



Thornlea SS

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May 15, 2018

THORNLEA ANNUAL WELLNESS FUN FAIR



THURSDAY MAY 24 11am-1pm



With lots of fun activities like

- Flag Tag**
- Drench your Teacher**
- Therapy Dogs**
- Water Balloons**
- Snacks**
- And More!**

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families and Community Members:

The nice weather is finally here and the ice and snow are gone. Here at Thornlea we had a very successful Prom for our graduating students. For the last two weeks our grade twelve students have been writing AP exams and we wish them the best of luck. If you have come by the school, you will have noticed the lovely banners commemorating Thornlea's 50th anniversary. The celebration takes place on Saturday June 2nd and runs from 1:00 p.m. To 10:00 in the evening. The school has been given a number of lovely photographs dating back to the schools opening, they are now on display in the main hallway. There will be decade rooms set up in the school, live music in the cafeteria, art displays and theatre 219 will have a video display of drama shows from the past twenty-five years. The evening will end with fireworks. All Thornlea students and alumni are welcome. Tickets can be purchased at the door on the day for \$35. We hope to see you here on June 2nd.

In the world of sport our Girl's Rugby team is undefeated so far this year. Congratulations to the players and Ms. Bendavid on a great start to the season. Our last School Council meeting for the year will take place in the library on May 22nd starting at 7:15 p.m. All are welcome.

Our grade twelve students are looking forward to graduation and checking their emails on a daily basis. We would like to acknowledge one student in particular. Congratulations to Sharon Kim who has been accepted into the prestigious fashion program at Parson's University in New York City. Parson's is regarded as one of the top three Universities in the world for Fashion. We would also like to acknowledge Reannah Ennis who was awarded a scholarship by the Alliance of Black Educators. Congratulations Reannah we are very proud of your accomplishment.

For those students returning to Thornlea in the fall the guidance department will be reviewing course changes and classes for the 2018/2019 school year. Many students will be called down in the weeks ahead to go over next year's classes. If you have any questions about your child's timetable, please contact Mr. Alkins in guidance.

Warmest regards,

Joe Foti
Principal

THURSDAY, June 14th
Beginning of PERIOD 4



MANDATORY LOCKER CLEAN OUT DAY

**ALL STUDENTS MUST REMOVE THEIR LOCKS
FROM THEIR LOCKERS
AND PLACE IN THE BIN PROVIDED.**

We will have garbage cans around the school
for any waste.

ALL TEXTBOOKS and personal belongings are to be re-
moved from lockers and students must

RETURN TEXTBOOKS

to subject teachers.

Anything left in lockers will be donated.



Attention:
All Graduates
attending the
Graduation
Ceremony

June 28th, 2018
Ceremony 7:00 p.m.



Thornlea's 50th Graduation Ceremony
Paradise Banquet & Convention Centre
7601 Jane Street
Concord, ON L4K 1X2

Graduates to arrive at 6:00 pm
In FULL GOWN and CAP

Light Refreshments to follow after
the ceremony

Information ASSEMBLY for all
GRADUATES ATTENDING
Is on JUNE 14 @10:45 a.m.
IN THE CAF

Salutations from the Guidance Department!

Our team has been busy with providing our students with information about the University and the College Application process, scholarship and community involvement hours and SHSM requirements outstanding for our grade 12's.

The Guidance Team this year consists of Ms. Lovleen Rai (ESL Counselor/Literacy Lead), Ms. Viviane Estafanos (French Immersion Counselor/AP Co-ordinator, F.I. Teacher), Ms. Julie Scott (Student Success), Ms. Maria Merecoulias (Student Success for ESL students), Mr. Nizam Alkins, Head of Guidance (Counselor) and Ms. Gail Burdett (Guidance Secretary).

We also would like to announce the process for making guidance appointments. **First**, please see Mrs. Burdett, our Guidance Secretary. If any student would like to make an appointment with their "area" identified counselor (French Immersion, ESL, Other), they should come to the Guidance Office before school starts (8:30 to 8:45), during their lunch (11:30 to 12:30), or after school (3:00 to 3:30) to make their appointment.

Important Notice for all grade 12's that have applied through OUAC for university!
Your mid-term grades from semester two have been processed by OUAC and sent to the Universities to which you have applied. Please log on to your online application in order to review your academic information. This verification is especially important if OUAC does not have a valid email address on file, or you are not able to receive emails from OUAC/your Universities because of a junk-mail setting with you inbox. If you see an error in your OUAC file, it is very important that you contact your Guidance Counselor as soon as possible to have it corrected.

Important Notice for all grade 12's that have applied through OCAS for college!
Your mid-term grades from semester two have been processed by OCAS and sent to the Colleges to which you have applied. Please log on to your online application in order to review your academic information. This verification is especially important if OCAS does not have a valid email address on file, or you are not able to receive emails from OCAS/your Colleges because of a junk-mail setting with you inbox. If you see an error in your OCAS file, it is very important that you contact your Guidance Counselor as soon as possible to have it corrected.

University Applicants - We highly recommend you accept your offer **before** the deadline of **June 1st**. You should be contacted by **May 29th** if you have been accepted into your program. The next OUAC transmission will be on **July 5th**. The next OCAS transmission will be on **July 6th**.

Graduating students who plan to attend college or university in September should **continue to check their OCAS and OUAC accounts and their email** on a regular basis. College bound students should have received a response from the colleges that they applied to and can expect to receive communication about payment of fees, with mid-June being the earliest that colleges can require payment of tuition fees. University bound students should expect a response from the universities that they have applied to **by May 29th**. University bound students should verify the deadline for **payment to secure a space in residence (usually June 1st)**.

A reminder that **all offers are CONDITIONAL upon the receipt of final grades** in July – students should continue to work hard to ensure the required final average.

College and University Spring Open Houses are a popular way for prospective students to visit various Post-Secondary Institutions and evaluate them prior to applying and/or choosing. It is never too early to begin the search. The Guidance Department encourages all students, especially in grades 11 and 12 to attend the open house program of any potential future University/College. Please visit the University/College website to confirm Open House schedules during March Break. Spaces can be limited.

For Scholarship information, please make an appointment to see Ms. Rai in the Guidance office.

We also have a handout in the Guidance office.

Three great websites to find out more information on scholarships are:

<http://www.studentawards.com/>

www.electronicinfo.ca/scholarships

www.scholarshipscanada.com

We would also like to remind our learning community that there is a new process in place for Community Service Hours. All students must complete 40 community hours to obtain their Ontario Secondary School Diploma. The Guidance department must approve your community service opportunity before you start your hours. Please see your counselor for approval. Your service must be for a Not-For-Profit organization/event.

We also would like to announce to all our grade 9 students. Grade 9 students that complete their 40 community service hours in their grade 9 year (by June 29), will receive a special certificate of completion.

For more information on volunteer opportunities, please come down to the Guidance Office and pick up a Community Service Hours form and please take a look at our “**Volunteer Bulletin Board**” for current opportunities to fulfill this Ministry of Education requirement.

Finally, a reminder to all grade 12 students; that they should hand in their community service hours as soon as possible. It is highly recommended that this be completed before June 1st, this is the deadline to accept your University Offer.

Commencement for the Class of 2018 (50th Anniversary Graduation Night)

Thornlea's **Class of 2018** is getting ready to graduate. Please attend our 50th graduation ceremony on **June 29th, 2018** to celebrate your graduate's achievement!

Each year the graduating class of Thornlea Secondary School selects a graduating student to give the **Valedictorian** address at the Graduation ceremony. The students' choice of Valedictorian should be someone who can be counted upon to skillfully articulate to parents and students a “snapshot” of your years at Thornlea. The Valedictorian should be someone who exemplifies the character traits of responsibility, respect, honesty, empathy, fairness, initiative, courage, integrity, perseverance and optimism; who has demonstrated commitment to student

life through active involvement in a variety of school activities and has contributed in a positive way to Thornlea. Art Murch was the first principal of Thornlea. When he retired in 1976, the staff set up a trust in his name. From the trust, The **Art Murch Award**, a monetary award is given annually to the graduating student who has a high academic standing, is very active in school life, and is highly regarded by his/her peers and teachers. The recipient should best exemplify the motto "Think and Be Thought Of". The winner is revealed at commencement. **Valedictorian Candidates** and **Art Murch Candidates** are nominated by their peers on a form available in the Guidance office now. Voting will take place on **Wednesday, May 16, 2018** during homeroom. If you do not have a homeroom, voting will then take place during your lunch in the Guidance office on Wednesday, May 16, the same day. **Graduating Students must show their Thornlea student card to receive a ballot and/or confirm on the potential grad master list.**

Nominations for Valedictorian and Art Murch are due this Friday May 11th.

Summer School Registration Information

Registration opened on **Tuesday April 3rd** – register on-line in your career cruising account, get your sheet signed by a parent/guardian and hand it in to your guidance counselor asap.

For summer school details:

Copy and paste this link:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Pages/Secondary-School-Summer.aspx>

For summer school **e-learning** (on line) details: Registration opens **Monday April 30th**

Copy and paste this link:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/e-learning/programs/Pages/Summer%20School%20e-Learning.aspx>

Also, if you are a current grade 10, 11 or 12 student and would like to apply for the 1-credit summer school Co-op session, please come to the Guidance Office for an application. Deadline is Monday June 1st. Or go to bit.ly/SummerCoop2018 to register on line.

Attention all ESL students, if you are interested in taking ESLB, ESLC, ESLD, ELSE for **CREDIT** this summer with the YRDSB. Please register in your career cruising account.

Attention all grade 9 French Immersion students – there will be a summer course in grade 10 academic history for French Immersion students offered – coded CHC2DF. Go on career cruising to register on line – started April 3rd.

Remember if you have any questions/concerns do not hesitate – just ask a member of our team. J

*Mr. Nizam Alkins, OCT, B.B.A-Schulich
Head of Guidance and Career Education*

AWARDS 2018

THORNLEA LUMINARIES

We are pleased to announce the first Thornlea Luminary Awards. Please use the link if you are interested in auditioning or submitting for any of the categories. If you have any questions, please visit room 301 or see a member of Waterboy Productions.

Thank you,
from Waterboy Productions.

Categories include: Film, Art, Poetry,
Photography, and others

Link: <https://bit.ly/2j12GCG>

ACAM Awards for Junior and Senior for Art,
Drama, Technology will be announced at the
Award Show.

Save the Date!
Wednesday
June 13th
in the evening

Watercolour and a Creative Challenge in Ms. Lerman's Art Class

We had to stretch our creative muscle! We first made watercolour books so we could practice using watercolour and try out different textural effects like using salt or plastic wrap. Then we had to choose which creative challenge we were going to try: Combine two things to make something new or answer the question "Why did the chicken *really* cross the road?" We spent time illustrating our ideas in our sketchbook before choosing one to paint. Some students made "book works" because they had lots of ideas for one theme. It was one of our favourite assignments and during the critique it was really fun to see everyone's ideas and personalities come out! What creative ideas would you come up with?

Why did the Chicken *Really* Cross the Road?



Audrey



Jasmine



Christine

If You Combine Two Different Items What Can You Create?



Sujie



Charlize



Jolie



Maurice



Roya

Thornlea Annual Wellness Fair - Spring 2018 - Thursday, May 24 - 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



The Thornlea Wellness Initiative Council is very excited to announce its upcoming Annual Wellness Fun Fair.

Thursday, May 24th is scheduled to be a regular school day, but we will have an extended lunch period in order to celebrate physical and mental health, and just to have fun.

Some of our events are top-secret, but some of the following we will share with you here:

- Flat Tag on the soccer field
- Meditation Hill
- Poet-tree
- Pavement Chalk Art
- Drench your Teacher!
- Music
- Water Balloon Tossing Game
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Bubbles
- Face Painting
- Breakout Booth
- Free Healthy Snacks

Special Guests include representatives from:

- Therapeutic Paws of Canada will be here with 3 of their best dogs and handlers! Please see the next page for information about the therapy dogs.
- JACS (Jewish Addiction Community Services)
- Women's Support Network of York Region
- Canadian Mental Health Association
- York Region Public Health

Please keep in mind that Thursday, May 24th is a regular school day with an extended lunch.

Timetable for Thursday, May 24th:

8:50-9:50: Period 1

9:55-10:55: Period 2

11:00-1:00: Wellness Fun Fair

1:00-2:00: Period 3

2:05-3:05: Period 4

The fair is rain or shine. If it is raining, we will hold the event in the gym.

Therapeutic Paws of Canada

PAWS Room Informative Letter



Dear Parent/Guardian,

On date Thursday, May 24th, the Therapeutic Paws of Canada, a Pet Therapy Team, will be coming to Thornlea Secondary School to provide a free pet therapy program called a PAWS Room. Your child will have the opportunity to participate by interacting with the Certified Pet Teams in a group setting to promote health and wellness.

Therapeutic Paws of Canada is a non-profit organization of volunteers whose pets have undergone a strict Therapy Pet Evaluation to determine their suitability to work with children and adults. All pets have been certified in this national organization to work in these programs. All pets involved have up to date vaccinations and handlers have full background checks and Criminal Record Check for Vulnerable Persons clearance.

PAWS Rooms have been used in many other schools as well as many colleges and universities. Medical evidence suggests that the presence of a Therapy Pet has been shown to lower blood pressure and heart rate and release chemicals (oxytocin) in the body that make us feel more relaxed, peaceful, and happy. This program is commonly used in conjunction with other Health and Wellness initiatives within the school to promote a healthier learning environment.

I understand that the Handlers and the Dogs/Cats involved in this program are members of Therapeutic Paws of Canada and have been certified by that organization as Therapy Dog/Cat Teams or where the program is provided to minors, as Child Certified Therapy Dog/Cat Teams. Therapeutic Paws of Canada has strict guidelines in place for the safety of those they visit and for the safety of teams performing the visits. While every possible precaution is taken, accidents can and do happen and can occur without fault of either the participant, the facility, it's employees/agents or the service provider being Therapeutic Paws of Canada and its certified teams. The chance of injuries or incident can be reduced by carefully following instructions at all times whilst engaged in the visits. By permitting this activity you accept the associated risk.

If you do NOT wish your child to participate in this program please contact Thornlea staff member Debra Hanff at debra.hanff@yrdsb.ca or 905-889-9696, ext. 335.

For more information about Therapeutic Paws of Canada, contact:
Barbara Slattery, Team Leader Markham/Unionville (slatteryb93@gmail.com)

Website: www.tpoc.ca

Facebook: "Therapeutic Paws of Canada"

Twitter: @Therapeuticpaws

**THORNLEA ANNUAL
WELLNESS FUN FAIR**

Alliance of Educators for Black Students (AEBS)

Each year, *Alliance of Educators for Black Students* (AEBS) recognizes the outstanding achievements and contributions of African/Caribbean students in the York Region District School Board. This year, Allison Upshaw is being recognized for her hard work and dedication in our school community in the area of **Academics**.

Congratulations Allison!!



EQUITY AND INCLUSIVITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EIAC) ANTISEMITISM SUB-COMMITTEE

You are invited to attend a community consultation regarding:

Antisemitism at YRDSB schools

We are seeking youth, families and community members to provide input related to antisemitism in York Region public schools. EIAC will be providing recommendations to the board based on these consultations.

There are three community consultations hosted by York Region District School Board's Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee. Please join us.

April 29	9:45 – 11:45am	Thornhill Woods PS, 341 Thornhill Woods Drive, Thornhill, ON L4J 8V6
May 10	7pm – 9pm	Richmond Green SS, 1 William Bell Parkway, Richmond Hill, ON L4S 2T9
May 16	7pm – 9pm	Dr John M Denison SS, 135 Bristol Road, Newmarket, ON L3Y 8J7

[Registration online is preferred however not mandatory.](#)

For more information, accessibility, childminding, transportation or translation requirements, please contact:

Freyja Phillips by email at: freya.phillips@yrdsb.ca

Light kosher refreshments will be provided.



Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee (PEAC)

Call for Membership Applications

Online Applications Begin: May 1, 2018

Online Applications Close: June 15, 2018

Available Positions

A. York Region District School Board (YRDSB) invites parents/guardians of students attending schools in the following areas:

- Central – ONE Elementary Position
- North – ONE Elementary Position
- West – ONE Elementary Position and ONE Secondary Position
- East – ONE Elementary Position

Membership is available for one-year or two-years on the Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee (PEAC) to commence in November 2018. The Board will approve membership terms, as required. There are currently five (5) positions available. (To check the respective areas that schools are in use our [school locator](#).)

B. York Region District School Board invites one (1) community member from any part of the region to participate as an advisor for a term of up to four (4) years.

- Regional – ONE Position – Not required to have child/ren in school

PEAC supports encourages and enhances parent engagement at the Board level in order to improve student achievement and well-being. PEAC does this by providing information and advice on parent engagement to the Board, communicating with and supporting school councils and undertaking activities to help parents support their children's learning. The Committee's mandate is to:

- a) develop strategies and initiatives that the Board and the Board's Director of Education could use to effectively communicate with parents/guardians and to effectively engage parents/guardians in improving student achievement and well-being.
- b) advise the Board and the Director of Education on ways to use the strategies and initiatives referred to above.
- c) communicate information from the Ministry to school councils of schools of the Board and to parents/guardians of pupils of the Board.
- d) work with school councils of schools of the Board and, through the Board's Director of Education, with employees of the Board to;

- i. share effective practices to help engage parents/guardians, especially parents/guardians who may find engagement challenging, in their children's learning.
 - ii. identify and reduce barriers to parent engagement.
 - iii. help ensure that schools of the Board create a welcoming environment for parents/guardians of its pupils.
 - iv. develop skills and acquire knowledge that will assist the Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee and school councils of the Board with their work.
- e) determine, in consultation with the Board's Director of Education and in keeping with the Board's policies and procedures, how funding, if any, provided under the Education Act for parent involvement is reported.

The Parent, Family and Community Engagement Committee (PEAC) is established according to Ministry legislation and members must be prepared to attend each meeting. PEAC meetings are generally scheduled on the second Tuesday of the month. Members are required to attend a minimum of six meetings and will have opportunities to participate in other workshops and events. The first meeting date for the new membership is November 13, 2018.

PEAC is composed of:

- 12 parents/guardians (2 Elementary and 1 Secondary for each Community Education Center)
- 1 Director of Education or Designate
- 1 Trustee and 1 alternate
- 1 Special Education Advisory Committee member
- 1 Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee member
- 1 Community Member at Large

Members are selected based on principles of representation that include diversity in all its manifestations, a variety of skills, experiences, location and knowledge. The contents of the Membership Applications are kept strictly confidential.

Two references are required, one of whom should be any YRDSB staff member. Parents/guardians who are also employees of the Board are asked to self-identify when applying. References are kept strictly confidential.

Further information about the role of PEAC may be found at the Ontario Ministry of Education website [School Councils and Parent Involvement Committees](#). Parents/guardians interested in serving as a member of PEAC are asked to submit an electronic application between May 1, 2018 and June 15, 2018 (final deadline) using the on-line [Application Form](#) or calling Education and Community Services at 905 727-0022 ext 2242 to submit a paper application.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 10-18	France/Nice Trip
May 17	AP History Exams
May 21	Victoria Day (No School Today)
May 22	School Council Meeting 7:15pm
May 24	Thornlea Annual Wellness Fun Fair
May 29-Jun 1	Alumni Theatre Show
June 2	Thornlea SS 50th Anniversary
June 5	Last day for field trips
June 6	Athletic Banquet
June 7	Provincial Elections in GYM
June 7	Thornstock
June 8	Thornstock Rain Date
June 11-13	Gr. 9 Math EQAO
June 14	MANDATORY LOCKER CLEANOUT PERIOD 4
June 20-26	EXAMS
June 27	Exam Review Day
June 28	Graduation @ Paradise Banquet Hall
June 28-29	PA Day

FINAL REPORT CARDS MAILED HOME MID-JULY