

# MORAINE HILLS HIGHLIGHTS

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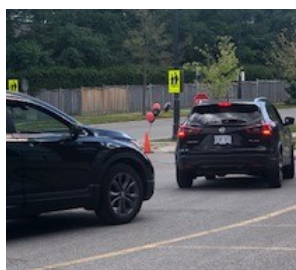
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## WE THE KIND

Remember to keep visiting our We The Kind website, it is constantly being updated with important information and helpful resources.  
 Click on the link.



On June 23rd,  
 our  
 Class of 2021  
 Enjoyed  
 a  
 Drive-Through  
 Graduation  
 Celebration



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## Indigenous Languages and International Languages Elementary and Credit Registration for Fall 2021 now open!

### Elementary School Programs (SK to Grade 8)

Students in Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8 can learn to read, write and speak a new language or maintain their heritage language. More than 21 different language courses are available. Registration for the 2021-2021 school year is now available online through Edsby. For locations, times and dates, please see the list of [Elementary Courses](#).

Please check our website for the most up to date information on registration and program delivery. Due to space limitations, registration will take place on a first come first served basis.

#### \*NEW elementary language added for the 2021-2022

##### Yoruba

Site	Location	Address	Program Start Date	Class Time
Middlefield C.I.	Markham	525 Highglen Ave.	Thursday	6:00 to 8:30 PM

### Secondary School Credit Programs (Grade 9 to 12)

The Credit International and Indigenous Languages program, offering 15 different languages, is available to students from Grades 9 to 12. Registration is now open for the upcoming 2021/2020 year, please see course offerings [secondary course offerings](#). Online registration closes on September 13, 2021. Please visit our website for more information about our courses, program delivery and registration information.

Did you know there are many benefits to taking credit language courses?

Students can take one International Languages Course as a Group 1- Compulsory or as an Elective Credit towards their Ontario Secondary Diploma. Students can also earn up to three credits towards graduation. If students successfully complete the Level D - University course, it can be used as one of their top six (6) marks for post-secondary entry.

For more Information please do not hesitate to e-mail us if you have any questions at [international.languages@yrdsb.ca](mailto:international.languages@yrdsb.ca)

Thank you for your interest in our programs.

## Message from our Director

Dear Families,

As the 2020-2021 school year draws to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to provide you with an update on end of year activities and some information regarding the 2021-2022 school year.

We know that students and staff members have worked extremely hard over the past school year and have continuously adjusted to the changing requirements presented by the COVID-19 global pandemic. On behalf of everyone at the York Region District School Board, we thank you for your ongoing support and efforts to mitigate and reduce the transmission of COVID-19 in our schools and communities.

Due to your efforts and an accelerated vaccination program, we remain cautiously optimistic to return to more in-person learning and experiences that enrich the educational journey of children and youth. York Region Public Health (YRPH) issued a [letter to families](#) that outlines rationale for this optimism, and we're grateful to them for their ongoing partnership.

### 2021-2022 Caring and Learning Plan - Selection of Learning Models

As previously announced, families will have the option to select in-person or virtual learning. To ensure families are making this decision with as much up-to-date information as possible, we anticipate that this process will take place **July 28 - August 16**. More information will be released at that time about how to make this selection.

The Caring and Learning Plan will focus on ensuring that the Board meets all protocols from public health authorities and focuses support on students' well-being, including mental health. We know children and families have faced many challenges throughout the pandemic and we'll work to provide as much care and education support as possible. As always, if you have any concerns for your child's well-being, please speak to the school directly.

### June 22 - School Preparation Day Elementary & Secondary

On June 22, all elementary and secondary students, including Community Class students who are currently attending in person, will be provided with asynchronous learning activities so that staff may prepare for the transition to in-person learning in September 2021. Students in community classes who are currently attending face-to-face will need to make alternate arrangements as schools will be closed to students and transportation will be cancelled. As mentioned previously, there is reason for optimism for returning to in-person learning in September and educators and school staff will be busy preparing classrooms and schools.

### June 28 - Last Day of school for Secondary Students

For secondary students June 28 is dedicated to credit conferencing and recovery, and lessons will not be delivered on this day (this is in addition to June 18, which is also a credit recovery day). Class attendance will not be taken.

### June 29 - Last Day of School for Elementary Students

Students will be dismissed early on June 29. This is considered a half day of learning. All Elementary students, including students in Community Classes who are currently attending in person, will participate in asynchronous learning activities the morning of June 29th as staff will be attending year end meetings.

### June 25, 28, 29 - Student Personal Materials Retrieval and Return Days

On these dates, schools will plan to have students return to the school to retrieve any personal belongings that may have been left behind before the closure of schools in April. At this time, students will also return school materials/technology that they may have borrowed. Your child's school will provide details and a schedule for you to participate as needed.

### 2021-2022 Secondary Model

Secondary schools are continuing to timetable for the 2021-2022 school year, keeping in mind requirements from the Ministry of Education and public health protocols. Beginning in September, pending confirmation from the Ministry of Education, we anticipate all secondary students to be attending school daily for the full school day. Our Board will continue to use the modified four course semester model (i.e., a rotation of two courses per day on a weekly basis). You will receive more information with schedules as timetables are finalized.

Please see this [video](#) regarding next school year's learning model. We wish you and your loved ones a very safe, happy and enjoyable summer. There is so much to look forward to in the coming months and we can't wait to welcome our students, staff and families back in person.

Sincerely,

Louise Sirisko, Director of Education

## Indigenous History Month—The Moccasin Trail

In celebration of Indigenous History Month, some of our Moraine Hills' Grade 8 students participated in the Moccasin Identifier Project. Students explored their own identities through shoes and then the moccasins were painted on the Saigeon Trails. "This project has been developed by Carolyn King in partnership with Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and The Greenbelt Foundation, to promote public awareness of significant cultural historic sites and the ancestral presence of First Nation, Metis and Indigenous communities". To find out, follow the link:

<https://moccasinidentifier.com/>



We wish a very fond farewell and best wishes to Ms. Bianchi, Mrs. Duni, Ms. Maizelis and Mr. Yuen who will not be returning to Moraine Hills in September. We also wish all the best to Mrs. Blanchard who is retiring from teaching. We wish all our departing staff well and thank each of them most sincerely for all their contributions to Moraine Hills. They will be missed.

We would also like to say farewell to our Moraine Hills families who will not be returning in September. We will miss you all.



Report cards will be available  
July 5th to 8th.

You will receive a link via email.  
Remember, the password is the  
birthday of the student.

Don't forget to print the report as  
the link will expire.

