ONTARIO VOTES TODAY

After casting your ballot, go to yorkregion.com tonight for coverage in Oak Ridges-Markham

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Nominations are now being accepted for the Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year Awards

The strength of our community lies in solid citizens.

If you know a young person, aged 6 to 17, who is involved in worthwhile community service; a special person who is contributing while living with a limitation; a youth who has performed an act of heroism; or a 'good kid' who shows a commitment to making life better for others, doing more than is normally expected of someone their age - help us recognize their contribution - nominate them today!

Nominations will be accepted until November 30

Contact this newspaper or the Ontario Community Newspapers Association at www.ocna.org or 905.639.8720 ext. 239

NOMINATE SOMEONE TODAY!



LEARNING

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Facebook 101 to teach parents about social media

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Think you know more than your 5th grad-

er when it comes to social media?

If there's any doubt, plan to attend a presentation at Keswick High School Oct. 12 to find out what and with whom your children are sharing.

Facebook 101 with facilitator Chris Vollum aims to educate parents, teachers, administrators and students on how to effectively apply their Facebook profile settings to minimize breaches and proactively defend against cyber-bullying.

Topics include the importance and specific criteria of adding friends, how to minimize predator, stranger and bullying risks, and how to apply Facebook's current basic, advanced and hidden privacy settings.

Mr. Vollum is an Oakville-based recognized authority on Facebook, Twitter and Formspring, whose user-friendly workshop has been delivered in a number of school boards across the province.

Recent statistics suggest most students in Grades 5 and up are on Facebook.

Their average "friend list" includes more than 175 people.

In addition, Formspring is the fastest grow-

ing site among students.

Wednesday's workshop will examine three of the largest social networking sites, emphasizing safety, security and privacy protocols.

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In addition to safety and cyber-bullying issues, learn how what you post today can affect you tomorrow when it comes to university and job applications.

A student's profile and status updates can. have both short and long-term effects on not only their personal, but also their professional opportunities, as well as their reputations.

Facebook 101 has been delivered to more than 180,000 students throughout 22 Ontario school boards and independent schools.

The presentation at Keswick High School, 100 Biscayne Blvd., begins at 7 p.m.

For more information, contact the school at 905-476-0933 ext 418.

New Agency Development Fund

- Are you a new not-for-profit community agency in York Region?
- Is your agency less than five years old?
- Does your agency provide services that address one or more of the following priorities:
 - Homelessness
 - Family and Children Strengthening
 - **Employment Support**
 - Public Health including: sexual health, healthy lifestyles, nutrition and health protection

If you answered yes to all of these questions, then you may qualify to receive funding to enhance your organization's development.

The New Agency Development Fund (NADF) provides funding to help new and emerging community agencies develop and build capacity in the areas of:

- Human Resources
- Marketing, Financial and Fundraising Planning
- Board Governance
- Incorporation

Detailed information is in the Call for Proposals package (P-11-91). You can get a copy by:

- Downloading it from www.york.ca/NADF or
- Visiting the York Region Administrative Centre, Supplies and Services Branch, First Floor, 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket

The deadline for proposal submission is Thursday, October 13, 2011 at 1 p.m. sharp. Late submissions will not be accepted.

For more information visit www.york.ca/NADF or call 1-877-464-9675 ext. 1609

