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49th Graduation Ceremony



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last night was the 49th graduation ceremony at Thornlea and it was a huge success. Thank you to our head of drama Sean Stone for transforming our gym and turning it into a special place for graduation. He was ably assisted by our tech crew. The secretarial staff for the countless hours preparing the diplomas and certificates and setting up the cafeteria for the reception. A huge thank you to our caretaking staff for setting up the gym and the clean up afterward. Finally, a special thank you to Barb Caravella for stepping up and helping out with graduation while I was at my own son's graduation last night.

It was a very good year at Thornlea and we were pleased with the performance of our students both inside and outside the classroom. Our student athletes had a great year on the playing fields and courts. Our ultimate Frisbee team won an award for sportsmanship and our Sr. basketball team were the York Region champions and placed second at OFSSA. A number of students earned scholarships from colleges and universities. Our drama department put on some amazing shows and the art department and ACAM students outdid themselves with their designs and creativity. Next year our art department and students are planning a number of murals for the cafeteria with a Canada 150 theme. The year 2018 will be the fiftieth anniversary of our school and a big reception is planned for June 2, 2018. We hope to see everyone here on the day.

The school will be undergoing renovations this summer with a new camera system, upgraded Wi fi and a new roof all to be installed. As a consequence, access to the school will be limited over the summer. The administration will be back in the school on August 21st if you have any questions. The final report card for students will be mailed home during the third week of July. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at school next week. I wish everyone a happy, relaxing and safe summer.

Warmest Regards,

Joe Foti

Message from our Trustee

As we near the end of the school year, I want to thank you for all that you do to strengthen our schools and communities. This is a good time to celebrate your child's achievements over the past year.

One of our goals in the [Trustees' Multi-Year Plan](#) is to "continuously increase student achievement and well-being through a culture and caring and learning." That includes a culture that emphasizes engagement and positive relationships among all the members of the school community – students, staff members, families and community members.

You, as parents/guardians, are our most important partners when it comes to education. The support you have provided to your child throughout this past school year will help to strengthen our schools and make a difference to your child's learning.

I encourage you to continue engaging your child in learning throughout the summer, and to help them to see the connections between what they are learning in school and the world around them. There are so many opportunities to do this over the summer, whether that's planning a budget with your child, enjoying the natural beauty in York Region, reading a book or visiting local sites. Whatever your plans are this summer, I wish you all a successful end to the school year, and a safe and enjoyable summer.



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Dear Families,

I was delighted to join York Region District School Board in May as Interim Director of Education. Since beginning with the Board, I have been meeting with families, students, staff members and our community partners. I believe it's important to listen and I value these opportunities to hear from people across our system.

The relationships between families and schools is of utmost importance. We share a common goal to give our young people – your children – every opportunity to reach their full potential.

When we work together to meet the needs of our students, we are more likely to succeed in reaching that goal. York Region District School Board values and encourages opportunities to strengthen relationships with families in support of student achievement and well-being.

As we approach the end of the school year, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all that you do to support and enrich our school communities. Together with families and community members, our staff are committed to creating safe, nurturing and inclusive environments that enable students to succeed.

I hope that as the school year comes to a close, you have seen evidence of your child's achievements, learning and growth over the past year. Our students work hard throughout the year and this is a good time of year to celebrate their efforts and accomplishments.

Whether your child is involved in one of our summer learning programs or other activities, there are many opportunities to continue learning throughout the summer months. Many of our staff will be working over the summer to support some of those opportunities and to prepare for the 2017-18 school year.

We look forward to welcoming our new and returning students in the fall. Thank you for being an important part of our school communities, and I wish you all the best for a happy and safe summer.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Wallace
Interim Director of Education

The Co-op Journey Comes to an End

Co-op students finish their semester with the knowledge of real world career exploration.

Self Awareness – Experiential Learning – Future Directions

The end of another successful semester has arrived. Thornlea's co-op students have experienced an introduction to the working world and have had an opportunity to learn more about themselves, the world of work, and to explore career choices.

The value of experiential learning is most evident when students are making critical decisions about their futures and post-secondary education. Students engage in self-assessment, aptitude discovery, and the exploration of different careers.

This semester has been filled with exciting new experiences and insights. The co-op students have worked in a variety of placements: Medical, Law, Marketing, Finance, Accounting, Sales, Teaching, Media / TV broadcasting, Computers the Culinary Arts and Auto Service Technology.

The following are reflective journal entries from our current co-op students:

Personal Reflection

I am sad to say that this is my last journal, and therefore I have decided that I would like to write a personal reflection on my feelings, my progress and my personal experiences with the co-op program.

First of all, I would like to say that I am very grateful for the opportunity of having had the chance of taking co-op. I believe that it was one of the best in my life. As a result, I have developed great confidence as necessary in the business world. I have greatly improved my communication skills through speaking with both, clients and my supervisors. I have learned to correctly answer phone calls, input data into the proper databases and work with printers/scanners. All the information that I have acquired through my work will be very useful in the future because it is all related to business. In addition, I feel that I have greatly matured over the course of my co-op experience. Before starting to work at my co-op placement, I was scared to speak up and lacked confidence in my skills. However, I now have the ability to speak with confidence and complete tasks with certainty. I am not scared to make mistakes because I know that it is through those mistakes that I will be able to improve.



In conclusion, I am very grateful for the opportunity of having worked with the people at my placement. I was able to finalize my decision of pursuing a career in business. In fact, I have realized that I not only want to continue studying business, but I would also love to own my company. I aspire to be a leader who can inspire the trust of those I lead. I have confidence in my abilities and I will succeed as businesswomen.

Katia Piwovarova - Financing Office

Challenges and Opportunities

Opportunities only come once in a lifetime, co-op has been one of those opportunities. This experience has been very enlightening. It has opened new doors that will lead to good work experience in the future. With every challenge I faced at my co-op at Rogers TV, it gave me the opportunity to learn something new. This week, the opportunity that I had was to be in charge of VTR, without any of the experienced volunteers with me. VTR is the program that runs all of the pre-taped videos for the Daytime show, which includes the intro, the "outro" and all the little clips that play before and after the commercial breaks. I enjoyed this challenge, as I had only observed someone do VTR once; I was very excited to do it by myself.

In the workplace, challenges arise every day and when facing those challenges, you must be positive and work through the problem to come to a resolution. Before the show started, my supervisor reviewed what needed to be done throughout the show; I practiced as much as I could so that I was comfortable with the equipment.

Overcoming that obstacle and succeeding gave me a confidence boost; it showed me that I am able to start using the equipment without assistance. I am looking forward to learning new things, and being able to overcome some of the challenges that will be presented. Co-op will give me the opportunity to learn some valuable things in the workplace and will give me practice facing new challenges.

Katy Morassutti - Rogers TV



Final Thoughts

As this is my last journal, I would like to talk about why co-op is the best thing that a student can do for their future. This program gives you a chance to get out of the classroom and into a real work environment. Co-op gives you a chance to test drive a career that you're considering before you spend time and money on post-secondary education. Getting insight into a career is not the only advantage that the co-op program offers to students. It encourages independence, self-growth, and offers an excellent experience to put on your resume, including a possible recommendation from your supervisors.

experience and being trusted to work on my own since there are very few people to get all the work done. My independence has grown significantly in these circumstances since it has become my responsibility to make sure that I manage my time enough to get to the office on time, do my work, and manage to get to school on time as well.

My communication skills and confidence have also skyrocketed. I am also no longer shy to ask for help when I need it. On the contrary, I openly ask questions to make sure that I can better complete the task. I have even developed the habit of keeping notes on some of the more complicated procedures, so that I can refer to them later. I've become more comfortable talking to clients and the people in the office. However, I've found that working in a law office has in itself boosted my communication skills, both in writing and speaking. I've found that I am better capable of picking and choosing which words are most appropriate to use in the context, and I have a better sense of the differences between casual and formal speaking, as well as writing.

The co-op program has benefited me in ways that I never expected. Not only has it helped me to build my professional profile, guiding me in building the right skills to get a job and how to behave in a workplace; the co-op program has helped me to mature and become more comfortable with myself. It has helped me to grow into myself and away from what can only be described as the teenage awkwardness of learning about oneself. I still have a long way to go, and a lot to learn but this experience has helped me along my path. **If I could go back in time and redo this past year, I would happily participate in the co-op program all over again.**

Megan Wishart - Lawyers Office



Personal Reflection

Co-op is a journey of self-discovery. Although I may think that I have a clear idea of what I would like to do in the future, I know very well that it is likely to change. With co-op, I know that I will end this semester knowing whether or not the medical field is the right pathway for me. At first, I was very nervous but also very excited. The feeling of first walking into the hospital made me feel calm, but also anxious. It felt like I had just opened a door leading towards my future, taking me one step further. After my first week of co-op at Mount Sinai Hospital, I was astonished by what I saw. The real life environment of the field was exactly what I had thought it to be. Everyone was very kind and I enjoyed the detailed tour of the hospital floor where I was to work. I felt very welcomed and even though I was just a co-op student and not an actual nurse, everyone made me feel at home. Everyone in my sector was very close and I felt a sense of



family, this was an amazing environment to be introduced to. As everyone was very nice, I was constantly thanked for my assistance, which made me feel like a part of the group dynamic. While I completed my tasks, many of the nurses would often start conversations with me which really helped out with my initial feeling of nervousness. At the end of the first day, I had already felt welcomed and comfortable in the workplace. I felt as though I had a purpose in the hospital. This experience means a lot to me and has gotten off to a good start. I already feel like I am growing as an individual. **Overall, this first week will rest as an unforgettable memory for me, the start to an amazing placement and my future career pathway.**

Selin Bilgic – Hospital

Personal Change

My co-op experience has definitely changed me for the better. It has taught me important information about the world, and more importantly, myself. Before I started co-op, I was always nervous about confrontation and my confidence couldn't have been lower. When working at a placement like Rogers TV, there is no time to be shy and apprehensive. Something my director tells us time and time again, is to always be sure with what you are saying, there is no "Uh, Um, I think" etc., it's all about being sure with yourself. I have learned to trust my knowledge and judgement, while taking more risks. I wasn't always right and I made many mistakes, but I learned a lot and now people take me seriously. When I started to take myself seriously, others did too. I still have a long way to go but at least I'm further than where I started. Now when I walk into Rogers TV I have more confidence and this makes the work more enjoyable. In the real world, and this industry especially, successful people don't let others bring them down. In order to succeed you have to believe in yourself because if you don't, no one else will. I hope in the next few weeks, all I do is improve and become better than the previous day.

Zareen Husain - Rogers TV



Hello all from the Guidance Department!

We would like to wish everyone a restful and relaxing summer break.

Our team has been busy providing our students with their course request for next year.

There will be a new process for course requests changes in September 2017.

Please keep an eye out for details in August 2017.

The next OUAC transmission will be on July 5th.

The next OCAS transmission will be on July 7th.

A reminder that all offers are **CONDITIONAL upon the receipt of final grades in July.**

A Message from Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC)

Ontario's universities value the suggestions and opinions of your postsecondary-bound grade 11 and 12 students. We are looking for their feedback on the information they use to make decisions about their future education.

We would greatly appreciate if you could send this survey to your students:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/L73SNVT> to complete by July 7, 2017.

The feedback we receive will help us improve access to information for you, your students and future postsecondary students.

Thank you in advance for helping us engage with your students.

Best regards,
Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC)

THORNLEA RUGBY 15's RECAP 2017

Thornlea produced two very competitive 15's rugby teams this season.

The Thornlea Senior Boys team, made up of athletes ranging from grades 9-12, finished their season with 4 wins and 2 losses. The remarkable thing about this team was the progress they made over the course of the season. This very fast and fit team played with heart right from the beginning, and when their skill execution caught up, they were difficult to beat! Unfortunately, the team will have to say goodbye to 6 impressive grade 12's who are graduating this year: Speedy backs Anthony Wilson and Nathan Henry, Quick-thinking fly-half Anthony Landry, evasive Avin Masloumi, Rookie of the year Leo Francis, and Captain Noah Hughes - you will all be missed! Congratulations on a great season, Thunder!



The brand-new Thornlea Senior Girls rugby team, made up of athletes in grades 9-12, finished their season with 3 wins and 3 losses. In their first ever rugby 15's season, these girls played with determination and heart.

The learning curve for this team of rookies was steep, but their eagerness, positive attitudes and athleticism made their season successful. The girls will be losing 4 graduating players, our stellar utility forwards Amanda Abu Rub and Sydney Reid, and our powerful props Maxine Wu and Lauren Weinstock - you will all be missed! Congratulations on a great season, Thunder!



THORNLEA ULTIMATE FRISBEE

Congratulations to the ultimate frisbee team on completing a fabulous season. The team was guided by co-captains Amanda Wilson and Myles Choi. The season was full of wins and a few losses, but the team never lost their love of the game.

The Thornlea Killer Frisbeez' were recognized by the York Region Athletic Association for their outstanding spirit and sportsmanship and received this year's Linda Hortrum pennant. The pennant will be hung in the gym and it will be used as a constant reminder for all of Thornlea's athletes to follow our school motto of "Think and be thought of". Go thunder!



OUTDOOR EDUCATION

A great semester in Outdoor Education has come and gone. This year students experienced a variety of activities including scuba, rock climbing, mountain biking, paddle making, and canoeing. Our annual canoe trip in Algonquin Park was a success with good weather, good times and no bugs

For next year the course, formally PAD301 has been changed to PLF4M1. This means students can use their Outdoor Education credit for most university applications. Contact Mr. Hutchison in the English Department if you would like more information.



We would like to congratulate 6 grade nine students that have already completed their Graduation Requirement of 40 Community Service Hours.

They have earned VIP status and are now a member of the "40" - Niner Club.

They have given back to various community organizations, such as Clubs at Thornlea, Camps, Community Festivals, Community Sports, Religious Centres, and other Not-For-Profit organizations.

Alice Cai

Christopher Hua

Dale Perlmutter

Samantha Reeve

Gregory Tsang

Hannah Van Bruggen

Congratulations grade 9's! Go Thunder!



SAY "YES" TO THE DRESS!

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We would like to invite you to participate in our Silent Auction Fundraiser! By buying dresses, designed and made by our students (Applied Design Gr. 11/12), you are supporting our Thornlea Student Equity Team's efforts to raise money to make our school an even more inclusive place.

All money raised will be used for planning festivals, events and celebrations.

If you have any questions, please email Ms. Bern at: ilana.bern@yrdsb.ca.

Your participation would be greatly appreciated.

With gratitude,

Ms. Bern's Applied Design class and Student Equity Team





What a great close to the Thomlea theatre season! After opening with *A Bad Year For Tomatoes* in December, following up with the TWENTY FIRST Annual Student One Act Play Festival (SOAP), we finished strong with the senior drama show, *All I Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*. Based on the book by Robert Fulghum book by the same name, it told a series of heartwarming stories that could bring a tear to your eye from either laughter, sentimentality, or both.

Congratulations on a great run, and a fabulous 2016/17 theatre season! See you all next year!



CONCERT BAND



Thornlea Retirees for 2016-2017

Thornlea staff and students bid goodbye to four staff members who, combined, share over 100 years of experience in an educational setting. Staff gathered after work on June 26th at Fraticelli's, an Italian eatery, to celebrate these four great individuals. The photos below were taken at that venue.



Gail Moldaver has been teaching for 38 years, 37 of them at Thornlea!

She is a longstanding pillar of the Business Department, but has displayed versatility and flexibility by happily teaching many other subjects as well.

We will miss you, Gail! You are an essential part of Thornlea's history.



Jennifer Smith has been teaching for 34 years, 32 of them at Thornlea!

For many years she taught in the Physical Education Department (countless students remember her as being the inspired director of Thornlea's Regional Adapted Aquatics Program), but also dedicated much of her career to Special Education.

Thank you, Jennifer, for everything you have done for Thornlea students and staff. Enjoy retirement!

Stephen Fish has been Head of Business at Thornlea for the last 12 years, but has been teaching for 27 years.

He will be remembered fondly for his helpfulness, for his easy-going nature, and for his sense of humour.

Thank you for all of your involvement with academics and clubs, Steve.

We wish you health and happiness in this next stage of life's adventure.



Dianne Glass, as part of our hard-working office staff, has been a friendly and welcoming face for staff, students, and parents for the last 4 years.

We know that she will make great use of her retirement, given her many hobbies and her attachment to her family, particularly her beautiful granddaughters.

Thank you for making Thornlea a better place, Dianne!

To all of our retirees, we will miss you very much, but wish you all the best in this next stage in your life. Don't forget that you can always stay connected with us through Thornlea's Retired Staff Club.

Library News

The Library has become a very popular meeting place for students to work, read, chat, and relax at lunch. Over this school year, we've purchased many new and exciting novels, memoirs, graphic novels and mental health books for students to enjoy. Check out our *What's New and Popular* bookshelf to keep up on the latest additions to our collection!

One of the highlights of the year is our **Speaker Series**. We started with an inspiring and heartfelt visit from Ousama, a Syrian refugee, whose visit was hosted by the Thornlea Amnesty International Book Club. Next, we had Thornlea alumni return to speak to grade 12s about their experiences after Thornlea. We also had some journalists come from the *Globe and Mail*, including Robyn Doolittle, to speak about their careers. Look forward to the fall when we will be hosting a panel of LGBTQ speakers to raise awareness about their life experiences and personal journeys.

Do you like to fidget? If you are looking for a place to relax once a week, but like to keep your hands busy, be sure to join the **Creative Commons Club**. It is a weekly drop-in club where you can meet up with some friends, eat your lunch, and participate in any of the crafty activities we have going on. Activities include puzzles, coloring, board games, Lego, and once a month, a more involved craft that you can really be proud of! Sign up in the library in the first week or two of school to ensure your spot in this very popular club.

Our book club is connected to Amnesty International, and is called the **Thornlea Amnesty International Book Club**. This year, we read three exciting novels (*The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian*, *Little Bee*, and *Simon VS the Homosapiens Agenda*) and organized and participated in two school-wide events that took action to raise awareness about the issues addressed in the novels. Next year, we hope to double the reading and events!

Do you need support with Homework? Come to **Homework Club** which runs after school in the Library on Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Thursdays. Student volunteers with expertise in specific subjects are here to help you free of charge. No appointment is required. Do you want to become a Homework Helper? Applications will be available in the fall in the Library.

Are you interested in being part of Thornlea's new, online school publication, *ThunderFeed*? This new club will be starting in September, and will be run by students and staff working together. It is being sponsored by, you guessed it, Thornlea Library!

For 2017-2018, other Library-sponsored clubs include:
Health and Wellness, Thornlea Breakfast Club, GSA, and Itaku (Anime).

The Thornlea Library Staff wishes you a great summer!

Summer Reading Recommendations from Thornlea Library!

When it's hot outside, you might not want to read a chunker, but a graphic novel could be just the ticket!



One Hundred Nights of Hero is the creation of Isabel Greenberg, whose previous graphic novel, *The Encyclopedia of Early Earth*, was named "Best Book" at the British Comic Awards. Greenberg has also been nominated twice for the highly coveted Eisner Award.

If you like epic storytelling and like to see "Love prevail in the face of Terrible Adversity" (from the back cover), *One Hundred Nights of Hero* might be for you.

If you like your graphic novels to deal with serious themes, like gender politics, then for sure it is for you!

The colourful artwork is whimsical, but also sort of menacing.

American comic artist Fred Chao has produced his first graphic novel, part of a series. It is titled *Johnny Hiro {Half Asian, All Hero}*, and follows its eponymous main character and his girlfriend on their absurd adventures in New York City.


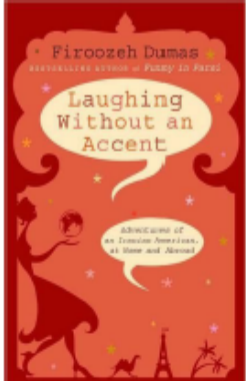
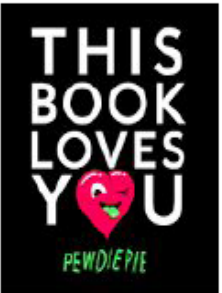

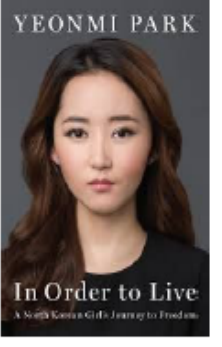
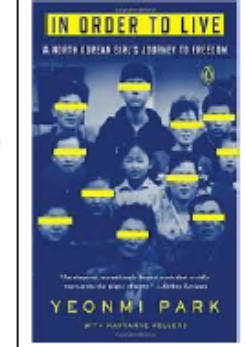

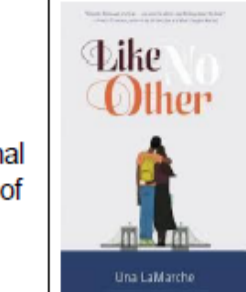
The black and white stylized panels perfectly reflect the mood of the book.

If you like wild, over-the-top storytelling, you'll enjoy Johnny's story. And who knows, you met get hooked on the series!



Next time someone tells you that all of the important inventions were created by men, you can now add Ada, Countess of Lovelace, to your list of retorts (along with: Stephanie Kwolek [synthetic fibres], Hedy Lamarr [manipulation of radio frequencies], and Katherine Burr Blodgett [invisible glass]).

The graphic book *The Thrilling Adventures of Lovelace and Babbage*, by Sydney Padua, is subtitled "The (Mostly) True Story of the First Computer." The author-artist has transformed the historic, 'real-life' collaboration between Charles Babbage and Ada, Countess of Lovelace, to invent the world's first computer into a hilarious yet moving series of adventures.

	<p>If memoir is your bag, you'll really enjoy these two, heart-warming and comic books by Firoozeh Dumas, <i>Funny in Farsi: A Memoir of Growing Up Iranian in America</i>, and <i>Laughing Without an Accent, Adventures of a Global Citizen</i>.</p> <p>Get to know the author and her engaging family in the first book, which covers the family's move from Iran to California, the culture shock they experience and survive, and the love that brings them through it all. In the second book, Dumas tells true tales of family life with charm and humour.</p>	
	<p>Do you want like to follow Internet personalities? Are you interested in becoming one yourself?</p> <p>If so, you'll probably like <i>This Book Loves You</i>, by PewDiePie, a Swedish web-based comedian, and Jenn McAllister's <i>Really Professional Internet Person</i>. Both books have been published in colourful, easy-to-read formats which are perfect for the summer.</p>	
	<p>Back to memoir!</p> <p><i>In Order to Live: A North Korean Girl's Journey to Freedom</i>, by Yeonmi Park, may be harrowing, but it is also un-put-downable.</p> <p>Yeonmi has lived through experiences that few people of any age will ever know, and she shares them in this inspiring book.</p>	
	<p>Do you like the books of John Green? Did you like Nicole Yoon's <i>Everything, Everything</i>?</p> <p>Then you'll probably love <i>The Sun is Also a Star</i>, by Nicola Yoon, a story about an irrational love between two very rational young people, and <i>Like No Other</i>, by Una LaMarche, a story of forbidden love between two young people from very different backgrounds.</p>	

If you do not have access to any of these books during the summer, never fear! You can always sign them out from Thornlea Library in September.

Track and Field 2017

Track and Field season was the first time in many years that Thornlea sent three athletes to the OFSAA Track and Field Championships. This year's meet was held in Belleville, June 1-3. This meet brings together athletes from across the province for Canada's largest High School meet, and the third largest High School meet in North America.

On the Thursday, representing Thornlea in the Senior Girls High Jump competition, was Amanda Wilson. Although this was not Amanda's best performance it was the start of a big day for her. Amanda's competition started at 3:30 pm, and she had to be back by 7:00 pm for the Athletic Banquet. It was at the Banquet that Amanda's accomplishments were truly recognized. Not only did she take home several MVP trophies, she was also the female athlete of the year, and was nominated to the Wall of Fame. This last award is a great accomplishment as it recognizes the overall contributions made by an individual to athletics at Thornlea.



On the Friday morning Junior Boy Dylan Sinclair, competing in the senior high jump, had a final placing of 19th in the province with a jump of 1.75m. Dylan also received several awards at the Athletic Banquet.

Not to be outdone by his team mates, Mitchell Patriarche competed in the Junior Boys High Jump on the Saturday. Mitchell had an excellent competition, setting a new personal best of 1.80m, and finishing in 5th place. He missed making 1.85m by the narrowest of margins.



The Track and Field coaches wish to congratulate all of the members of the Thornlea Track and Field Team, and these three athletes in particular. We wish Amanda well as she ventures off to University in Utah. We also look forward to taking Dylan and Mitchell to a third consecutive OFSAA next year.

Michael Smith, Amanda Ackerman, Ryan McCarthy

June 2017
 Art @Thornlea
 by Zavi Lerman

Happy Summer!! June has been a busy month! We've had so much fun! Here are some snaps!

In this Post:

- Art Gallery of Ontario Trip
- Arts and Culture SHSM Info
- Fashion Show and Upcycled Fashion
- June Art Show
- Painting! Painting! Painting!
- AP Art
- ACAM Program

Here we are for a trip to the Art Gallery of Ontario to see the Georgia O'Keeffe Exhibition. Students asked the tour guide amazing questions and we were able to see and understand the artist's creative process and how she went from realism to abstraction. We also got to see OCADU and visit the Art Supply Shop there, Aboveground.



White Flower #1, 1932



Students in front of the AGO, Toronto

This trip was made possible partially from the Arts and Culture SHSM at Thornlea. Sign up for the Arts and Culture SHSM! Students have really positive experiences. There is no fee and students have access to amazing qualifications and workshops such as training in Leadership at Second City, Portfolio Development, and CPR to name a few. Many ACAM students complete it and learn a lot at their Co-op placement. This year we went to the National Ballet in March for a costuming and set design workshop! Here is a link for more info:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/Coop/Pages/SHSM-General-Information.aspx>

The June Art Show was a classy and fun affair! Thank you to the student volunteers and Caretaking staff who made it possible! It's so important to see the artwork out of the studio. Grade 10 students led by Ally taught artistic cupcake decorating!



After our June Art Show students worked hard on their last project by going through the creative process and learning how to colour mix for portrait painting. There was lots of experimenting with colours and the students learned so much that they can apply to their paintings next year.



Artists: Andrei, Davinah, Frank / Grace, Ethan, Sabrina / Zahra, Alyssa, Kevin, Phoebe

A note to AP Artists taking the **Advanced Placement (AP) Studio Course** next year:

Congratulations on pursuing this amazing creative and artistic challenge that will give you a strong foundation for art making throughout your life!

While not mandatory, we encourage you to consider doing some artwork and brainstorming over the summer, especially to think about ideas for the Concentration part of the portfolio. **Keeping a summer sketchbook** is a great way to do this!

Portfolios for all students (first and second semester) are due for submission at the beginning of May. The online submission opens in January/February when you get your login for the AP website.

Below are some links from the AP College Board. Please have a look and contact myself or Ms. Bern if you have any questions or want some assignments over the summer!! We will be meeting as a group in September so check your email and listen for announcements when we return to school.

Link 1: Info about the Portfolio Requirements -Note: We offer 2D Design and Drawing (which can include painting) at Thornlea

<https://secure-media.collegeboard.org/digitalServices/pdf/ap/ap-studio-art-brochure.pdf>

Link 2: Thinking About Art Making: Questions for Reflection

http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/members/exam/exam_information/228302.html

Link 3: AP Studio Art Sample Student Portfolio - You can see both 2D and Drawing Portfolios here. It's really incredible to see the work created by young people in these portfolios. This will also give you a better idea of what each section of the portfolio requires.

<http://studioartportfolios.collegeboard.org/>

Exciting news! For the 2017-2018 school year we have two **ACAM** classes, one in English and one in French Immersion! We received many applications last year and if you have family members or friends interested in the program it's good to get your application in early! Applications for the 2018-2019 school year will be available in the Fall. We look forward to welcoming our new ACAM students next year!

THORNLEA SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

This semester has been a very busy one in the Science department! The excitement started in March, when over 30 students attended the HOSA Canada competition at the Toronto Metro Convention Centre. At this competition 6 students qualified for the HOSA International Leadership Conference (ILC) in Orlando, Florida, held last week (June 20-25, 2017). The team consisting of Tegan Chu, Darren Huspeka, Pamela Lee and Audrey Zheng, of "Aphelion", did an excellent job in their presentation to a panel of judges where they pitched their idea of nanocapsules used to remove blood



clots.



Also, congratulations to Melanie Seabrook who did an outstanding job and qualified for the second round of competition in Biomedical Sciences. A special congratulations goes to Sydney Reid who not only qualified for the second round in Clinical Nursing, but who also placed 4th in her event and was called to the main stage to be recognized for this outstanding accomplishment.

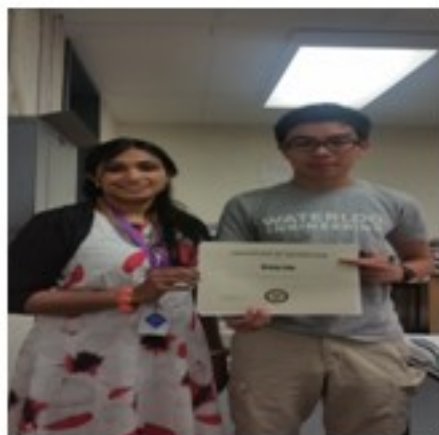
In May, the results of the U of T Biology contest were released. Congratulations to Sean Lynch and Vishal Chopra who placed in the top 5th percentile in the U of T Biology contest, with Sean receiving recognition as a National Biology Scholar.



On May 11th, six of our senior chemistry students took on the challenge of writing the annual Chem 13 News Exam. Congratulations to Vishal Chopra, who ranked 23rd, and Kevin Yang, who ranked 176th in Canada out of over 2000 participants in this contest. In recognition of their outstanding achievement, they have been awarded an elemental tile (featuring holmium, element 67 on the periodic table). Honourable mentions go to Emily Yu, Sean Lynch, and Ryan Edwards for placing in the top 20% of students from high schools across Canada and around the world.



The Avogadro Exam for grade 11 chemistry students took place on May 18th. Congratulations to Darren Huspeka, Jenny Peng, and Lei Lei Zhao, who ranked in the top 8% of over 4000 participants in this contest. Honourable mentions go to Arshia Ebadi, Joe Zhang, Stephen Wang, Bronx Siu, and Harry Wang for placing within the top 20% in Canada and around the world.



Each year, the University of Waterloo runs these contests, which are designed to challenge senior chemistry students and recognize their achievement. We are proud of all our participants and encourage them to continue their studies in chemistry!

Each year, Thornlea Science students are leaders at the York Region Children's Water Festival. This year over 50 Thornlea students participated in this annual event held at Bruce Mills Conservation Area.

From all of us in the Science Department, have a safe and restful summer.



Committed to Parent Engagement in Education?

Here's a chance to make a difference.

The York Region District School Board invites applications for membership on the Board's Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee. The Committee supports, encourages and enhances parent engagement at the Board level in order to improve student achievement and well-being.

The term of office will commence on November 14, 2017. Members are expected to attend six meetings each year at the Education Centre in Aurora.

Please find the application online at www.yrdsb.ca

The on-line application is translated into Chinese, Farsi, Urdu, Tamil and Korean.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2017.

For more information visit:

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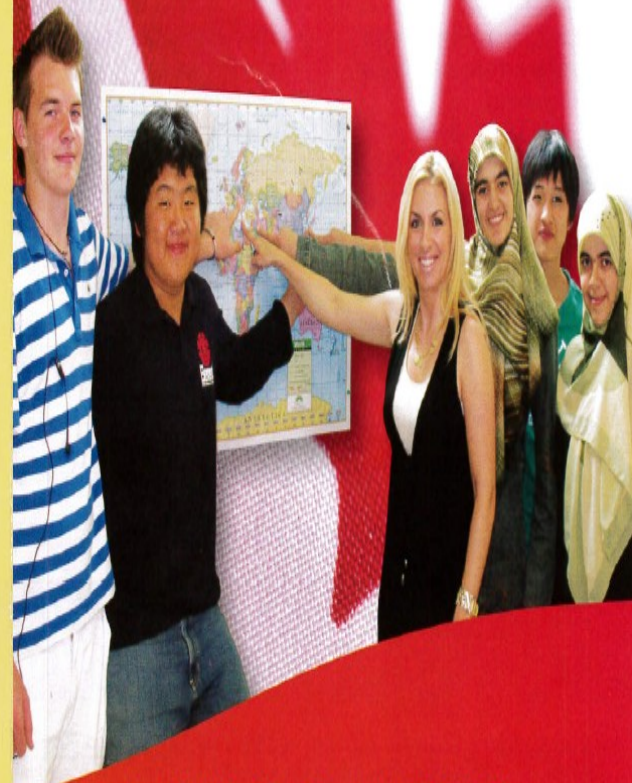
For information and registration, call (905) 731-8281 ext. 30. You can also register with the School Settlement Workers at the Public board's Reception Centres (9325 Yonge St., Richmond Hill and 7220 Kennedy Rd., Markham), or the Catholic board's Reception Centre (320 Bloomington Rd. West, Aurora).

WELCOME TO CANADA ORIENTATION DAY

When : October 14, 2017 | 9:00 am ~ 1:30 pm

Where : Vaughan Secondary School

(1401 Clark Ave W, Thornhill, ON L4J 7R4)



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Space is limited; pre-registration is required.

For registration and inquiries, please contact: Haruka Yuen

Phone: 905-294-8868 ext. 204 or

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