!

Who? Adaptive and SVS Markville students! ***Note**: Peer Tutoring prioritizes support for Gr 9-12 compulsory courses. If you are looking for extra help in a senior elective, please

first connect with your teachers.

When? Lunch 11:20-12:10 (Tuesdays and Thursdays) or After School 3:00-3:50 (Wednesdays and Fridays). Tutees and Tutors will meet weekly and attendance will be taken.

Where? Virtually! Zoom invitations will be sent once a match has been confirmed. Students must be logged into YRDSB accounts.

How? Submit an application at <u>bit.ly/msstutoringsignup2021</u> and check your GAPPS email for a match confirmation!

Hey Markville! June is Pride Month!

Do you know what 2SLGBTQIA+ stands for?

Two spirited Gay Trans Intersex Lesbian Bisexual Queer Asexual



Today's music suggestion: *I'm Coming Out* by Diana Ross



