



Online parent portal to access important student information

The Peel District School Board is excited to announce the launch of ParentConnect, an online parent portal to access important student information. The pilot program was introduced at select schools and phased in to all Peel schools on Feb. 23, 2018.

What is ParentConnect?

ParentConnect is a safe and secure website, created by the Peel District School Board, that acts as a single point to stay informed and to access all electronic services provided to Peel board parents and legal guardians.

The parent-friendly website will allow you to:

- view school-based alerts and information
- access real time absence reporting
- view current and historic elementary report card information
- get up-to-date busing information
- review secondary school credit history and diploma status
- and more

To learn more about ParentConnect, visit our school website or [www.peelschools.org/parentconnect](http://www.peelschools.org/parentconnect)

### Mississauga Secondary School Commencement 2018

Date: Thursday, June 28, 2018

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: Red Rose Convention Centre  
1233 Derry Road East,  
Mississauga, Ontario.

Cost : \$35.00

Please pay your Commencement fee on the school cash on line site. Please go to [bit.ly/mssgrad](http://bit.ly/mssgrad) where you will enter your gown size, e-mail address and if you will be attending the ceremony. All potential grads are welcome to attend.

ALL INFORMATION MUST BE ENTERED and PAYMENT MADE BY MAY 4, 2018. NO EXCEPTIONS

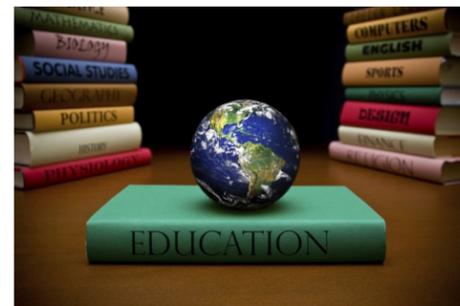


### Peel board celebrates public education during Education Week – April 23 - 27, 2018

Peel public schools will host hundreds of special activities and events to celebrate Education Week from April 23 to 27, 2018. Education Week is an excellent opportunity to showcase the great things happening in Peel Schools.

The theme for this year's week-long focus on education is:

**"We Inspire Success, Confidence and Hope."**



### Celebrate Administrative Professionals' Day

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Peel schools will pay tribute to administrative professionals on Administrative Professionals' Day on April 25, 2018. The day will be celebrated with special activities and events that provide teachers, students and parents an opportunity to thank the administrative staff who help support student success each and every day.



The Peel board appreciates the important job administrative staff do each school day and April 25 provides an opportunity to give these individuals the recognition they deserve.



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## PRINCIPAL'S

April 2018

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### IMPORTANT DATES

April 23-27	Education Week
April 26	Culture Night
May 2	Early Release
May 10	Music Night
May 11	Grad Breakfast
May 16-17	School Production
May 21	Victoria Day
May 24	Athletic Banquet
June 1	Prom
June 12-13	EQAO Gr. 9 Math
June 19-26	Final Evaluations
June 28	Commencement
June 29	Report Cards

It is hard to believe that we are at the halfway point of second semester and with the recent ice storm, we are eager to welcome spring!

This newsletter accompanies the mid-term reports for Semester 2. We continue to encourage all our students to do their very best both in their classes and in the Mississauga community at large.

We have had a very busy second semester thus far with many guests that visited our school, as well as special events. In February, School Council hosted an evening for parents with guest speaker Sara Westbrook who discussed the habits of resilient families. Our Health and Wellness students also had an opportunity to participate in workshops with Sara Westbrook. We also celebrated Black History month with a presentation by Duane O. Gibson who focused on Black Canadian History. A big thank you to Mr. Klmitz and the Roar Announcers for their thoughtful daily announcements during Black History month. This semester our students enjoyed a fun-filled semi-formal dinner dance successfully organized by our SAC and our Grade 12 students also participated in a powerful presentation by M.A.D.D.

We also welcomed a number of our feeder schools by hosting several of their tournaments. Thank you to our staff and MAC students for their efforts in organizing these tournaments for our family of schools. It was wonderful to see our future Lions in our school! Additionally, our Health and Wellness students participated in David Leeder Middle School's career day to help our future Lions learn about our programs.

In April, all staff supported our Grade 10 students in preparation for the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test. Our assembly, Counting on You classes, and all the classroom support helped our students focus and prepare for the April 10th test. In support of understanding and acceptance for people with autism we Lit It Up Blue this month. We also recognized and celebrated the Day of Pink this month by inviting our school community to wear pink to celebrate diversity, as well as participate in lunchtime activities.

We have recently opened our Zen Den during the lunch hour that provides students with a quiet space where they can participate in mindfulness activities. A sincere thanks to Ms. Borsten, Ms. Driessen, Ms. McCormick and Ms. Rattan for making this space a reality for our students, as well as to all staff who have donated activities for this room and offered to supervise. Also, a big thank you to the Inside Out club that has focused on wellness activities with a different theme each month. April is stress management month and our students enjoyed the smoothies and look forward to the upcoming Escape Room activities.



Please review this newsletter for important dates and information and pay particular attention to our final evaluation dates. I look forward to continuing to celebrate our successes with all students, staff and the local community.

Education week falls between April 23rd and 27th and we invite our students and parents to come out and celebrate with us on Thursday, April 27th as our International Club hosts Culture Night. Also, a big thank you to International Club for the environmental initiatives they have undertaken this school year.

Looking ahead, we also invite all parents and students to attend our Music Night on May 10th and our School Production on May 16th and 17th. Also, we invite parents of all Grade 12 graduating students to attend our first ever June commencement on Thursday, June 28th at Red Rose Convention Centre. Please see details on our school website: [www.ms lions.ca](http://www.ms lions.ca).



**Counting on You** is an after school program that supports students with both their literacy and numeracy skills. It is taught by teachers at our school, and students meet in a small group setting to review concepts taught in their English or mathematics class. This semester, we have more than one hundred students in grades 9 and 10 participating! This incredible turnout is a testament to the commitment of our students, and the time, effort, and energy provided by our amazing staff. A special thank you to Ms. Toor, Ms. Gibbs, Ms. Trasolini, Mr. Stelea, and Mr. Nashed for another incredible semester of Counting on You.

### POETRY IN VOICE

Poetry in Voice is a national competition “dedicated to spreading a love of language and encouraging excellence in our youth”. In March, Ms. Jones’s two Grade 12 College Level English classes participated in classroom competitions where they memorized and recited poetry. Many students wowed us with their poise and powerful recitations!

CONGRATULATIONS to **Camille Policarpio** who was the winner across the two classes and who entered the English stream semi-finals as our school winner, submitting three impressive video recitations.

Interested in entering the competition next year? See Ms Jones for details!



**DECA** is an international business competition that allows students to use case studies and research to create business plans for actual businesses.



Congratulations to Priya Jain and Mahima Siali who are representing MSS at an International DECA business competition in April. We wish them the best of luck at this once in a life time event.

**Yearbooks** are now for sale until April 27th. Only available at Cashless Online. Limited quantities available!



**Music Night** will take place on May 10. Come and hear our students’ accomplishments, under the direction of Mr. McPhail.



### From the Guidance & Student Services Department...

As the semester 2 mid-term mark approaches counsellors are continuing to work closely with grade 12 students to ensure the successful completion of Ontario Secondary School Diploma requirements. Part of this requirement is the completion of community service hours. Student must submit their community involvement hours by the end of May to ensure they can be processed for commencement. Counsellors will be sending reminder letters to grade 12 students with missing community involvement hours. Counsellors will also be sending summer school letters to all students who failed a course(s) in sem. 1, or who are at risk of failing a semester 2 courses.

Guidance resources for students and parents can be found on the MSS website under Student Services and at [www.myblueprint.ca/peel](http://www.myblueprint.ca/peel).

### Culture Night

13th Annual Community Culture Night Fundraiser at MSS -Hosted by the International Club  
Thursday April 26th 6:30-9pm. Tickets: \$7 with schoolcashonline.com (limit of 6 tickets)

Culture Night is an evening for families and friends to come together and celebrate the diverse cultures at MSS! Enjoy food, information and games from the following pavilions: South Asia, Middle East, East Asia, Europe, Francophone Countries, Canada, Africa, Caribbean and more!

Enjoy performances from MSS students, including dance groups, vocals and instrumental acts!

MSS is proud to be an Eco School. Our goal is to raise Environmental Awareness. The proceeds will go towards a Water Filtration System at MSS, and the opportunity to purchase MSS Stainless Steel Water Bottles at a discounted price.



Our senior SHSM students attended a career forum by MLSE and saw the Raptors 905 take on the Long Island Nets. In addition, students took part in Innovation Creativity and Entrepreneurship (I.C.E.) training with our sector partner Community Living Mississauga.

Our junior EHS students met Sara Westbrook to learn about resiliency and they have been certified in Leadership and Group Dynamics. We also continue to support our David Leeder family, Health and Wellness students helped execute another successful Career Day at our feeder school. Thank you to all those who attended!



This semester our junior High Performers transitioned into new integrated courses. Grade 9’s have been hard at work on Geography and Science while Grade 10’s have been Discovering the Workplace and drawing on their experiences for Phys-ed.



Our High Performers continue to impress us with their accomplishments on the mat, court, ice, field and floor.

Most notably Ashlee Chan (Grade 11) just returned from Antwerp, Belgium representing Canada at the World Championships in Acrobatic Gymnastics. Out of a maximum score of 30 her team earned a 25.75 in the balance routine and a 25.77 in the dynamic routine. Congratulations!!!



Lastly we look forward to welcoming our High Performers from Dolphin Sr. Public School on May 8th for a transition event.



**The MSS Initiative** has just connected with their semester 2 one-on-one support with great success.

A reminder that drop in sessions are available in room 211 and 219 every Tuesday and Thursday on lunch.

Senior students can provide specialized help in the areas of Math, English and Science and more. Everyone is welcome!



### Youth Facilitator Training



The Contact program was proud to host Amy Newman from the Canadian Red Cross this semester, who certified a group of students to become Youth Facilitators for the Healthy Youth Relationships program.

During two full days of intensive training, our students learned about the characteristics of healthy relationships, conflict resolution strategies, how to support peers in who are in unhealthy relationships, and effective communication and presentation skills.

As certified Youth Facilitators for the Canadian Red Cross, our students join young people from across Canada who are qualified to deliver the Healthy Youth Relationships program.

