

S.T.E.A.M. Night

STEAM night at Ramer Wood was, by all accounts, a great success. We had over 220 participants engaged in 10 workshops from stop motion to sewing along with a bit of social time and healthy snacking to round out the evening! A big thank you goes out to the planning committee and Committee Chair Bindu Balakrishnan and to Council Chair Sandra Aldcorn for their organization of the event. We also appreciate that our teachers organized the activities and supervised classrooms along with their student volunteers from Grade 7 and 8. What a team!



Grab 'n Go Breakfast/Snack Program

On Friday morning, I had the pleasure of taking 3 of our student volunteers from the Grab 'n Go breakfast/snack program to a celebratory breakfast in their honour. These 3 students have come in every morning this school year to pack and distribute the bins of food around the school before the hungry students arrive. Claire Patterson, Victoria Siwek and Natalie Storer enjoyed breakfast with the Mayor and school board representatives in appreciation of their work. Congratulations ladies!



Safe Arrival

This is just a reminder to all parents to please call our Safe Arrival Line when your child will be absent from school. Our Safe Arrival Lines are open 24 hours, you can call at anytime. A call would be appreciated on the day of the absence before our school day starts. This is to ensure the safety and attendance of your child.

Requests for Class Placements – 2018 – 2019 School Year

This is a reminder that we are preparing to come together as a staff to carefully consider class placements for the 2018-2019 school year. The staff at Ramer Wood care deeply about student needs. Years of meeting the learning needs of children give our teachers the unique qualifications to recommend student placement decisions. Rest assured that placing students and balancing classes will include the best opportunities for student achievement and well-being.

A balanced class reflects the diversity of our community and allows the variety of interests and talents of our learners to emerge and be appreciated. The family, the school and the community all provide opportunities for children to socialize. Each new school year brings opportunities to meet new friends and expand our circle of acquaintances.

The following are the criteria we use to guide our placements:

Balance of Ability, Interests and Talents - all children are unique and different. The teacher's task of providing meaningful learning programs is enhanced when classes are created with this balance in mind.

Learning Style - how does the learner go about the process of learning? What kind of environment would best suit the learner?

Social Blending - what is the best cluster of individuals to effectively and efficiently learn? This should not be viewed as a grouping of friends. At particular stages, some close friends learn best in separate classes.

Do we need to know something particular about your child that you feel we do not already know? Aside from requesting a particular teacher, or for your child to be with a specific friend, parent input is taken into consideration. **If you have information to share with us, please share it in writing by May 1, 2018.**

April 28 – Reconciliation Event

RECONCILIATION:
UNDERSTANDING OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

Please join me for a community discussion to learn about the history of Indigenous peoples in Canada and how you can participate in Reconciliation with First Nations, Métis & Inuit peoples.

Featuring Special Guest
Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler, *Nishnawbe Aski Nation*

Date and Time
Saturday, April 28, 2018 – 2:00-3:30pm

Location
Markham District High School, Cafeteria
89 Church St, Markham, ON L3P 2M3

Please RSVP by April 23
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International Languages Credit Course Program 2018-2019 Newsletter submission

Please see attached flyer.

Upcoming Events

April 26 – Grade 7 Immunization

May 21 – Victoria Day Holiday

May 29 – Ramer Wood Track Meet

May 23 to May 25, 2018 – Grade 3 & Grade 6 – EQAO

June 4 – PA Day (No School)

'Till Next Time

Ramer Wood Public School



DR. BETTE STEPHENSON CENTRE FOR LEARNING INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM- SECONDARY CREDIT PROGRAM 2018-2019

Why Study International Languages at High School?

Language is our connection with our community and the world. Through language we identify the world around us, express our concerns and hopes, and share our experiences and ideas.

So what are you waiting for Grade 8's?! Now is the time to take advantage of this opportunity and register for a Level 1 YRDSB International Language CREDIT course of your choice! We offer CREDIT courses in 14 languages at 4 high schools.

Learning another language...

- can enhance intellectual functioning
- strengthens first language skills and facilitates learning additional languages
- creates pride in one's own cultural background and better understanding of other cultures
- enhances career options (source: <http://www.ilea.ca> 03/11/15)

COURSE	Level 1 (Grade 9/10)	SCHOOL LOCATION			
		MIDDLEFIELD C.I.	RICHMOND HILL H.S.	THORNLEA S.S.	UNIONVILLE H.S.
ARABIC	LYA BD		Saturday		
CANTONESE	LKC BD	Saturday		Saturday	Tuesday
FARSI	LYF BD			Saturday	
GERMAN	LWG BD		Saturday		
GREEK	LBG BD		Saturday		
GUJARATI	LIG BD	Saturday			
JAPANESE	LKJ BD			Saturday	Tuesday
KOREAN	LKK BD		Saturday		
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED	LKB BD	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Tuesday
MANDARIN TRADITIONAL	LKM BD	Saturday		Saturday	
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED AP	Grade 12 Course Only	Saturday			
PUNJABI	LIP BD	Saturday			
RUSSIAN	LRR BD		Saturday		
SPANISH	LWS BD		Saturday		
TAMIL	LIT BD	Saturday			
URDU	LIU BD	Saturday			

SCHOOL LOCATION	ADDRESS	SUBMIT REGISTRATION FIRST CLASS
MIDDLEFIELD C.I.	525 Highglen Ave. <i>South of 14th Ave., East of McCowan Rd.</i>	September 15, 2018 8:45 am to 12:30 pm
RICHMOND HILL H.S.	201 Yorkland St. <i>East of Yonge, North of Elgin Mills Road</i>	September 15, 2018 8:45 am to 12:30 pm
THORNLEA S.S.	8075 Bayview Ave. <i>South of Highway #7</i>	September 15, 2018 8:45 am to 12:30 pm
UNIONVILLE H.S.	201 Town Centre Blvd. <i>Warden Ave. & Highway #7</i>	September 18 2018 5:45 pm to 9:30 pm

Register online via *Career Cruising* commencing May 1ST, 2018.

- See attached *Career Cruising Tip Sheet* for registration instructions
- Once you have registered, print a sign-off sheet and get your parents to sign for parental approval
- Students who have pre-registered will not need to register again in September
- Attend the first class according to the above schedule and bring your signed Career Cruising Sign-off Sheet
- Course schedules will be posted in the foyer of the International Languages school on the first day of class