

## Weekly Newsletter Email

### Hello Meadowbrook families,

We would like to take this time to thank families for participating in our Action Against Hunger Week. We have quite a collection of food to donate to our food bank and we have collected a small amount to donate to Action Against Hunger. Thank you for your support.

We have had our student council election rally and have heard from all of our intermediate candidates. All those students who have taken the opportunity to run in this election should be incredibly proud of themselves. The speeches were delivered with such passion and confidence. You are all winners in our books. The results of the election will be shared next week.

Our Cross Country Team has finished up with six of our students participating at Regionals this week. It was cold but our team represented the school with great pride. Congratulations to Joel, Natalie, Kaleb, Kayla, Daniel, and Angelina. Thank you again to coaches, Mrs. Saunders, Ms. Aldridge and Mrs. Jodoin for your dedication to the team.

We are looking forward to our Play Leaders, Peer Mentors and Intermediate Volleyball teams as they start up. Good luck to our grade 6, 7 and 8 soccer intramural teams as well.

## ~~H~~ALLOWEEN

Each year, our students celebrate the long-standing tradition of Halloween. Students celebrating this occasion in costume at our school must comply with the Safe School's policy.

**Costume accessories including, but not limited to, toy guns, knives, axes, swords, etc. are not in compliance with York Region District School Board's Safe Schools Policy #668.0.**

Please note that this policy applies to all students at all levels, including Kindergarten. At Meadowbrook Public School, students are not to wear masks at school. Please leave all masks at home. We ask that careful consideration be given to costumes to ensure that they are respectful of all individuals and peoples.

**Finally, as we start to see Halloween treats in lunch bags, we remind all of our community that products containing nuts or nut products should not come to school. Please check labels carefully.**

### **STAY SAFE!** Halloween Safety Tips



**It's time to remind children about being safe in our community.**

It's a good time for parents to remind children about personal safety.

Here's what children need to know:

- Their name, age, telephone number, address, city and province. This can be done through rhyme or song.
- How to contact their parents at any time, by memorizing cell or work numbers.
- How and under what circumstances to call 911.
- To never approach or enter a stranger's vehicle. A responsible adult would never ask a child for directions or any other question for that matter.
- Make sure they know they have a right to say "no" to an adult, especially when the adult is asking them to do something they have been taught is wrong or feels uncomfortable. Reminding children of this right is important because children are taught from a young age to respect adults.
- To always tell parents where they will be and to never enter someone's home without their parent's permission.
- If home alone, never admit it when answering the phone. Never answer a knock at the door or speak through it. Adults can be very persuasive. Teach your child to call you if there is a knock at the door and if they fear for their safety, teach them to call 911. Make sure they know that police officers are there to help them and would not get mad if it were a false alarm.
- If they think they are being followed or are in danger they should run home or to a public place. If someone grabs them, they should try to get away, yelling and screaming while doing so.
- It is important to play in safe areas, never take shortcuts and stick with a buddy whenever possible.

It is never too early or too late to teach children the importance of personal safety. Common sense, communication and consistency are the keys. Remind children to alert a responsible adult if something strange happens that makes them feel uncomfortable. Remember, crime prevention is everyone's responsibility.

For more information on this subject, visit [York Region Police](#)

### **Cannabis Legalization**

Please take a moment to read the attached letter regarding the new Cannabis Legalization. [Cannabis Legalization.pdf](#)

### **Events for Parents**

[SC-PENWorkshop.pdf](#)

DIR-EE-Inclusive School and Community Services (Contact: [cathy.ng@yrdsb.ca](mailto:cathy.ng@yrdsb.ca))

Parent Engagement and Network Workshop is on Thursday, October 25 at Highgate Public School.

Online Registration.

Event Date: 10/25/2018

Panel: All

FYI: All Staff

[SC-Tamil-Parents-Guardians-Network-Information-Sessions.pdf](#)

DIR-EE-Inclusive School and Community Services (Contact: [lnitha.subramaniam@yrdsb.ca](mailto:lnitha.subramaniam@yrdsb.ca))

Tamil Parents and Guardians Network Information Sessions in Tamil and English at Milliken Mills High School.

Selected Sundays starting on October 28th.

Event Date: 10/28/2018

Panel: All

FYI: All Staff

[SC-YogaandWomensSupportGroup.pdf](#)

DIR-EE-Inclusive School and Community Services (Contact: [lnitha.subramaniam@yrdsb.ca](mailto:lnitha.subramaniam@yrdsb.ca))

Free Yoga and Women's Support Group in Tamil, Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi. Runs every Tuesday starting October 23rd.

Event Date: 10/23/2018

Panel: All

FYI: All Staff

### **Council's Corner**

Thank you to all the families that sent back DFS orders, Sub orders and Spirit wear orders!!

DFS orders will be in for the holidays and Spirit wear should be back in about **6 -8 weeks.**

### **Sub lunch starts November 2, 2018**

The money raised from these fundraisers will go directly to our new technology coming this fall, bussing for class trips and Scientist in the Classrooms.

Thank you for your support!

QSP is also coming out in a few weeks – please save your magazine renewals to support Meadowbrook.

We have had some new fundraising ideas that we are currently looking in to and hope to roll out.

Thank you for the ideas.

### **This Coming Week**

Monday October 22nd	Day 0	PA Day No School
Tuesday October 23 <sup>th</sup>	Day 3	Fire Drill, Recess Play Leaders
Wednesday October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Day 4	Recess Play Leaders, <b><u>Dress Purple Day</u></b>
Thursday October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Day 5	Twin Day
Friday October 26 <sup>th</sup>	Day 1	Glee Club at lunch recess

### **Upcoming Events**

- Oct. 30 – Peace Tree Conference
- Oct. 31 - Dance-a-thon
- Nov. 1 - Grade 7/8 Hep B/HPV
- Nov 5 - School Council Meeting 7-9 pm
- Nov 5 – 9 – Treaty Recognition Week
- Nov 7 - Sr. Girls Area Volleyball
- Nov 7 – Photo Retakes
- Nov 9 – Remembrance Assembly (families welcome)
- Nov 13 – Sr. Boys Area Volleyball
- Nov 14 – Grade 8 Visit to Huron Heights Secondary School
- Nov 14 – Grade 7's only Scanlon Creek Visit
- Nov 16 – School Bus Safety Program
- Nov 22 – Parent Interview Night
- Nov 23 – P.A. Day No School
- Nov 29 – Crazy Hair Day

Sincerely,

**Lorraine Doran | Principal, Meadowbrook Public School | York Region District School Board**

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As of October 17, 2018, it will be legal for individuals **19 and older** to buy, use, possess and grow recreational cannabis. It remains illegal for anyone under the age of 19. This is the same as the minimum age for the sale of tobacco and alcohol in Ontario.

**Regardless of age, cannabis is not allowed on school property or at school-related events at any time.**

It is illegal for **anyone** regardless of age to smoke or vape any substance, including cannabis:

- at school, on school grounds, and all public areas within 20m of these grounds
- on children's playgrounds and public areas within 20m of playgrounds
- in child care centres, or where an early years program is provided
- in places where home child care is provided – even if children aren't present

There will be consequences for students if they are believed to be in possession or under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs or cannabis. Suspension will be considered. There are exceptions if the medicinal use of cannabis is outlined in the student's Health Care Plan.

If a student gives alcohol or cannabis to anyone under the age of 19, the school will contact police, suspend the student and consider expulsion.

In YRDSB, we want families and students to be informed about the facts of cannabis legalization. To support this learning, you may find the following resources helpful . You can also request a hard copy through the school office.

[Cannabis: What Parents/Guardians and Caregivers Need to Know](#)

[Cannabis Talk Kit: Know How to Talk With Your Teen](#)

We will continue to provide students with information and support to make positive and healthy decisions.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school's administration.





## 華人家長互助及交流小組(PEN)

講座: 介紹約克區公立教育局強化課程及資優篩選過程

涵蓋的主題: 國際文憑大學預科課程, 高中先修性大學課程, 優秀運動員課程, 藝術課程, 資優篩選過程及資優課程, 法語沉浸課程 (此講座將由約克區教育局老師主講)

語言: 普通話及廣東話

日期及時間: 10月25日(星期四) 晚上6時至8時

地點: Highgate 小學 (35 Highgate Drive, Markham, ON L3R 3R5)

未來活動 (地點待定):

2018年11月8日(星期四)「如何閱讀學校成績單及中學畢業後的不同出路」

2018年12月6日(星期四)「英語學習及特殊教育課程和服務」

2019年3月21日(星期四)「暑期活動及義工機會」

2019年4月25日(星期四)「親子教育講座」

由于名額有限, 有意參加者請尽早報名: <https://goo.gl/j6Sx91>

電話報名: 王姑娘 (安居輔導員) 416-662-5416

電郵報名: 吳老師 [cathy.ng@yrdsb.ca](mailto:cathy.ng@yrdsb.ca)

## Parent Engagement and Network (PEN) for Chinese Families

Workshop: Intro to YRDSB Specialized Programs and Gifted Screening

Topics covered: IB (International Baccalaureate), Advanced Placement Programs, High Performance Athlete, Arts Program, Gifted Screening and Gifted Program, French Immersion (Speakers: YRDSB educators)

Language: Cantonese and Mandarin

**Date & Time: Thursday October 25th, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Location: Highgate Public School (35 Highgate Drive, Markham, ON L3R 3R5)**

Upcoming topics (location TBA):

November 8, 2018 (Thur): Growing Success and Post-secondary Pathways

December 6, 2018 (Thur): English Language Learning & Special Education Supports

March 21, 2019 (Thur): Summer programs and volunteer opportunities

April 25, 2019 (Thur): Parenting workshop

**Space is limited. Please RSVP using this link: <https://goo.gl/j6Sx91>**

**Phone registration: Jean Wang 416-662-5416**

Email registration: Cathy Ng [cathy.ng@yrdsb.ca](mailto:cathy.ng@yrdsb.ca)









## **Tamil Parents and Guardians Network**

### **Information Sessions**

### **In Tamil and English**

#### **When:**

Sunday, October 28

Sunday, November 4

Sunday, November 11

Sunday, November 25

Sunday, December 9

#### **Time:**

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

#### **Where:**

Milliken Mills High School, 7522 Kennedy Road, Markham ON L3R 9S5

**For registration and more information, please contact:**

Initha Subramaniam

Teacher Liaison

Inclusive School and Community Services

York Region District School Board:

905-884-2046, 228 or [Initha.subramaniam@yrdsb.ca](mailto:Initha.subramaniam@yrdsb.ca)





## **Free Yoga and Women's Support Group**

### ***In Tamil, Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi***

#### **What:**

Topics include: parenting, family stress, health and nutrition, employment, etc.

**Come and have fun for Free!**

#### **When:**

Every Tuesday starting October 23, 2018

#### **Time:**

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

#### **Where:**

Ellen Fairclough Public School, 33 Brando Avenue, Markham ON L3S 4K9

**For registration and more information, please contact:**

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**Free Child Care & Snacks!**



