

COMMUNITY

Children's festival set for Saturday

Fun is the order of the day for the Milliken Children's Festival this Saturday.

The event goes from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Milliken Mills Community Centre, Kennedy Road, south of 14th Avenue. A wide variety of activities are slated for youngsters, including entertainment by children's performer Eric Nagler, carnival rides, a petting zoo and a visit from Barney.

The festival's organizers have turned to Milliken's cultural diversity to offer a variety of dancers, storytellers, foods and crafts at the event. Also planned is a pancake breakfast for 500 on Saturday morning and a Backstreet Boys lip-synch contest.

Nagler will perform in the main tent at 11:30 a.m., Barney will visit at 2:30 p.m. and the Backstreet Boys contest is set for 4 p.m.

Two shuttle buses will be running to the festival from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The buses will make stops at Markville Shopping Centre, the Markham Community Centre at Hwys. 48 and 7, the northwest corner of Denison Street and Hwy. 48, across from the No Frills plaza, and the front entrance of the Armadale Community Centre on Denison Street.

For more information on the festival, call 475-4883.

Hospice house tour Sunday

Evergreen Hospice (formerly Hospice Markham Stouffville) hosts its third annual house tour this Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tour organizer and interior decorator Kathy McLeod is a volunteer at the hospice and co-ordinator of this year's house tour. She assembled a variety of sites for this year's tour.

There are two homes that have been completely renovated. The insides have been totally gutted and a new second storey has been added to one. Great for ideas for anyone contemplating the task. Another home is a charming historical house, complete with a tin ceiling in the kitchen and fabulous architectural details.

Boxgrove United Church will be providing light refreshments during and after the tour. Tickets are \$20 and are available at Focus on Flowers, Main Street, Markham; Inside Out Decorating, Main Street, Stouffville; The Queen's Pantry, Main Street, Unionville, or by calling Evergreen Hospice at 472-5014. (VISA accepted).

The tour is a major fundraiser for the hospice, which provides caring support to individuals and their families dealing with life-threatening illness. Hospice services are given without cost to enable families to keep their loved one at home as long as possible.

More than 7,000 volunteer hours were committed to Evergreen Hospice programs last year with more than 200 families receiving supportive or bereavement care.

Register for ESL classes

The York District Board of Education offers free adult ESL classes at Milliken Mills Library, 7600 Kennedy Rd., Unionville.

Register Monday, Sept. 14 for Monday/Friday classes, beginner 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; intermediate 12:30 to 3 p.m. Register Tuesday, Sept. 15 for Tuesday/Thursday classes, beginner 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; intermediate 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Highlanders march at museum

Officers and volunteer sergeants of the York Garrison 78th Fraser Highlanders, 2nd Battalion of foot, will be on parade at the Markham Museum this Saturday.

The Change of Command Parade starts at 1 p.m. and features members from across Ontario and Quebec in full regimental scarlets.

A colour party will lead the parade, followed by dignitaries, a pipe band, and several units of the regiment. There will also be a review of the officers and an induction ceremony by the regiment's student squad from Montreal.

The event will finish with a musket firing. The 78th Fraser Highlanders is Markham's official regiment.

All are welcome to attend the parade on the museum grounds, and admission and parking is free. For more information call 294-4576.



Watch For Upcoming Events At The MARKHAM



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THE TWO FACES OF THE YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

York Catholic Teachers encourage you to examine some of the many contradictions in this matter.

1) **Board states publicly:** Elementary Staffing 25:1, Secondary Staffing 22:1

Board states at the negotiating table: Each elementary school avg. 27:1 Each secondary school avg. 24:1

Teachers say: This violates Bill 160 at the school level. It gives all of the control and flexibility to the Board. Disparities between schools would become common.

2) **Board states publicly:** Cost of maintaining 6/8 in secondary schools is 4 million dollars.

Board states at the negotiating table: The cost of maintaining 6/8 is 7.5 million dollars.

Teachers say: The Cost is 3.5 million dollars.

3) **Board states publicly:** Secondary school teachers must teach 1250 mins/week because of Bill 160.

Board states at the negotiating table: The only option is a scenario which produces on a yearly basis, an average of 1320 mins/week.

Teachers say: Their proposal produces 1260 mins/week which is above that required by Bill 160.

4) **Board states publicly:** That instructional time is mandated by the government.

Board states at the negotiating table: Their proposal is the only solution but the implications of their proposal is 288 minutes/day instruction for students with at least a 72 minute lunch.

Teachers say: The teacher proposal produces 336 minutes/day instruction for students with a 40 minute lunch.

5) **Board states publicly:** We are unique in terms of staffing, solutions of other Board's won't work here.

Board states at the negotiating table: Salary increases are not possible.

Teachers say: Salary increases obtained in other Boards are possible here.

6) **Board states publicly:** Bill 160 provides increased funding for Catholic Schools.

Board states at the negotiating table: They are poor.

Teachers say: Board funding from the Ministry increased. Board costs have decreased. Deficit reduction payments of between 7 & 10 million dollars are no longer required. Long term debt of approximately 15 million dollars which includes the Taj Mahal will be carried by the government.

These are but a few examples of the misinformation provided to parents and teachers by the York Catholic District School Board. Remember, this strike could have been averted. The teachers offered to open schools if the Board would guarantee the status quo in all areas while negotiations continued. They declined.

Call your trustee. Call the Board. Let's settle this now.

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