Creativity Thrives Here | Arts Mackenzie Applications for September 2020

The York Region District School Board's specialized arts program is designed for students who learn through the arts. At Arts Mackenzie, students will develop strong academic, artistic and life skills in a safe, inclusive environment. Arts Mackenzie students are incorporated into the academic and extra-curricular life at Alexander Mackenzie High School.

While working towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma, students are required to take a minimum of eight arts credits in their chosen discipline. Students may apply to study one of the following Arts Mackenzie disciplines: dance, music (strings, instrumental, vocal), theatre or visual arts.

Benefits of Enhancing Your Secondary School Experience with Arts Mackenzie:

- Academic programming enhanced by two arts credits in your discipline per year to achieve OSSD and YRDSB Specialized Arts Certificate
- A kinesthetic instructional approach to acquiring traditional, digital and financial literacy skills
- Develop confidence and perseverance while building transferable skills in communication, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity, and higher order thinking
- Extended learning opportunities from professional guest artists, unique field trips, and cross-curricular activities

Applications for September 2020 are due to Alexander Mackenzie High School by **November 29, 2019.** Auditions **will be held in January 2020.** Students who submit a completed application on time **will be guaranteed an audition.**

Visit www.artsmackenzie.com for more information.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Don't miss your child's chance to learn life skills (persevere and be graceful in victory or defeat!), logical thinking and responsibility (actions have consequences!) through chess play. The 2020 Winter session starts soon at your child's school!

Easy registration is at your finger tips! Do not delay!

Please go to https://tcs-vsps-2020-winter.eventzilla.net

Enter the invite code
VS08ja11ma
and click the Register button!

DID YOU KNOW?

- Studies show that children who learn chess show rapid improvements in mathematics, reading, spatial awareness, visualization, focus and social skills
- Some countries already include chess in their school curriculum

- ***Lessons start Wednesday Jan 8 and end Wednesday Mar 11. The session has 10 lessons.***
- ***Lessons take place Wednesdays from 11:50 am to 12:50 pm***
- ***The cost is $105 per student per session.***

If you prefer the paper format:

- *please turn the page and fill in the registration form, then*
- *also email me confirming that you registered your child by paper*
- *please bring the registration form and the payment to first class*

- **Toronto Chess School has small class sizes (maximum of 16 students), which allows for quality instruction.**
- **Lessons can be tailored for beginner to advanced levels**
- **Each lesson is followed by practice play and homework – marked by the instructor.**

Chess lessons are conducted by one of the Toronto Chess School instructors:

- ***Tibi Andronache (aka Mr. A), who has more than 15 successful years of teaching experience***
- ***Evgeny Tobolovsky, VP of Ontario Chess Association, a very experienced player and instructor.***

Every new student receives:

- ***a chess book full of puzzles to solve or a software program running on WINDOWS containing 23 lessons, 1800 exercises and 66 games (a $30.00 retail value)***

- In 2017, Toronto Chess School had 10 students qualified for Provincial Final Chess Championships, from 10 clubs.
- In both 2018 and 2019 Toronto Chess School had twice as many students qualified: 20 students from 10 clubs!

LEARN TO PLAY, PLAY TO LEARN!

Any questions? text or call TORONTO CHESS SCHOOL at 416 550-9780 or email tandronache@gmail.com

TCS code: VSPS-2020-W

***FOR PAPER REGISTRATION ONLY*! Please send with your child to the first lesson:**

- **this registration form with information filled in, and**
- **your payment by CASH or by CHEQUE payable to TORONTO CHESS SCHOOL**

REGISTRATION FORM (please print in capital letters)

STUDENT NAME (first, last) . . . . . GRADE . . . .

Phone 1 . . . . . Phone 2 . . . . . .

Home email . . . . . .

Notes	**Please check all skills that apply (If you are not sure, leave it blank)**
	☐ new to chess
	☐ know how to move all pieces
	☐ know how to checkmate
	☐ know some strategy and tactics
	☐ know how to win Rook against 6 pawns
	☐ know how to win 7 pawns against Rook
	☐ know how to win Bishop against 3 pawns
	☐ know how to win 3 pawns against Bishop
	☐ know how to win Knight against 3 pawns
	☐ know how to win 3 pawns against Knight
	☐ know how to win Queen against 8 pawns
	☐ know how to win King and pawn versus King
	☐ know how to draw King versus King and pawn

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Kid's Kitchen Co.

DECEMBER 2019 UPDATE

THE 2019 HOLIDAY SPECIAL

Celebrate the season with our annual festive holiday lunch!

Roasted Chicken Leg, Steamed Veggies,
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy &
a Festive Shortbread Cookie

Gluten-friendly option is available online.

Available on the days we service your school for the month of December.

DECEMBER SPECIALS

For the month of December your child can enjoy:

BLT

Turkey bacon, lettuce & tomato on a kaiser.

or

CLT

Cheddar cheese, lettuce & tomato on a kaiser.

These items are available as a combo or entrée only. Visit us on-line to see our full menu.

These specials are available only **until December 20th**. Place your orders today!

Ordering is easy!

Login to place your orders at www.kidskitchen.ca
Orders are accepted until 10am the previous business day (on Friday for Monday orders).
A valid credit card is required.

We're here to help!

Live customer service: 8am – 3pm Monday to Friday.

Holiday Office Closure

Please note that the office will be closed for the Winter Break December 23, 2019 - January 3, 2020 inclusive. We will re-open on Monday, January 6th.

Spend more quality time with your kids. Leave the lunches to us!

905.944.0210 | www.kidskitchen.ca | information@kidskitchen.ca

Kid's Kitchen Co.
The hot lunch experts since 2001.

November 2019

Dear Parents,

Winter is around the corner and so we would like to take this opportunity to clarify our policy on lunch service during inclement weather for your school.

If the school buses are cancelled due to inclement weather and the schools are OPEN - Kid's Kitchen lunches will still be delivered.

Lunches will not automatically be cancelled due to bus cancellations. If you child is not going to school, please call us at 905-944-0210.

Our regular cancellation time is 7am, but we will extend our cancellation time to 8am ONLY on the days when the buses are cancelled. Cancellations can only be accepted by PHONE.

If you do not cancel lunch, it will be delivered to the school and still charged to your account.

Please do not hesitate to contact us directly if you have any questions or concerns.

We are here to help.

Sincerely,

The Kids Kitchen Team

905.944.0210
www.kidskitchen.ca

NKS Markham presents our...

Northern Karate Lunch Program

Building strength and molding character one student at a time

Kicking Recess Into High Gear

Northern Karate is coming to Victoria Square P.S.!

Our lunchtime recess karate program is designed to introduce students to the benefits of martial arts training.

We will be running a 8-week program during the lunch hour.

To enroll your child, call us at 905-475-0044. Space is limited, so register TODAY!

Price

$79 PLUS TAX

ALL profits from the Northern Karate Lunch Program go right back to your school!

Victoria Square Public School

Your child will be attending the NKS Lunch Program every Thursday on the following dates:

- Week 1: January 16th
- Week 2: January 23rd
- Week 3: January 30th
- Week 4: February 6th
- Week 5: February 13th
- Week 6: February 20th
- Week 7: February 27th
- Week 8: March 5th

Graduation Day for your child is:

Saturday, March 7th @ 2:30pm

at NKS Markham dojo

For each class, your child will need to wear comfortable clothing (dresses, skirts and jeans strongly discouraged), lace-up running shoes and perhaps bring a bottle of water. Oh, and they definitely need to have a lot of fun!

You will receive a call/email from an instructor prior to the graduation date to confirm your child's attendance and to provide you with graduation details.

Should you have any questions or concerns about the program or your child's progress, please call us directly at NKS Markham. Keep this brochure handy!

Northern Karate School Markham

1405 Denison St
(East of Birchmount)
Markham, Ontario
L3R 5V2

Phone: 905.475.0044
Web: www.nksmarkham.com
Email: markham@northernkarate.com

Hours:
Monday - Friday: 9am - 9pm
Saturday: 9am - 2pm
Sunday: 10am - 1pm

find us on facebook

VICTORIA SQUARE PUBLIC SCHOOL

HOLIDAY CARDMAKING FAMILY FUN

Join us for an evening of FUN and CRAFTING! For $10, each child will receive materials to complete 2 Holiday cards and 1 gift tag. Pre-registration is required through CashOnline.

*** This is NOT a drop-off event. Parent supervision required***

HOLIDAY CARDMAKING FUN

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

Per the French Immersion Procedure, Corporate Communications will select and communicate the dates of information sessions and the French Immersion registration period. The sample newsletter insert below will be updated each year to reflect the dates for that year and will be sent to all schools to be inserted in school newsletters

Grade 1 French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations

Information Sessions
Information sessions for Grade 1 entry into the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at French Immersion schools that have a Grade 1 program on January 16, 2020 at 7 p.m.
Please visit YRDSB's website in January 2020 http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/fi/Pages/Program-Locations.aspx to find the FI program location for your elementary school location.

Registration
FI registration will begin on January 17, 2020. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2020, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can visit or call their home school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. This Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to the designated FI program location to register, between January 17 and February 7, 2020. Registration during this period is not first come, first served.

Late Registrations
Late registrations are those submitted after February 7, 2020. Late registrations will be treated on a first- come, first-served basis and will be considered subsequent to registrations received during the registration period should overflow be necessary.

Accommodation Plan
YRDSB's FI Accommodation Plan provides long-term consistency and equity of access to all students in York Region and will enable YRDSB to continue to offer the FI program to all who wish to enrol. The FI program will be offered in Dual Track or Single Track settings, in a variety of configurations. In order to meet community needs and optimize available space in our schools, a community's Grade 1-8 FI program may be provided over more than one school during the course of a student's FI education. Space requirements at some schools may mean that siblings are in different schools for primary dual track French Immersion programs due to differing grade structures. Like any of our schools across the Board, changes to school boundaries, and/or the accommodation model for the French Immersion program may need to be considered when new schools open, a school experiences enrolment growth, and program changes occur. This will allow flexibility in addressing community needs and the opportunity to use existing space in schools.

More information is available on the Board's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Please note: Some of the FI accommodation plans will require facility modifications or the development of new schools and will require short-term transition plans that might include overflow while we work toward the long-term vision. Overflow refers to situations in which the Board directs students to attend a school other than their community school or optional program for a specific period of time, as defined in Policy #108.

December 2019 – Trustee Greetings for School Newsletters

Message from Our Trustee

One of our top priorities as a school board is creating an environment that enables our students to focus on learning and be successful. That means creating environments where students are safe and feel safe, where all of our students know that they are welcome and supported, and where they see their identities reflected, valued and celebrated.

Championing Equity and Inclusivity

Championing Equity and Inclusivity is one of the priorities outlined in the Board of Trustees' Multi-Year Strategic Plan. We are fortunate to live in one of the most diverse regions of Canada, and welcome students, staff and families with a broad range of identities and experiences. There has been much work underway at the Board in the past few months to ensure we are providing all of our students with a safe, equitable and inclusive learning environment, including:

- Providing Board-wide training for over 12,000 school staff on anti-Black racism.
- Acknowledging Treaties Recognition Week, and learning about the importance of treaties and treaty relationships in Canada from First Nations community members.
- Bringing together over 250 students and staff at our annual SpeakOut conference for the 2SLGBTQ+ community.
- Hosting a labour market information night for parents to learn about current and future career opportunities and employment trends.
- Bringing together hundreds of members of the education community for three days of learning focused on Indigenous Education and Equity at our world-renowned Quest conference.

I have had the opportunity to attend various school meetings and spoken to parents, students and educators firsthand, this includes, School Councils, Regional School Council Forum, Quest Conference and York Regional labor market information night. It is important that our families know and feel that they are a valued, respected and important part of our school community. In the recently held regional school council forums that brought together school council members from across the region, we learned and shared together on important topics such as engaging families, vaping and problematic gaming. It was wonderful to see so many family members there. I have visited no less than eight school council meetings so far this year and it is my mandate to visit every school council in the school year as it provides me with great opportunities to listen to and interact with families. As a pilot project commencing since the beginning of the year, a few schools piloted Active School Travel, which promotes students to walk or cycle to schools with their families. It was well received and feedback was also received from families.

The Board of Trustees was also pleased to receive and commit to taking action on the recommendations in response to the Anti-Black Racism, Antisemitism, Classism and Islamophobia community consultations.

Winter Months

With the winter weather already upon us, I also want to remind families that school transportation may be cancelled on extreme cold or inclement weather days, and there may be rare occasions when emergency weather conditions result in school closures. To ensure families are aware, last month, we tested a new system to send text messages to families in emergency situations only. Information about

transportation cancellations and school closures will also be available on Board and school websites, Board social media channels and local media.

Many of our students and families will be celebrating days of significance and holidays in the coming weeks and months, and I wish you all the very best for the season. I hope everyone has a safe and happy winter break and we look forward to welcoming students back in January.

Ron Lynn
Trustee, Markham, Wards 2, 3 and 6

Victoria Square Public School

Mad Science Extracurricular Programs will amaze your child and show them just how cool science, chess, and engineering can be!

Program	Grades	Day & Time	Dates
Young Explorers	JK - SK	Thursday 11:55 - 12:55	Jan 23 - Mar 12
NASA: Academy of Future Space Explorers	Gr 1 - Gr 3	Monday 11:55 - 12:55	Jan 20 - Mar 23 Skip (Feb 17 & Mar 16)
NASA: Academy of Future Space Explorers	Gr 1 - Gr 3	Wednesday 11:55 - 12:55	Jan 22 - Mar 11

Register Online

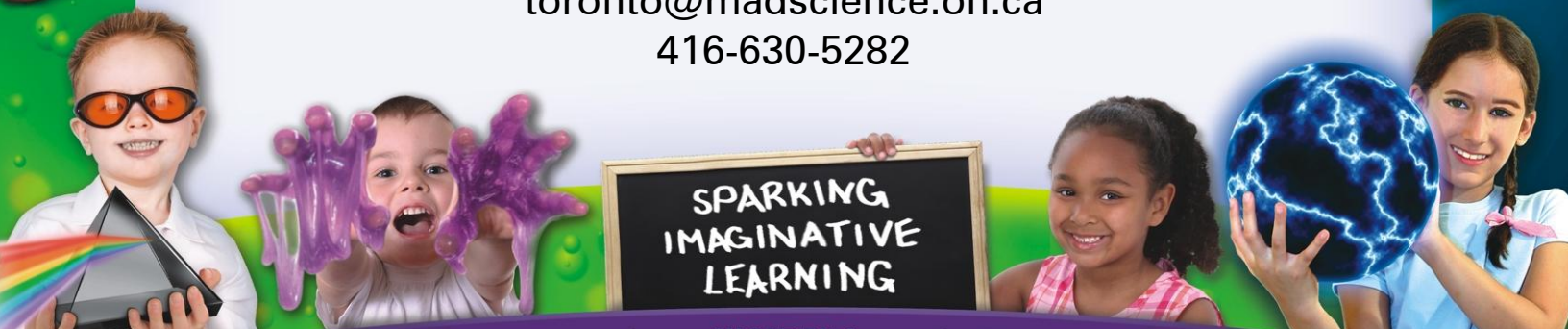
toronto.madscience.org

Registration is first-come, first-served.
Register early to secure your spot!

All registrations must be completed through Mad Science.
Registrations will not be accepted at the school.

$5 from each registration goes back to the school.

For assistance please contact:
toronto@madscience.on.ca
416-630-5282



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Extracurricular Program Options

Program	Grades	Day & Time	Dates	Fee
Young Explorers	JK - SK	Thursday 11:55 - 12:55	Jan 23 - Mar 12 8 weeks	$135.00 + HST

Program Description

This fun, hands-on Kinder Science program sparks imaginative learning! Children will engage in exciting hands-on activities, watch spectacular demonstrations, participate in inquiry-based discussions and take home experiments they have made themselves.

Weekly Topics: Bugs, Digging for Dinos, Animal Friends, Human Body, Listen Closely, Changing Seasons, Common Senses, and Weather Wonders

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Program Description

We've teamed up with NASA to take children on a voyage of discovery! With unique hands-on activities, amazing demonstrations, and fun experiments, this experience is truly out of this world. Children will build fun and educational take home projects to fuel their future explorations!

Weekly Topics: Space Travel, Space Phenomena, Sun & Stars, Rocket Science I & II, Atmosphere & Beyond, Space Technology, and Living in Space

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Arts Express™
Bringing children and the Arts together since 1995

Broadway Lights

SELF-CONFIDENCE | IMAGINATION | ACTING SKILLS | TEAMWORK | FUN | CREATIVITY

Fridays, 11:55 AM - 12:55 PM at Victoria Square PS

Classes run from Friday, January 24, 2020 - March 27, 2020

8 weekly classes for grades 1-6, $135.00 per child.

Spots are first come, first serve!

SING, DANCE, and ACT! This program will focus on learning a few songs from one Broadway Show with some light script and dancing. Every participant will be an important part of the Broadway Lights performance. Working together in a positive and creative environment, you'll "wow" your family and friends with your terrific talents!

BROADWAY LIGHTS CLASSES

- Build self-confidence
- Explore Imagination
- Create a safe and non-judgemental environment
- Encourage group and individual participation
- Allow for self-exploration
- Encourage voice projection
- Explore physical movement
- Benefit every child's unique personality
- Students explore their dramatic talents through theatre games, improv and scene work

CLASS DETAILS

- High quality programs that are convenient for parents
- Energetic and talented instructors with experience in both Arts and Education
- All teachers are required to have a police check
- Maximum of 20 students per teacher
- Students will use pastels, markers and pencil
- Each student should pack a small nut free snack for after school classes
- Parents are invited to an art show during the last class

Register on-line at www.ArtsExpress.ca or call 416-239-3093

POLICIES

- Full payment is due upon registration
- There will be no reimbursement for missed classes
- A $20.00 administration fee will be charged for NSF cheques
- Arts Express reserves the right to remove a student from the program due to inappropriate behaviour
- Students must participate in two classes before applying for a refund. No refunds will be given after the third class
- Refunds will be issued less a $20.00 administrative fee and payment for classes already taken
- For after school classes, a fee of $1.00 per minute, after the first 10 minutes will be charged to any parent who is late picking up their child
- Your child must be picked up outside the Arts Express classroom

SAFETY

- Parents must report if their child is going to be absent from class
- To report an absence phone 416-255-9557 OR 1-877-611-2787 and leave a detailed message including the date, your child's name, school and grade
- If you have not reported an after school absence, it will be treated as an EMERGENCY situation

F.A.C.E Foundation
Financial Subsidy is available for qualified individuals through the F.A.C.E Foundation.
For an application, please call 416-239-3093

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