



# Unionville High School Weekly Parent Bulletin

**Friday, June 16, 2023**

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## Character Matters Trait of the Month: Integrity

“Integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is watching.” – C.S. Lewis

### Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
MONDAY, JUNE 19	Grade 12 Exams Begin
TUESDAY, JUNE 20	Last Day for Grade 9-11 Classes
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21	Grade 9-11 Exams Begin
TUESDAY, JUNE 27	Graduation 6:00pm - 8:00pm
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28	Exam Review Day
THURSDAY, JUNE 29	Eid-ul-Adha
FRIDAY, JUNE 30	P.A. DAY (No Classes)

## A Message From Our Indigenous Trustee:

Aaniin (Hello), I am Indigenous Trustee for the York Region District School Board and a member of the Chippewas of Georgina Island, the only First Nation in York Region and one you may recognize YRDSB acknowledging as their “partner in education” when providing land acknowledgements.

I would like to offer greetings for the month of June, the month when we recognize and celebrate the Indigenous People of Canada, our unique status as Canadians, our history on this land and our many significant contributions. In 1996, Governor General Romeo LeBlanc declared June 21 as National Aboriginal Peoples Day. He said, “On June 21st this year and every year, Canada will honour the native peoples who first brought humanity to this great land.” In 2017, the name was formally changed, and we now recognize this day as National Indigenous Peoples Day.

June 21 was chosen because it is summer solstice, a time of spiritual significance for Indigenous people. It is a time when the sun is at the highest point in the sky and we experience the longest day of the year, and the most amount of daylight. This is considered powerful medicine and is a time for practicing ceremonies that honour our interconnection with the land and the cosmos.

The Anishinaabe also recognize June as the month of the Strawberry moon, Ode’min Giizis. The beautiful red heart shaped strawberry offers us the teaching of reconciliation and forgiveness. It is the first berry of the season that brings us that sweetness for life. June offers us many special gifts and much to be grateful for.

People ask what they can do to celebrate Indigenous People Day and as Canadians support Indigenous people in Canada? We can build our awareness by reading Indigenous books, listening to Indigenous podcasts, and attending Indigenous events.

We can create positive change and promote public awareness by lending our support to Indigenous issues. We can also offer land acknowledgements as we do at the beginning of meetings and events in the YRDSB. However, I believe most importantly to Indigenous people across this planet is to recognize our right to reclaim and practice our Indigenous languages and the important significance of the earth under our feet. Our traditional knowledge and our cultures exist in our languages and without the opportunity to learn them in our schools and speak them in our communities much of our ancestral knowledge will be lost forever.

Further, recognizing Indigenous relationship with the land and taking the time to build land awareness and connection is imperative. We must practice environmental stewardship and protect our greenspaces. Walk in nature, plant, or hug a tree, help a turtle across the road, sing to the water, just be with the land. It does little to offer a land acknowledgement if we do not acknowledge the earth on which we live. The earth is our mother, this is why we call her “Mother Earth” in our Anishinaabe creation stories. We are extrinsically interconnected; without her we would not exist. As her children we must care for her and protect her. Stand with Indigenous people by honouring her, this is the most important land acknowledgement you can give.

Chi-Miigwech and Happy Indigenous People’s Day!

Your Indigenous Trustee, Lauri Hoeg

## 2022-2023 School Photos from Edge Imaging

The end of the year is almost here! Congratulations to you - summer is just around the corner and we know you can't wait.

This is a reminder to all parents and students: don't forget to purchase your 2022-2023 school photos from Edge. School photos are the perfect way to start celebrating summer and all of the achievements you have accomplished!

Be sure to follow these simple steps and order your photos now!

1. Find your portrait code and passcode on your photo proof sheet (don't have it? Call or LiveChat Edge's customer care
2. team directly and be prepared with your child's student number @ 1-888-416-334 or [edgeimaging.ca](https://edgeimaging.ca)).
3. Go to [edgeimaging.ca/order](https://edgeimaging.ca/order) and enter your codes.
4. Easily purchase your photos and remember this school year and everything you've accomplished!

Thank you so much and have a wonderful summer!

## Transition Support for Special Education:

Graduating students who are continuing onto Post-Secondary in the fall should reach out to the Accessibility Services Departments at their respective Colleges and Universities, do not wait until the fall. Register now if they haven't already, as they will need to submit paperwork and meet with staff in order to ensure they receive accommodations right away in the fall. This website was shared with all students by their SERTs as it links directly to Accessibility Services at each Post-Secondary Institutions: <https://www.transitionresourceguide.ca/>

## From the YRDSB:

[Tune In YRDSB – Supporting Student Mental Health During Exams](#)

[York Pride Festival Weekend](#)

## Upcoming Program at MPL:

SaveSoil Arts & Crafts, Songs, Dance, Storytelling - [Sat | June 17 | 11 AM | Milliken Mills](#)

Seniors Social and Garden Party - [Mon | June 19 | 12 PM | Thornhill Village](#)

Celebrate Pride Month: Book Showcase & Performance - [Tues | June 20 | 7 PM | ZOOM](#)

How to Fix a Flat Tire - [Tues | June 20 | 7 PM | Thornhill C.C](#)

New Registration System Account Creation Tutorial - [Tues | June 20 | 10 AM | Markham Village](#)

Stretch Your Dollars: Budgeting 101 - [Wed | June 21 | 6 PM | ZOOM](#)

[Join the 2023 Summer Reading Club!](#)

## Library Items:

June marks the beginning of [Pride Season](#) in Canada! Celebrate by borrowing one of these great books from the UHS Library! (click links for more information)

[How It All Blew Up](#) by Arvin Ahmadi

[One in Every Crowd: Stories](#) by Ivan E. Coyote

[Rise to the Sun](#) by Leah Johnson

[We Are Totally Normal](#) by Naomi Kanakia

[If It Makes You Happy](#) by Clare Kann

[every day](#) by David Levithan

[Huntress](#) by Malinda Lo

[10 Things I Can See From Here](#) by Carrie Mac

[That Blue Sky Feeling](#) by Okura

[First Year Out: A Transition Story](#) by Sabrina Symington

## Attention Grade 12 Students: An Important Message About Your GAPPS Account:

This is a message for all Graduates and any student leaving YRDSB at the end of *June, 2023*. Students who wish to keep work that has been saved on the YRDSB Google Drive (GAPPS account) will need to download it as soon as possible - **no later than the end of July 2023**. They will not have access to this account after this time.

Instructions on how to Download your Google Data:

1. Select the Google Apps and Services you want to export your data and documents from, and select the option to receive the file as a download via email (depending on the size of your Google account, this could take several hours). Use the .zip file option.
2. Once the Google Takeout email arrives, use the links to download your archived data and documents to the personal computer, USB/external drive and/or the personal Google Drive that you wish.
3. You can "unzip" the archives and then upload the data and documents to a new personal Google Account or use the files and documents in Microsoft Office or other applications.

Need More Help? Support resources from Google are available on how to download your Google data.

## Parking Pass Reminder

Attention Students,

All students with a second semester parking pass (Blue) please return your parking pass as soon as possible to **Mrs. Dudani in the main office**. You will be reimbursed your deposit upon returning your parking pass via School Cash Online.

## The Unionville House Project: Architecture Over Time

The Grade 10 AU Visual Arts class will be exhibiting **The Unionville House Project: Architecture over time** at the Fred Varley Gallery from **June 6th-18th**. All are welcome to come to the opening reception on Friday, June 9th from 4:00pm-5:00pm. This exhibit was created in association with Glasstronomy Studios and it features an art installation of metal and glass condominium towers. Each window in the tower showcases local historic and modern architecture that has been rendered in fused glass. This exhibit is a lead up and in conjunction with the Grade 10 AU coloured pencil crayon drawings of the Unionville House.

## Culminating/Exam Dates

The last day of Grade 12 classes is **Friday, June 16**. Grade 12 exams begin on **Monday, June 19** and run until **Friday, June 23**.

The last day of classes for Grades 9, 10, and 11 is **Tuesday, June 20**. Exams for grades 9, 10 and 11 begin on **Wednesday, June 21** and run until **Tuesday, June 27**.

Grade 12 exams begin early to ensure that all grade 12 marks are submitted prior to graduation.

**All students are expected to be present for their culminating/exam tasks taking place during the exam schedule.**

**June 28** is exam review day. Attendance is taken on this day. This day is usually run as a condensed schedule (i.e. shortened periods) where students have the opportunity to see their final culminating/exam task results.

<b>Monday, June 19</b>	Grade 12 Period 3 – start times vary
<b>Tuesday, June 20</b>	Grade 12 Period 4 - start times vary
<b>Wednesday, June 21</b>	Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 - Period 5 - 9:00 AM
<b>Thursday, June 22</b>	Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 – Period 1 – 9:00 AM
<b>Friday, June 23</b>	Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 – Period 2 – 9:00 AM
<b>Monday, June 26</b>	Grades 9, 10, 11 – Period 3 – 9:00 AM
<b>Tuesday, June 27</b>	Grades 9, 10, 11 – Period 4 – 9:00 AM

Please click [this link](#) to access the Semester 2 Exam Schedule for the 2022-2023 school year.

## Grade 11 Students Writing Grade 12 Exams

Teachers have been notified about grade 11 students who will be writing grade 12 exams on June 19 and 20.

Please note that exam start times vary on these days (i.e. they may not coincide with the regular schedule).

Also, the exam duration will exceed 75 minutes, so students will not be able to arrive at their subsequent class on time.

Our office staff will rectify any attendance issues that arise as a result of grade 11 students writing grade 12 exams.

Please be advised that parental consent is required for grade 11 students who will not be attending grade 11 classes on a grade 12 exam day.

Grade 11 students are NOT permitted to 'skip' their grade 11 classes while remaining on school property outside of their grade 12 exam.

### Other Scenarios

There are NO grade 12 classes after Friday, June 16. Grade 12 graduating students who do not have exams on June 19 and 20 should stay home and study/prepare/work on culminating tasks.

Grade 11 students who take some grade 12 courses and who do not have exams on June 19 and 20 may sit in the cafeteria or library for the grade 12 period when there is no class.

If the grade 12 course is in period one or five, the grade 11 student may arrive late to school (in time for period two) or leave early (after period four).

Students who are grade 12 by age but who are not graduating and who are taking courses in other grades should be attending their non-grade 12 classes on June 19 and 20.

**Exam/Culminating Review Day  
Wednesday, June 28, 2023**

<b>Homeroom</b>	<b>8:25am-8:30am</b>
<b>Period 1 Classes</b>	<b>8:30am-9:05am</b>
<b>Break</b>	<b>9:05am-9:10am</b>
<b>Period 2 Classes</b>	<b>9:10am-9:45am</b>
<b>Break</b>	<b>9:45am-9:50am</b>
<b>Period 3 Classes</b>	<b>9:50am-10:25am</b>
<b>Break</b>	<b>10:25am-10:30am</b>
<b>Period 4 Classes</b>	<b>10:30am-11:05am</b>
<b>Break</b>	<b>11:05am-11:10am</b>
<b>Period 5 Classes</b>	<b>11:10am-11:45am</b>
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>11:45am-12:45pm</b>
<b>Staff Meetings</b>	<b>12:45pm-3:05pm</b>

## Technology Return

If you have borrowed a Chromebook from the school, please remember to return to the main office by the end of school year. Grade 12 students, please return by the last day of class June 16, 2023 if you do not need it for exam. Grade 9 to 11 students, please return by the last day of class **June 20, 2023** if you do not need it for exam.

## Volunteer with Markham Public Library

Get your hours, make friends and create an impact for your community. Click [here](#) for flyer.

## What Do You Need to Graduate from High School?

[What do you need to Graduate?](#) – Click the link to see what courses and requirements you will need to graduate.



## UHS Wellness Council

The UHS Wellness Council is a student run council whose mission is dedicated to improve students' health and well-being by creating and maintaining a positive school environment here at UHS. To learn more about how you can be part of the UHS Wellness Council, [please click here](#) for our Instagram page.

“How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.” – A.A. Milne.

## Faith Accommodations for Semester 2

Please be advised of **our regular daily prayer room** during semester two:

**Central Prayer Room Location: Room 326** (With the exception of June 19 when it will be held in room 219).

## Homestay Families Needed for International Visa Students

Host families are needed to offer homestay accommodation to International Visa students. The experience of hosting can be a once in a lifetime experience for your family. Are you able to offer a caring home environment to a YRDSB international student? Remuneration (monthly stipend) is available to families to cover the cost of hosting. Hosting opportunities are available from two well-known organizations, approved by YRDSB. These organizations can support you every step of the way. Both [Canada Homestay Network](#) and [MLI Homestay](#) offer additional information online. These opportunities are available broadly to YRDSB staff, and members of school communities

## News, Tips and Resources for Families

Looking for the latest news, tips and resources for families? Some of our departments put out monthly newsletters that provide helpful updates and resources for families.

Visit our [newsletters page](#) to see them all, or check out the latest from:

- [Centre for Black Student Excellence](#)
- [Math and Math Problems of the month](#)
- [Mental Health](#)
- [Parent, Family & Community Engagement](#)
- ["The Special Edition" Exceptional Learning Strengths and Needs Newsletter](#)

## Culturally Responsive Mental Health & Wellbeing Services for Students & Families

Please click [here](#) for flyer.

# The Unionville House Project



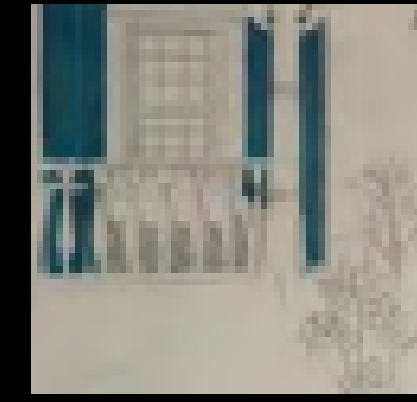
Explore the neighbourhood as interpreted by Unionville High School student artists in collaboration with Glasstronomy Studios



**Where:** Varley Art Gallery  
216 Main Street  
Unionville, Markham  
Front lobby



**When:** June 6 to June 17, 2023  
**Opening:** Friday, June 9, 2023,  
from 4 to 5 PM



**Admission:** Free

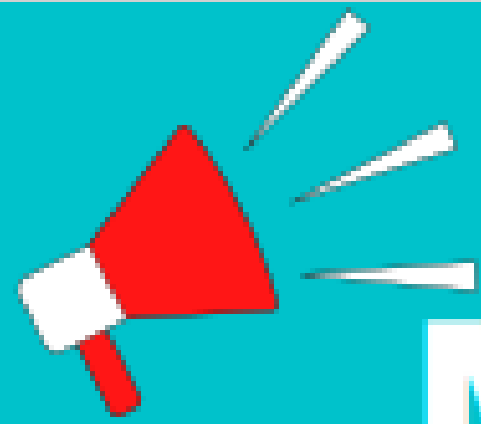
**Welcome to the neighbourhood!**



Varley  
Art Gallery  
of Markham



glasstronomy  
studios



# CALLING ALL ASPIRING MENTAL HEALTH LEADERS!



## YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Hong Fook Mental Health Association is looking for passionate Asian-identifying youth leaders ages 16-25 to promote the awareness of mental health and issues facing the Asian community.



**Honorarium Provided!**

### WHAT WILL YOU DO?

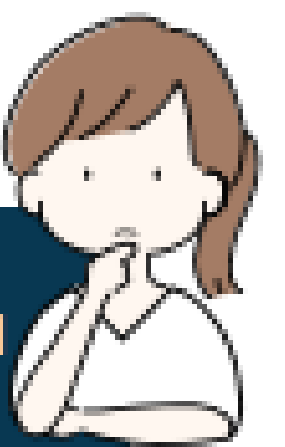
Youth Ambassadors will develop leadership skills by identifying pressing youth mental health needs and how they can be addressed through a series of workshop presentations in the community.

● AUGUST 2023 - MAY 2024  
VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON MEETINGS

● DESIGN AND PRESENT A WORKSHOP SERIES TO YORK REGION COMMUNITIES



### WHY JOIN THIS PROGRAM?



● BECOME A MENTAL HEALTH AMBASSADOR AT SCHOOLS AND IN THE COMMUNITY

● DEVELOP PUBLIC SPEAKING AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

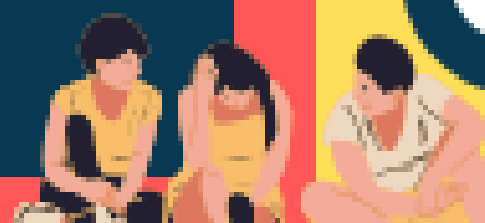
● RECEIVE TRAINING FROM PREVIOUS YOUTH AMBASSADORS



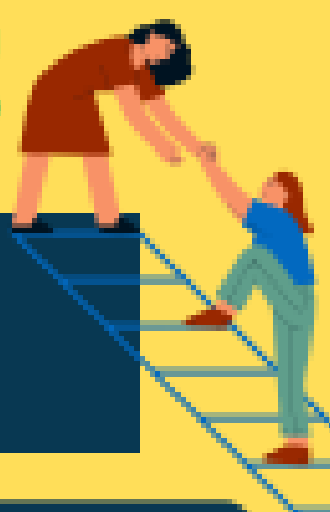
### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

● ASIAN-IDENTIFYING YOUTH AGES 16-25 LIVING IN YORK REGION

● ABLE TO COMMIT FOR THE FULL SCHOOL YEAR



### APPLY NOW!



1 EMAIL RESUME TO BERNIE YEUNG AT [BYEUNG@HONGFOOK.CA](mailto:BYEUNG@HONGFOOK.CA)

2 FILL OUT THE APPLICATION FORM:



# Promoting Racial Literacy in Schools

Differences That Make A Difference  
with Dr. Howard C. Stevenson



**Monday June 19, 2023**

**7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

## **Virtual Event**

Parents/guardians and students are invited to attend a virtual workshop with Dr. Howard C. Stevenson, author of *Promoting Racial Literacy in Schools: Differences That Make a Difference*.

Join the conversation on how to help children learn healthier ways to resolve racial stress.

All participants in this FREE workshop must RSVP using the link below.



[\*\*Register here\*\*](#)

Presented by Inclusive School and Community Services Workshop funded through the Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant



## **PROMOTING RACIAL LITERACY IN SCHOOLS**

Differences  
That Make a  
Difference



**HOWARD C. STEVENSON**





# Virtual Black Parent/Guardian Workshop Series

2023 Summer Program

Is your child a YRDSB student?  
Is your child transitioning to Grade 9 or 10?  
Is your child registered in the Come Up Program?  
Does your child self-identify as Black?

**Join us for a workshop series  
on navigating the secondary  
school system.**

**Session # 1 - Tuesday, June 27, 2023, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Understanding the Secondary System  
(Structure, Rights, Policies, Attendance, Credit Recovery, IEPs and more)

**Session # 2 - Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

Supporting your Child (Mental Health Supports, Tips and Strategies)

Families of all students for the summer school program will receive registration information for the Black Parent/ Guardian Workshop Series via email once student registration is complete.



For more information email: [TheComeUP@yrdsb.ca](mailto:TheComeUP@yrdsb.ca)

# YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

APR- JUN 2023

## SPRING PROGRAMS



Hong Fook Youth and Family Services

Programs and services offered  
April to June 2023

[Click here](#)

# 青少年 & 家庭服务

APR- JUN 2023

## 春季活动目录



青少年及家庭服务

活动与服务将于  
2023年4月至6月之间提供

[请点击这里](#)

### Club Info

Club Name	Contact
Architecture	<a href="#">Zach Layton</a>
Arts Council	<a href="#">Shane Clodd</a>
Artisans Club	<a href="#">Jessica Li</a>
Badminton Club	<a href="#">Jonathan Tam</a> - <a href="#">Ivan Wong</a>
Black Excellence	<a href="#">Sara Faulkner</a> - <a href="#">Zach Teitel</a> - <a href="#">Beckey Serwaa</a>
Board Games Club	<a href="#">Brooke Semoff</a>
Book Club	<a href="#">Celeste Lawton</a>
Business & Sports	<a href="#">Neil Sareen</a>
Charis Christian Club	<a href="#">Peter Lansing</a>
Chess Club	<a href="#">Jessica Deluca-Kurek</a>
Chinese Culture Club	<a href="#">Shan-Chen Yu</a>
Community Council	<a href="#">James Campbell</a>
Computer Science Club	<a href="#">Raymond Do</a>
Cooking Club	<a href="#">Anna DiLorenzo</a>
Dance Council	<a href="#">Melissa Bettio</a> - <a href="#">Kathleen Major</a>
Debate Club	<a href="#">Megan Woo</a>
DECA	<a href="#">Kuo Pan</a> - <a href="#">Wes Guldemond</a> - <a href="#">Neil Sareen</a>
Desi Student Association	<a href="#">Arora Angad Singh</a>

Dramatic Arts Council	<u>Laz Geronikolos</u>
Eco-Council	<u>Michael Johnston</u>
Film Club	<u>Lauren Fridman - Shiraz Rafik - Zach Layton</u>
Gender & Sexuality Alliance	<u>Sara Faulkner - Zach Teitel</u>
Guitar Ensemble	<u>Niloufar Barazesh</u>
Historical Club	<u>Laura Fong</u>
Jazz Band	<u>Niloufar Barazesh</u>
K-Pop Club	<u>Kathleen Major</u>
Light Music Club	<u>Jennifer Porter</u>
Math Club	<u>Daniela Panacci</u>
Med Club	<u>Henry Wang</u>
Mock Trial	<u>Nathan Struk</u>
Muslim Students Association	<u>Farhan Baig</u>
Narrative Arts Club	<u>Shiraz Rafik</u>
Newcomers Club	<u>Keyan Wu - Brooke Semoff</u>
Philisophical Studies Club	<u>Laura Fong</u>
Prom Committee	<u>Zafirah Damji - Daniela Panacci - Melissa Bettio</u>
Robotics	<u>Brian Cho - Andrew Dennis</u> <u>Raymond Do - David De Paolis</u>
Science Club	<u>Elaine Howard - Jeffrey Chan</u>
Shalom Unionville	<u>Zach Teitel</u>
Show Choir	<u>Melissa Bettio - Julia Fong - Michelle Teh</u>
Soccer Club	<u>Mathew Himelson</u>
Social Justice Club	<u>Felicia Sukdeo - Jennifer Porter</u>
Special Events Club	<u>Zafirah Damji - Susan Sun</u>
STEM Beyond	<u>Georgina Mantelos</u>
Table Tennis Club	<u>Jeffrey Chan</u>
Tamil Students Association	<u>Sharma Sharma</u>
Target Alpha	<u>Mathew Himelson - Wes Guldemond</u>
Wellness Club	<u>Michelle Farwell</u>
Writers Club	<u>Zach Layton</u>
Unionville Howl	<u>Keyan Wu</u>
Voice Acting Club	<u>Stephanie Taylor</u>
Yoga Club	<u>Jennifer Zamperin</u>
Zoology	<u>Yiu Lun Leung - Daniel Dietrich</u>