



Thornlea SS

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November 20, 2017

Grade 8 Parents' Night @ Thornlea!



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MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL

Dear Families and Community Members,

It is a busy time at Thornlea. This Tuesday Mid-Term report cards will be handed out in homerooms. If your child's report card does not find its way, please give us a call we will be happy to direct it your way. Our students are very excited as Thursday is our annual Homecoming Basketball game and dance which will be held at the Paradise Banquet Hall. It should be a huge success and a lot of fun as the students have sold almost 300 tickets for the night.

Our grade twelve students have already been given their Pin Code, this enables them to apply to an Ontario University for the 2018/2019 academic year. If your child has not yet picked up their pin, they are available in our Guidance Office. There is a slightly different process for applying to College. To aid in this process there will be a workshop conducted in our lower computer lab on December 21st and 22nd starting at 11:35 a.m.

We would like to remind parents/guardians our School Council meeting tonight starting at 7:15 p.m. in the library. There will be a representative from George Brown College on "Show Me The Money". The presentation is on how to apply for scholarships at both College and University. Many of these scholarships go unclaimed. Please join us tonight all are welcome.

The winter weather is just around the corner and Fall sports have come to an end and winter sports have begun. For the boys' basketball has started and girls' volleyball is starting and our swim team is preparing for the York Region Finals in December. The Ski and Snow Board team is waiting for snow to arrive on the hills for their season to begin. For a full listing of winter sports please contact the Physical Education department.

Warmest Regards,

Joe Foti



TSS Literacy Corner

Education Quality and
Accountability Office



Hello Parents and Guardians,

I wanted to update you about the progress in the school's preparation for the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT).

Results of the WSIs:

- ⇒ If your son/daughter is in grade 9 or 10, he/she has received the practice test and short writing task back. Please review the results with your child.
- ⇒ Your son/daughter will also receive the long writing task feedback by November 27. Please review these results with your child as well.
- ⇒ If you are concerned about the results, please remember that the upcoming WSIs will continue to focus on these skills in greater detail.

Information about the After School Literacy Program:

- ⇒ We are planning to offer **two sections of the After School Literacy Program in 2nd semester.**
- ⇒ One section will take place **every Monday and Wednesday** from 3:15 to 4:15 from February 21 to April 4 (excluding days during March Break).
- ⇒ Another section will take place **every Tuesday and Thursday** from 3:15 to 4:15 from February 27 to April 5 (excluding days during March Break).
- ⇒ The benefit for students to enroll in the Program is that:
 - each session will focus on one or two tasks from the test,
 - students will learn to apply specific strategies and tips for each type of reading and writing task, and
 - they will receive guidance from the teacher through instruction and immediate feedback on the sample tasks.

*****The registration form will be available starting January 8, 2018 in the Main Office and through E-bulletin.** Return completed forms to the Main Office.

Preparing for the Test:

- ⇒ The WSIs will resume second semester on February 20, 2018.

Should you have any questions and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me either by phone or email.

Lovleen Rai

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Lovleen.raai@ydsb.ca

Salutations from the Guidance Department!

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. Kathryn Pantazopoulos (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 new 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.

Keep in mind that many Post-Secondary Institutions (Universities and Colleges) will be coming to Thornlea to speak to our senior students in the first semester.

This week we have Queen's University on Nov. 16. Next week we have Waterloo, Laurier, UOIT, Ottawa.

We would like to thank all the post-secondary representatives for their informative seminars with our graduating students.

The Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC) Pin Codes have arrived!! 186 graduating students have already picked up their envelope with their Pin Code and are on their way to applying to University.

If a student has not picked up their code, they should come to the Guidance office immediately.

Guidance will offer a College Application workshop on **December 21st, 22nd at 11:35 in the lower computer lab.**

No PinCodes are distributed for College Applications; students will create their own with their Ontario Education Number (OEN) at www.ontariocolleges.ca - Students can apply today!

The Deadline for your University Application is January 17, 2018 (recommend to pay on-line with a credit card)

The next OUAC University grades transmission is scheduled for February 15th, 2018.

The "Equal Consideration" Deadline for your College Application is February 1st, 2018 (recommend to pay on-line with a credit card)

The next OCAS College grades transmission is scheduled for Nov. 24th, 2017.

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.**

A reminder to all grade 12 students; that they should hand in their community service hours by Wednesday January 31st, 2018. Before the OUAC transmission.

Part-Time Status

Attention to all **grade 12** students, who wish to apply for part-time status, may pick up an application form from their Guidance Counselor starting on Monday November 13th. Your Counselor will then make a follow-up appointment with an Administrator, after your application has been submitted. The completed form must be submitted by Monday November 27th by 2:00 PM, so that it will not appear on your Transcript.

Full Disclosure deadline

Reminder full disclosure date is Wednesday Nov. 29th. If you wish to drop a course and not have it appear on your transcript see Guidance asap.

If students are planning on making a request for a timetable change for 2nd semester, they should make an appointment with their counselor today or ASAP.

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

We also have a handout in the Guidance office.

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

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

www.electronicinfo.ca/scholarships

www.yconic.com

www.scholarshipscanada.com

We also would like to announce a new initiative to all our grade 9 students. Grade 9 students that complete their 40 community service hours in their grade 9 year 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.

Night School Course registration starts Jan. 10th – register through Career Cruising
www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Pages/Night-School-Credit-Courses.aspx

Night School E-Learning Course registration starts Jan. (Only if you have 3 or less courses on your Timetable)
www.yrdsb.ca/schools/e-learning/programs/Pages/Winter-Catalog.aspx

Mr. Nizam Alkins, Head of Guidance and Career Education



The HPE department will again be participating in the Santa Shuffle 5 km run on Saturday, December 2nd and you are all invited to enjoy the event with us. There is also an option of a 1 km elf walk if you are interested in bringing your families or you are new to running.

The race takes place at Sunnybrook/Will Creek Park, 1132 Leslie St., Toronto and it starts at 10 am.

The race entry fee is \$15, payable to Thornlea Secondary School. You will also need to come by the phys. ed. office to complete a registration form. Your other option is to pay/register online however you will not receive the discounted fee of \$15.

Please note that the money raised is for the Salvation Army Gateway program.

Lastly, if you wanted to take the bus down with the students please let me know ASAP in order to account for spacing. The bus is leaving Thornlea at 8:30 am and returning for after noon.

We hope you will be able to enjoy the day of activity with us.

Sincerely,

Kathryn and Nathalie

Ms. Kathryn Dawe

*Head of Health and Physical Education
Athletic Director at Thornlea Secondary School*

Photo booth setup on grade 8 day...thanks to Timothy Ko for helping me set up and run it! Also Sean Stone for providing the props. And thanks to all the electrons that powered my camera and flash.

Rob Ackerman



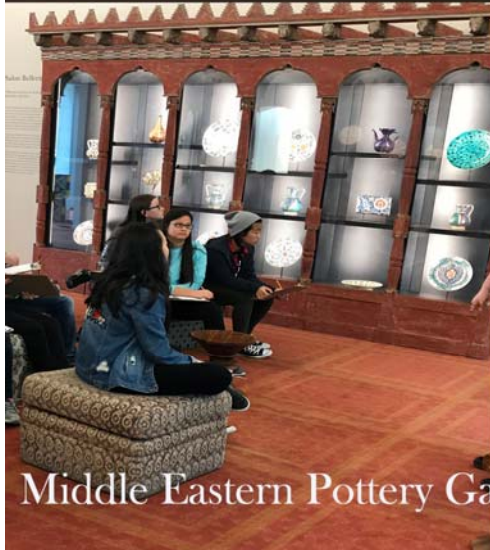
Our Field Trip to Aga Khan Museum

On Friday, November 3-d, our French Immersion Visual Arts/ ACAM, Media Arts and History classes had an awesome trip to Aga Khan Museum. Our students enjoyed the view of beautiful artistic displays and took many photos and sketches of the facade of the museum building. We learned a lot about traditional Islamic Art and Architecture, Pattern Play in Art and Math and Colours in the arts of Muslim Civilizations. It was a great learning experience for us all.

Mme Bern, Ms. Shariff, Ms. Smedzik and Mr. Izumi



The Wall of Digital Storytelling



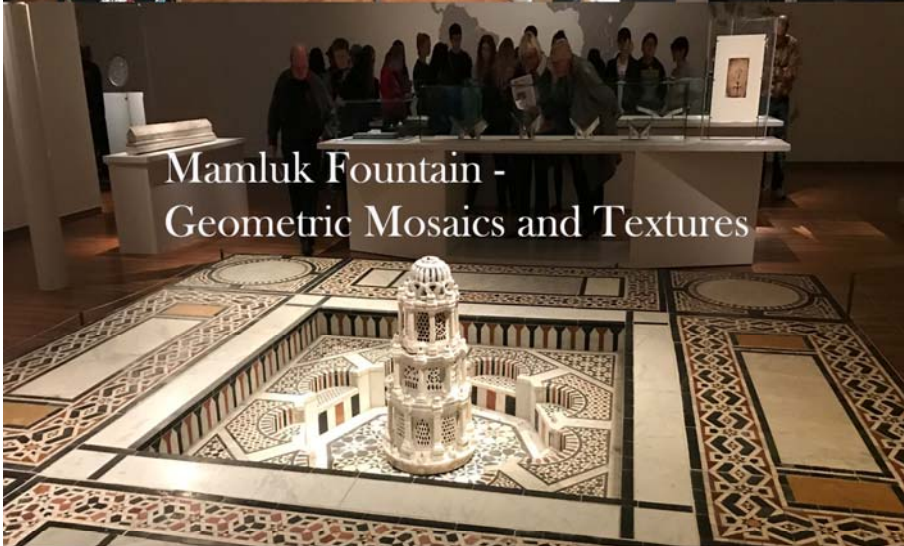
Middle Eastern Pottery Gallery



Listening, Observing, Sketching...



Interactive World Map



Mamluk Fountain -
Geometric Mosaics and Textures



The Art of Storytelling



Cultural Histories Narratives



Gallery of Textiles

DEAR PARENTS/ GUARDIANS AND STAFF MEMBERS,
WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO JOIN OUR
DIGITAL MEDIA ARTS CLUB.
YOU ARE ALL INVITED!!!



Our **Digital Arts Club Hands-On Workshops** will take place
ON THURSDAYS

AFTER SCHOOL (3:30 – 4:30 PM) IN ROOM 223.

Please choose the session/ sessions that you would like to attend and send an email to: ilana.bern@vrdsb.ca. We will contact you in the next few days to confirm Workshops dates and your attendance.

Looking forward to seeing you very soon!

Digital Arts Club Hands-On Workshops:

- Surreal Collages in Photoshop
- Learning Illustration in Illustrator
- Animated E-Cards using Flash MX
 - Simple Movie in Flash MX
 - 3-D Animation in Blender 2.68
- Website Design in Dreamweaver (using Flash MX /Photoshop)

Best Regards,

Mme Bern and Digital Media Arts Team

Thornlea Library News!

Please follow us, parents!

You can follow Thornlea Library on both *Twitter* and *YouTube* @ThornleaReads. Check us out today to catch up with all that bookish goodness!

Thornlea Library Speaker Series

On Tuesday, October 17th, the students of Thornlea Amnesty International Book Club invited two speakers from YouthSpeak, Cole and David, to speak to over 100 Thornlea students about their transitional journeys. The presenters were introduced by student Dominique Laws. They began by sharing a visual of the Genderbread Person, (an effective tool for explaining the differences between biological sex, gender expression, gender identity, and sexual attraction).



Then Cole and David took turns sharing their personal stories. Kim Parlee, Staff Advisor for Thornlea's GSA, moderated the Q&A which followed. Many students gathered around Cole and David after the event, staying 45 minutes into the lunch hour to talk with them and give their support. Thanks go to Diana Adamo, Krish Shah, and Emma Perrin for helping us to set up the venue before the speakers arrived. Special kudos to Niloo Gheshlaghi and Noura Khajehnouri for preparing an informative brochure for all of the student guests attending the presentation.

THORNLEA LGBTQ+ PANEL October 17th 2017

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SPEAKING INSTRUCTION

BULLYING

What is bullying?

- Intentional harm
- Power imbalance
- Repetitive
- Can be physical, verbal, or psychological
- Can be direct or indirect
- Can be online or offline
- Can be individual or group
- Can be intentional or unintentional
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MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION

What is mental health?

- Mental health is a state of well-being
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RESOURCES

What are some resources?

- National Suicide Prevention Helpline: 1-800-273-8255
- National LGBTQA+ Helpline: 1-800-690-7672
- National Transgender Helpline: 1-800-690-7672
- National Bisexual Helpline: 1-800-690-7672
- National Gay, Lesbian, & Bisexual Center: 1-800-690-7672
- National Transgender Resource Center: 1-800-690-7672
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On Thursday, November 2nd, the Holocaust survivor Faigie Libman, spoke to about 160 students, sharing her story about how the insight of her mother and the kindness of strangers helped her to survive WWII. Many students were so moved by Faigie's presentation, that they flocked around her afterwards to meet her and share their support. Faigie was born in Kaunas, Lithuania. In 1941, she was moved into a ghetto with all of the other Jews of her city. During the October 28th "Great Action," Faigie, her parents, and her grandmother were separated from her grandfather and her aunt; the latter were machine-gunned to death along with 10,500 other Kaunas Jews. In 1944, the ghetto was liquidated, and Faigie, her parents, and the remaining Jews of Kaunas were sent in cattle cars to concentration camps. Faigie's father was sent to Dachau in Germany. Faigie and her mother were sent to Stutthof in Poland. Between 1944 and 1945, Faigie and her mother worked in Stutthof, and then in three separate labour camps. Finally, they dug trenches for the Nazis before being sent on the "Death March" that was to be their end. Russian soldiers liberated Faigie and her mother in 1945, the same week that her father was shot in Dachau. After living in a DP camp in Austria for three years, they were finally accepted for immigration by the Canadian Government, and settled in Montreal. Faigie went on to have a thriving professional and personal life. She is the mother of four children, and a grandmother. She taught kindergarten in Toronto for over 28 years. She now speaks all over the province, sharing her story of survival and of the many non-Jews who helped her and other Jews, risking their lives for another human being. We were introduced to Faigie through a Thornlea graduate, Joshua Hanff.



On Friday, November 10th, Dr. Daniella Astorino, a chiropractor from ProMedX Sports Injury & Wellness Centre, spoke to two physical education classes about The Importance of Posture. Students learned why good posture is crucial, and the potential impact of poor posture. They also received useful information on how to do an "ergonomic check" when they are texting or working on a computer. The proper way to load and wear a backpack was also shared. Finally, the students learned the best ways to protect their still-developing spines, and to prevent spinal issues as they age. This presentation was especially meaningful because Dr. Astorino was recommended to us for her knowledge and enthusiasm by one of our own students, Mingze Hong.



Dr. Daniella Astorino was invited by Library Staff to talk to Thornlea students about their postural health.

Thornlea Library Contests

In terms of contests, the Library started the ground running this year. These are the contests we have run so far:

- a. **ThornleaReads T-Shirt Design Contest.** In cooperation with Ashley Gilkes of the Art Department, the Library invited students to submit a design for this year's ThornleaReads t-shirts. Many students submitted wonderful proposals. We narrowed these down to three, and the student body was invited to choose a winner from these. The votes have been counted and the winner will be announced on Monday, November 13th.
- b. **The Mystery Bag of Swag Giveaway.** The names of students who submitted Twitter-length book reviews were collected, and for the last 2 weeks we've drawn winning names. The prize was a bookish bag of goodness from the publisher HarperCollins Canada. The first winner was Gr. 11 student, Gabby Laws, and the second was Gr. 10 student, Michelle Lee. The name of the third and final winner will be drawn next week.
- c. Students have been invited to fill out a ballot to guess the winning book for the upcoming **Writers' Trust Prize**. The names of the students who chose the winner (to be announced Nov. 14th) will be put in a draw to win one of the nominated titles.
- d. Students have been invited to do the same (as d.) for the **ScotiaBank Giller Prize**, the winner of which will be announced on November 20th.



Flu Season is on its way – are you ready?



Flu season is nearly here. Be prepared by getting the flu shot as early as possible.

The first and best step to preventing influenza (the flu), is to get the flu shot every year. Influenza spreads quickly and easily from an infected person to others.

Everyone six months of age and older can get the flu shot.

Flu shots are available at:

- Health care provider's offices for people six months of age and older
- Participating pharmacies, for people five years of age and older

Visit ontario.ca/flu to find where you can get the flu shot.

How can the flu be avoided?

- Get the flu shot!
- [Wash your hands](#) well and often with soap and warm water. If soap and water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based [hand sanitizer](#)
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and throw the tissue out immediately. Wash your hands afterward. Cough into your upper sleeve if you don't have a tissue.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Avoid large crowds and stay home when you are sick
- Keep common surfaces and items clean and disinfected

To learn more about flu and the flu vaccine visit york.ca/flu

Community and Health Services

Public Health



york.ca



Need a Safe Place to Sleep Tonight? Do you want to avoid a shelter?

Talk to your Guidance Counsellor to see if the
Nightstop Program is right for you.

What is Nightstop?

Nightstop provides a bed for the night to youth between the ages of 16 – 26 who are in a housing crisis and have nowhere safe to sleep tonight. If you are eligible for the program, we match you with a host volunteer who has been extensively screened and trained. They have a spare bedroom, a warm heart and a listening ear. They provide you with meals, an opportunity to wash your clothing, you can have a shower and a safe place to sleep for the night.

As soon as you join the Nightstop Program, we wrap our services around you to either help to reintegrate you with your family or to assist you with longer term goals. *(Family mediation, counselling, employment and housing are among the services we can assist you with.)*



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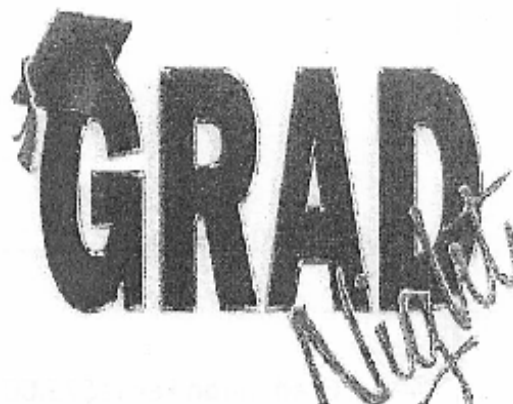


United Way
Toronto & York Region

This project is funded through
the Government of Ontario's
Force against Homelessness Strategy.

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ATTENTION 2018 GRADUATES!



**June 28, 2018
Is GRAD
NIGHT!**

Graduation Fee is now \$75.00. Enrolment has gone up at Thornlea and we cannot accommodate the high numbers in our Gymnasium. Graduation ceremonies on June 28, 2018 will be at a banquet hall (TBA).

- 1. If you have already paid the \$40.00 fee, please see Ms. Maiorano in the office to pay the additional \$35.00.**
- 2. If you have not paid the fee and will attend Graduation on June 28, 2018, please make sure to:**
 - Pay Online (Cash On Line)**
 - Pay at the Office (See Ms. Maiorano)**

If you pay online (Cash On Line), you can complete the GOWN order information online.

Also make sure to complete the GOWN order form on the back of this flyer, with your size, name and student

THE ALLIANCE OF EDUCATORS FOR BLACK STUDENTS (AEBS)



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invites you to

SAVE THE DATE

For the 2017 AEBS Family Conference
A Conference for Students (Grades K-12) and Their Families/Supporters

IT TAKES A VILLAGE: MAPPING MY JOURNEY TO SUCCESS

Date: Saturday, November 25, 2017

Time: 9:00am - 2:00pm

Location: Redstone Public School

235 Redstone Road, Richmond Hill, L4S2E2
 (Leslie & Elgin Mills)

GUEST SPEAKERS, WORKSHOPS & DISCUSSIONS

Please come out to be *inspired* & informed!

AEBS is united in our purpose to promote the achievement and well-being of Black students

Thornlea Drama Club Proudly Presents...



Leaving Iowa

By Tim Clue and Spike Manton

December 12-15, 2017 at 7:30
Theatre Two One Nine
Tickets \$14 Adults, \$10 Students

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 20	School Council Meeting 7:15pm
November 21	Mid-term reports home
November 24	PA Day
November 29	Last Day Full Disclosure
Dec. 25-Jan. 7	Christmas Break
January 8	First day of school 2018
January 10	Last day for field trips
January 15-17	EQAO Math Gr. 9's
January 22	School Council Meeting 7:15pm
January 25-31	EXAMS
February 1	Exam Review Day
February 2	PA Day
February 5	Semester 2 Begins
February 8	Sem 1 Final Report Cards Home
February 15	Semester 2 Photo Day
February 20	School Council Meeting 7:15pm
February 26-March 9	GRAD Photo's (More Info to Follow)
March 8	Interim Reports Home Sem 2
March 12-16	Spring Break
March 28	Awards Ceremony
March 30	Good Friday
April 2	Easter Monday
April 10	OSSLT
April 12	Parents' Night
April 17	Term 1 Ends
April 18	Term 2 Begins
April 23	School Council Meeting 7:15pm
April 26	Mid-Term Reports Home
May 2	Health & Wellness Day
May 3	PROM