Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin

InspireLearning! Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin





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Student Activity Council Event



Hi Mavericks! SAC is back with another fun event: The Zoomlympics! That's right, Olympics On Zoom! This is a spectacular opportunity for you to have fun with your peers and show off your skills! Your favourite Markville clubs will be running awesome events like an escape room and pitch competition! If you get nominated for first, second, or third place in our events, you have a chance to win prizes! This year's theme for the Zoomlympics will be Disney, and teams will be named based on your favourite Disney movies and characters! Zoomlympics will be taking place from May 25th to June **4th** with staggered activities and challenges being held every other day.

Be sure to follow us on

Instagram at @markvillesac for more exciting info! Register your team of 3-6 members using bit.ly/msszoomlympics before spots fill up!

Summer Learning Programs

2021 Summer Learning Programs Available

During the month of July, YRDSB continues to offer credit and non-credit summer school program opportunities for elementary, secondary and adult students.

Traditional in-class face-to-face summer programs will move to a remote learning delivery model.

Registration is now open for the following programs:

Elementary Credit and Non-Credit Programs:

- Elementary Summer School (Grades 6 8 non credit reinforcement)
- Grade 8 Reach Ahead

Secondary Credit Programs:

- Online-Learning
- Remote Learning

Adult Learning Programs:

- Adult Literacy and Basic Skills
- English as a Second Language
- Citizenship Classes

For more information about summer learning programs and registration please visit <u>www.yrdsb.ca</u> and follow us on Twitter @YRDSB.

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!

Tech Tip

eCards Are Here!



Sign up for a library card without leaving your home

Don't have a Markham Public Library card yet? Sign up for an eCard from the comfort of your home by completing the form below. Your new eCard will give you instant access to MPL's amazing digital collection of eBooks, eAudiobooks, digital magazines, movies, music and even online courses. With so much to explore, there's never a dull moment. If you would like to access MPL's physical collections, please contact us using the Live Chat. Our staff will set you up with full membership access.

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Community Events

EDUCATION INTERRUPTED: PARENT ENGAGEMENT FOR LIBERATION



This webinar series will engage parents & caregivers, scholars and community leaders in dialogue to imagine what a meaningful anti-racist model of parent/caregiver engagement could look like.

Join us and learn from Black and racialized parents, scholars and community leaders confronting racism within schooling.

Let us imagine the possibilities of a future where all families are welcome!

Connecting to Communities Webinar Series

Race, Power and Parent Engagement

May 31, 2021 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Navigating the Education System: Breaking Barriers to Parent Engagement

June 14, 2021 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Power of Possibilities: Solidarity & Imaginings

June 28, 2021 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

To Register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5iyO2udqQjykhTKEalk4xg

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Join us for Summer Camps! July and August

- Virtual camps provide fun, hands-on learning opportunities in a positive, safe environment.
- Low camper to counsellor ratio.
- All camps include a short break and "camp game".
- Many of our counsellors are current Faculty of Education students or graduates and are members of the Ontario College of Teachers.
- An Indigenous perspective is woven throughout the camp programs.



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Science & Environment Camps

A variety of hands on science camps spark curiosity and provide an opportunity to use traditional and digital scientific tools to explore the world of science and experimentation. **New for 2021**—an environmental focus encourages campers to explore the nature that surrounds them.

New! Engineering Camps

Campers learn about artificial intelligence, the basics of physics and all about the different engineering fields while they connect with like-minded peers and create new friendships.

STEAM Camps

Exploring the intersection of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math, campers will discover the world of STEAM through discovery and interaction.

Coding & Gaming Camps

Explore the world of coding and game design with five levels of skill building camps designed for new and emerging coders. Minecraft camps fill up fast—register early! **New for 2021**—fun coding challenges teach the basic concepts of Python programming language.

LEGO[®] Camps

Popular! LEGO[®] camps provide campers with the opportunity to design and build on their own and in small groups. Each weekly program features new themes and challenges.

Animation & Web Design

Campers explore interactive web design, digital storytelling, character creation, and filmmaking techniques. **Bonus!** Challenges are available for the eager campers who want to explore more on their own!

Counsellor in Training (CIT)

Expanded this year for teens who are interested in becoming junior counsellors at our summer camps. CITs will receive training on all camp programs and the opportunity to volunteer for several weeks. These hours can count towards high school volunteer hours. CITs must have finished Grade 9.

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Weekday virtual camps

2 hours per day

Morning and afternoon sessions.

Minimal parental/sibling support

Technical support.

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Reflecting on Racism & Discrimination







Alliance of Educators for Black Students (AEBS) Student & Family Event

When

Thursday, May 27, 2021 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm (EST)

Registration

Please register via <u>bit.ly/3eHpIMB</u> by May 25, 2021.

In a year that has punctuated the impact of anti-Black racism across systems, people of African descent around the world are choosing to resist through JOY. This is an event that supports Black-Identifying students and their families from YRDSB and the community. We are providing a Black-affirming space for dialogue and community building in a safe forum. We will have specific break-out sessions for adults and students. Having separate devices is recommended.

Special Guests Include:

Tracey Elleston Thomas (YRDSB Identity Specific Social Worker) Jay Martin (comedian) and Nadia Hohn(storyteller) YRDSB Student Panelists- Julius Adu, Renee Wint-White

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ADDRESSING ANTI-EAST ASIAN RACISM

A THREE-PART Virtual Learning Series

Hosted by **NEKS** (Network of Educators for Korean Students) and **SEAS** (Supporting East Asian Students) In collaboration with the **York Region District School Board**

Session 1: Exploring East Asian Canadian Identities & Experiences April 7th, 2021: <u>Recorded webinar</u> available

Keynote Speaker: Gen Ling Chang Former Associate Director of TDSB and Deputy Executive Director of ALPHA Education

Session 2: Disrupting Anti-East Asian Racism in Education

Wednesday, May 26th, 2021 (4:30 - 6:00pm)

Keynote Speakers: Writers of Addressing Anti-Asian Racism: A Resource for Educators

Session 3: Addressing Anti-East Asian Racism – Reflections & Practical Strategies in Schools

Tuesday, June, 15th, 2021 (4:30 - 6:00pm)

Facilitators: Members of NEKS & SEAS

YRDSB Registration | Public RegistrationDeadline to register for Session 2 is May 24, 2021



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