

Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin



Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin

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Student Services Spotlight

Markville's Student Services Department had many exciting activities this school year.

Numerous students from the grade 9 gifted cohort participated in a public speaking program in the fall to build their communication and leadership skills. This program consisted of six sessions of approximately 60 minutes in length. Topics included voice, pauses, eye contact, breathing and rate of speech. The program ended off with some fun debating and group story telling.



Also in the fall, students from the Intensive Community Class planted tulip bulbs and garlic in the gardens outside the Community Education Centre (East) beside Markville. This activity supports healthy active living, self-regulation, caring for the land and provides further opportunities to learn about the connection between different planting calendars and food and cultures.



Students from the Grade 9 Learning Strategies classes made calming objects such as sensory jars and fidget keychains. These objects serve as visual and physical tools that help students calm down during times they feel anxious or overwhelmed. Students made these objects as they were preparing for their first final exam experience in semester 1.



Markville's DD Community Class had a great day playing hockey at and competing with other schools from the region at the Special Needs Athletics Program (SNAP). The event was hosted this year at Bill Hogarth Secondary School. It was great to finally reconnect with all our friends after such a long time. The students and staff had a lot of fun and scored lots of goals!



Greek Heritage Month Spotlight

Happy MARCH Markville Families! The York Region District School Board celebrates heritage months recognized by the government of Ontario to celebrate our diversity and commemorate our history.

YEIA SOU (yee - ah soo)! Hello Markville Families!

March is Hellenic Heritage Month also known as Greek Heritage Month in Ontario. More than 270,000 people of Hellenic descent live in Canada today and over half of them live here in Ontario. Canadians of Hellenic descent have contributed to every

field of life in Ontario, have enriched our culture and have strengthened our economy. Hellenes, also known as Greeks, began to arrive in Canada in the early nineteenth century, with the vast majority coming after 1950. They have made significant contributions across many fields.

The history and heritage of Greece, historically known as Hellas, extends back thousands of years, with Greek cities being the first to govern themselves as democracies, a legacy that extends through history to Canada today. The heritage of philosophy and learning of Ancient Greece underpins the societies of the nations of the West as well as the Islamic world and others.

This weekend, Greek people around the world and here in the GTA will be celebrating **Greek Independence Day** which celebrates the anniversary of the declaration of the start of the Greek War of Independence from the Ottoman Empire On March 25, 1821. This is when Greece revolted against the Ottoman Empire, of which it had been part of for nearly 4 centuries. The war lasted until 1829 and required the assistance of Russia, Britain and France. This celebration of Greece's sovereignty, pride and culture is traditionally recognized all over the world including right here in Markham complete with flag raising, singing, traditional dancing, & delicious Greek food.

Did you know?

The Taste of the Danforth, currently Canada's largest street festival, is a beloved Toronto summer tradition and the most successful annual street festival attracting up to 1.6 million people for a weekend of food, fun and music. It began in 1993 and will be back this summer after pausing due to the pandemic. OPA!!



Greek Heritage Month



Georgia - Gr 6 - Terraview-Willowfield PS

"Joy, Engagement, Belonging"
"Ευτυχία, Ενθάρρυνση, Ενότητα"

March 2023

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/News/Article-Details/ArtMID/474/ArticleID/1773/Greek-Heritage-Month-at-the-Toronto-District-School-Board>

School Notices

Dear Families,

The proposed YRDSB 2023-2024 school year calendars have been sent to the Ministry for review and approval. These calendars may be accessed on the YRDSB website at: <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/school-year-calendar>

Please note: Calendars are not official until they receive formal Ministry approval which is expected in late May 2023.

Upcoming Dates

March 28	Student Council Meeting in Library (7:00 - 8:30 PM)
March 29	Parent Teacher Interviews (6:00 - 8:00 pm)
April 19	YRPH immunization clinic for Markville SS

SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS

Did your child miss the recent student immunization clinic at school?

An immunization clinic for Hepatitis B, HPV9 & Meningococcal vaccines were offered to students at your child's school this week by York Region Public Health. If your child missed the opportunity in school, it is not too late.

There are still opportunities to be immunized.

- **In Spring 2023, a second visit to your child's school is planned. To ensure your child is able to receive vaccines at that time, please [CLICK HERE TO ACCESS E-CONSENT LINK](#) to complete an immunization consent form in advance. *A second consent form for the Spring 2023 visit is not required if your child did receive immunizations at school.***
- **Make an appointment at york.ca/immunization for your child to receive the vaccines at a York Region Public Health student catch-up immunization clinic. *Please note that clinic appointments are released 30 days in advance.***

For more information about the school immunization clinics or eligibility for vaccines please call **York Region Public Health** at 1-877-464-9675 or visit [**york.ca/immunization**](http://york.ca/immunization)

1-877-464-9675
TTY 1-866-512-6228
york.ca/immunization



markville's
PEER TUTORING

sem 2!!

for 1-on-1 tutoring

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

request a tutor:
bit.ly/msspeertutoring2023

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

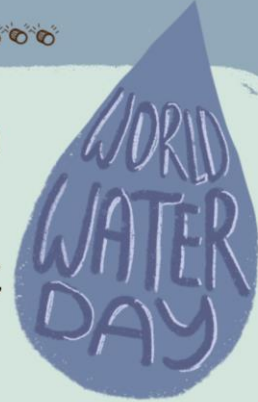
QR code for 1-on-1

The poster is decorated with colorful stars, circles, and a background pattern of the words "SIGN UP" and "DROP-IN". It also features a pencil and a paperclip illustration.

Social Media of the Week

ECO club's CAT presents...

World Water Day happens annually on March 22, meant to celebrate water and raise awareness of the 2 billion people who don't have safe access to drinking water.



This year, to participate in World Water Day, Markville's Eco club will be hosting the Great Gulp, an event where the school will collectively take a gulp of water from a reusable bottle, glass, or mug. This promotes the importance of reducing single use plastics as well as that of the water we have accessible to us.

Participate in the Great Gulp on your own this year on March 22nd by using a reusable cup or bottle.

Community Events



The graphic features a red border containing several elements: a yellow box on the left with icons of a globe, a brain, a computer monitor, and a satellite; a large red rectangle in the center with the text 'Youth Leaders' in white; a yellow box on the right with the text 'Sector-Based Focus Groups'; the 'MARKHAM IS MORE' logo at the top right; and the 'MARKHAM' logo at the bottom right.

The City of Markham is developing its next 5-year Economic Development and Culture Strategy. The strategy will be a roadmap that will guide the work of City staff in developing and implementing business, arts, and cultural programs. To help shape that strategy, the City is looking for input from youth leaders in Markham!

We are inviting youth and students to a virtual workshop which will be focused on bringing together leaders from Markham's youth community to share their insights and ideas on how to build and grow the city's economy on a foundation of arts and culture and we were wondering if you can share this information with those in your class(es)

Date and Time: March 29, 2023 – 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Location: Online (Zoom)

Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/markham-is-more-youth-leaders-focus-group-tickets-569963976597>



M A R K H A M
MUSEUM

Standing in the Doorway - Upcoming Exhibit - Opening September 2023

縈繞中華文化: 華人社區歷史和生活展覽

York Region reflects the heritage, history, and identity of its residents, including its community of Chinese diaspora.

Working with community partners, the York Region District School Board, and students from the University of Toronto's Museum Studies program, Markham Museum will be creating a virtual and traveling exhibition that explores the history of Chinese immigration to York Region.

This exhibition will coincide with the 100th anniversary of the Chinese Exclusion Act(1923), a racist piece of Canadian legislation. Despite this history, many Chinese Canadians settled in York Region. They brought with them their rich culture, traditions and knowledge. This exhibit celebrates the Chinese-Canadian community, through the theme of home and belonging.

If you are interested in getting involved in the project, please contact us at researchfacility@markham.ca . We are currently looking for oral history interview [participants](#) and the loaning of artifacts/records for the in-person exhibition (opening September 2023 at Markham Museum). The online exhibit is launching May 2023 via the YRDSB website.

