

# Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin



## Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin

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**June 9th, 2023**

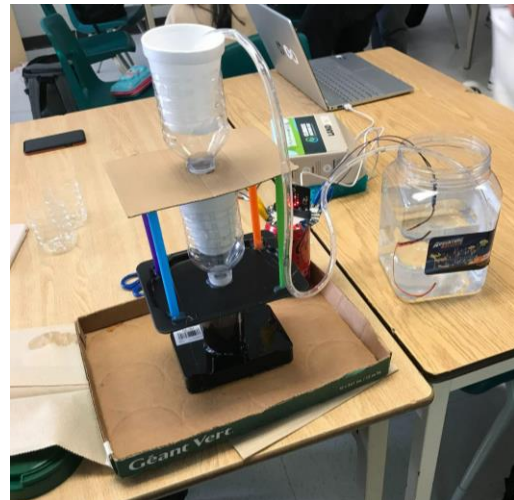
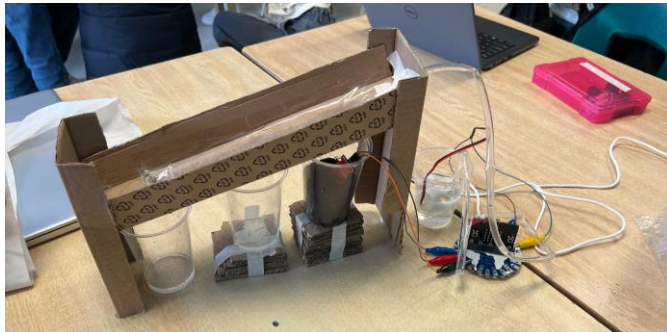
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## Science Spotlight

**June 2023**

Students in Science continued to learn through meaningful projects and out-of-classroom experiences this semester!

In Grade 9, students took on the challenge of designing and coding an automatic vertical farming system to learn about sustainable ways to grow food. They created their systems using recycled items, craft materials, and hardware from Climate Action Kits. After building and testing the first prototypes of their systems, students identified ways to improve on their designs. While students encountered hardships in the engineering design process, there were also many moments to celebrate victories!



Students also had the opportunity to demonstrate their learning through contests administered by the University of Waterloo and the Ontario Association of Physics Teachers (OAPT). Many students were recognized for their achievements. For the Sir Isaac Newton (SIN) contest, James Pu placed in the top 100 in Canada and the top 200 globally. Aaron Yu scored in the top 175 in Canada in the Chem 13 News exam. For the Avogadro contest, Alexander Zhao, Gordon Zeng, Aayush Mengane, Kevin Lin, Jacky Li, and Andrew Law placed in the top 250 in North America. Vinny Gu also placed in the top 250 and was first in Markville with a score of 97.3%!



The grade 11 physics students participated in an electricity breakout in the library. Students had to solve circuit problems using Ohm's Law and Kirchoff's Laws within a certain amount of time.



The students in the grade 10 gifted class listened to a presentation given from Professor Pricklethorn. He talked about trees, their importance and how to take care of them. His presentation was a prize given to our Envirothon team that placed first in the regional competition.

EcoClub students set up a booth in the atrium to increase awareness about climate change concerns. At the booth students painted little planting pots and made envelopes for wildflower seeds.



Students in the grade 11 biology classes visited the Ontario Science Centre. They attended a presentation about anatomy and physiology. They were all amazed at the sheep heart that the presenters held up when they went into detail about blood flow!



## Dragon Boat Regatta Spotlight

On June 4th, Markville's Dragon Boat Teams competed against fierce competition in the Pickering Dragon Boat Festival. This regatta featured high schools from all over the YRDSB. The team trained diligently for this event and their superb efforts were rewarded; Markville's Boat 1 qualified for the Championship Youth Finals. This race required not only synchrony, but power, endurance, and determination. Their performance in the 500 meter race placed them ahead of many other teams, awarding them with an epic bronze finish!



Boats 2 and 3 placed 6th and 5th respectively in the competition. The teamwork, commitment, and dedication this year has truly been phenomenal! The coaches and teachers thank all the paddlers for a great Dragonboat season!



## National Indigenous Spotlight



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**NATIONAL INDIGENOUS  
HISTORY MONTH**  
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In June, we commemorate National Indigenous History Month. It is a time for all Canadians to reflect together on the unique histories, sacrifices, cultures, contributions, and strengths of our First Nations, Inuit, and Metis Peoples – because only by understanding our past can we hope to create a brighter future. National Indigenous History Month invites Indigenous Peoples to celebrate their history in the spirit of pride and preservation. For non-Indigenous Canadians, it is an opportunity to learn and show recognition of the role Indigenous Peoples have played and continue to play in shaping Canada.

[Did you know that there are over 70 Indigenous languages spoken across Canada according to the 2016 Census.](#) These languages are divided into the following families:

- Algonquian languages
- Athabaskan languages
- Salish languages
- Siouan languages
- Iroquoian languages
- Tsimshian languages
- Wakashan languages
- Others: Michif, Haida, Tlingit and Kutenai

To Learn more please explore the following resources:

[National Indigenous History Month](#)

## Message from Guidance

### SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer School courses will fill up very quickly moving forward. *For students who think they may not pass a course and will need the full course in the summer (Acceleration) vs retaking the course with us next year, it is wise to sign up immediately.* [Credit Recovery and Credit Upgrade](#) will likely be open a little longer than Acceleration courses. If you are a student who is just now thinking you would like to take an Acceleration course that is in currently slotted for your timetable next year, we strongly advise against it, as we may not be able to provide you with an alternate course.

#### **TO REGISTER for Summer School**

\***Students must sign up for summer school through myBlueprint** (Continuing Ed tab in your high school pathway planner).

\***Students MUST fill in the Google Form below** to ensure that Guidance has all information, as well as Guardian permission. Confirmation of permission via this form replaces submitting a sign-off sheet.

#### **Google form to be completed in addition to myBlueprint:**

<https://forms.gle/7bpU9yqB7kptjdf8?authuser=0>

### Mental Health Information for Families

#### Parenting Strategies for a Successful Summer Break

- June 13, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

This free parent presentation is brought to you in a collaborative partnership with York Region District School Board and York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families.

School Mental Health Ontario has developed Educator, Student and Parent/Caregiver lessons and resources geared to supporting test and exam stress. Check it out [here](#).



MSS Mental  
Health Resource

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

students.<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

### Grade 9 EQAO

Grade 9 students who are currently taking Grade 9 Math (MTH1W) will be writing the EQAO assessment of mathematics on June 14 and 15, 2023. The online test will be administered over two days. Earlier this week more information was emailed directly to the families of students who are writing. Classroom teachers will support students in preparing and students/families can also access the [sample test using this link](#).

### Spring OSSLT Results:

Hello Families, please note that we've just received the results from the Spring session of the OSSLT. We will be communicating those results with students and families as quickly as possible. We appreciate your patience as we work to complete this task.



Dear Families and Community Members,

The Board is committed to fostering well-being by building safe, healthy, and inclusive learning environments where students, families, and staff feel they matter and belong. In keeping with this commitment, Markville Secondary School is in the process of creating a multi-faith prayer space for use by students, staff, and visitors to the school.

In lieu of a virtual meeting and in order to more efficiently gather consultation from families and the community, you are invited to complete a form by clicking [HERE](#) or the icon above with any considerations to be aware of when establishing this multi-faith prayer space in our school.

Thank you in advance for your time and input.

## Upcoming Dates

June 12	Athletic Banquet
June 13	Locker Cleanout
June 14-16	EQAO Grade 9 Math
June 15	Last Day for Grade 12 Classes/Courses
June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 26	Graduation Ceremony

markville's  
**PEER TUTORING**

for 1-on-1 tutoring

sem 2!!

QR code for 1-on-1

drop-in also offered!  
\*no sign-up required

request a tutor:  
[bit.ly/msspeertutoring2023](https://bit.ly/msspeertutoring2023)

room 305  
mon & thur: p3/p4  
tue & wed: p3



# YRDSB Communications

## Anti-Racism for Families 101 with Dr. Vidya Shah



**Thursday June 15, 2023**  
**6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**  
**Dr. Bette Stephenson**  
**Centre for Learning**

Do you ever wonder how you might support racial justice in your home, school, and community?

In this workshop, Dr. Vidya Shah will share tips and strategies for having conversations about race with children and youth and explain how parents/caregivers can support racial justice in schools.

### To Register



All participants in this FREE in-person workshop must RSVP using the link below.

[\*\*Register here\*\*](#)

Presented by Inclusive School and Community Services



[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Ze2tZeutzE7H0xLRCc\\_AfkMUFgf0Us6R-CvgnpBeE6Y/viewform?ts=6480d5ea&edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Ze2tZeutzE7H0xLRCc_AfkMUFgf0Us6R-CvgnpBeE6Y/viewform?ts=6480d5ea&edit_requested=true)

## Community Events

Parents & Caregivers of our school community are welcome to join us for our Oscar Peterson P.S. School Council Event:

### How to Support our Children & Youth to develop critical Social, Emotional & Learning Skills!

-Presented by Christina Furtado, MACP, RP (Qualifying)  
Mental Health and Wellness Specialist

*"You can expect to feel challenged, empowered, and hopeful."*

When: Monday, June 12 at 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Where: Oscar Peterson Public School, 850 Hoover Park Drive,  
Stouffville in the Gym\*

\*Child-minding available, Please indicate requirement when registering.

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/OPspeaker>  
or use the QR Code.



**Wellness & Learning**  
Initiatives

Schools become a meeting place for cultures, containing children and adults who bring with them multiple facets of their identity, along with unique experiences and perspectives.

NYSED Culturally Responsive-Sustaining  
Education Framework

Dear Markville Community Members,

This year, Oscar Peterson's School Council PRO (Parents Reaching Out) Grant topic is related to *Supporting our Children & Youth in developing the critical Social, Emotional, and Learning (SEL) skills* needed to contribute to a positive quality of life and functioning well at home, in school and in the community.

We're excited to have Christina Furtado, MACP, RP (Qualifying), Mental Health and

Wellness Specialist join us on Monday, June 12 at 7:00pm at Oscar Peterson Public School, in Stouffville. We think this seminar will be of great benefit to all parents, guardians and those who interact with children and youth.

We would like to extend an invitation to YOU and your school community on Monday, June 12 at 7:00pm. Please take a look at the attached flyer for more information, as we do request pre-registration, simply to have an idea of how many people will be joining us.

The link for you to register is on the flyer and linked here:

<https://tinyurl.com/OPspeaker> for ease.

*\*\*Childcare is provided as long as you pre-register with your child's information.*

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,  
Oscar Peterson School Council