



Dear Yorkville Parents, Guardians & Students,

Tomorrow we close the school for our Winter Break and will open up again in the New Year on Monday, January 9th. I know that you are looking forward to some down time with your wonderful children, and we look forward to meeting again rejuvenated for the second part of Term two. In this newsletter you can read about our fabulous complement of international faculty, who represent 8 different countries on continents as various as North America, Europe, Asia, and Australasia.

Please also check out yesterday's third assembly of the term with renowned Toronto physician Dr. Michael Evans. Dr. Evans, a father of teenagers, discussed health issues such as panic, stress, sleeping disorders, as well as the many positive ways to become happier and healthier.

A good message to carry into the holidays and the New Year.

Adam

## - Shining a Spotlight on our International Faculty -

### Meltem Caliskan

**Home country:** Turkey

**Education:** Middle East Technical University (METU) in Ankara, Turkey

**Degree:** Bachelor of Science in Science Education

**What's something that you would like Canadians to know about**

**Turkey:** Turkish people are extremely hospitable and Turkish cuisine is one of the best in the world.

**What's one thing you've come to learn about Canada:** Having North American experience and culture.



### Jamie Fatigati

**Homecountry:** United States

**Education:** BiolaUniversity, B.A. in English Literature, University of Redlands (Secondary Teaching Credential)

**What's something that you would like Canadians to know about the USA:** We *WILL* make America great again! (\*wink\*)

**What's one thing you've come to learn about Canada:** This California girl has learned the beauty of all four seasons—even snow!

### Peter Kearney

**Home country:** Australia

**Education:** University of Melbourne

**Degrees:** Bachelor of Science (Chemistry) & Masters of Teaching

**What's something that you would like Canadians to know about Australia:** Not all the animals want to hurt you.

**What's one thing you've come to learn about Canada:** The winter is terrible, but not as terrible as Australians imagine.



### Emily Kinnon

**Home country:** United Kingdom

**Education:** University of Toronto, B.A (Honours), Master of Teaching

**What's something that you would like Canadians to know about the U.K:** It doesn't actually rain all the time! England has the most beautiful Springtime in the world!

**What's one thing you've come to learn about Canada:** Maple syrup tastes good on absolutely everything.

### Carla Poulton

**Home Country:** New Zealand

**Education:** Victoria University of Wellington B.A, Otago University, Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Secondary)

**What's something that you would like Canadians to know about New Zealand:** New Zealanders eat the most ice cream per capital.

**What's one thing you've come to learn about Canada:** I've learned that I can survive sub-zero winters... just.



### Avia Sang

**Home country:** Jamaica

**Education:** University of Toronto, B.Sc Hon., Specialist Mathematics

**What's something that you would like Canadians to know about Jamaica:** The Alpha Boys' School, a charitable school run by Catholic nuns for orphaned and abandoned boys, has trained several generations of world-class musicians – from the founders of ska, reggae and dancehall, and the inspirations for rap and hip-hop in the US, to Leslie Thompson, the first black conductor of the London Symphony Orchestra.

**What's one thing you have learned since coming to Canada:** Layering, to stay warm...

### Entela Seferi

**Home country:** Albania

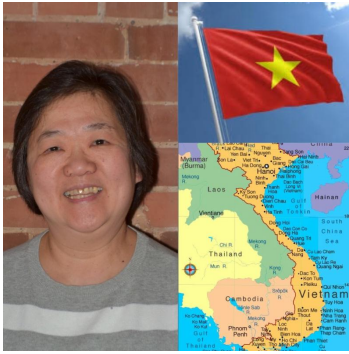
**Education:** University of Tirana / Faculty Of Natural Science, BSc in Applied Mathematics

**What's something that you would like Canadians to know about Albania:** Albania, despite all the problems is a lovely country. It is worth visiting especially during the summer, where you can enjoy the beauties of nature, such as beaches, mountains, and many ancient castles. The food is delicious. Tourism is developing, prompting more visitors to explore. Albanians form one of the most ancient cultures in Europe, even as we struggle to become part of the European Union.



**What's one thing you've come to learn since coming to Canada:** Canada is very multicultural, everyone feels at home and people are quite welcoming. It is a country that gives you the opportunity to become whoever

you want and to use your full potential.



## NGUYỄN THỊ TUYẾT VÂN

**Home country:** VIỆT NAM

**Education:** University of Waterloo, BSc, York University, BEd

**What's something that you would like Canadians to know about VIỆT NAM:** We have no snow in Vietnam and it's very warm there this time of year. It's a good place for travelling, and our language has accents which you can see in my name.

**What's one thing you've learned since coming to Canada:** Canada is a lovely country with a lot of opportunities to study, work, play, travel, and to do whatever you put your mind to. I'm very grateful to live here.

### - Assembly #3 -



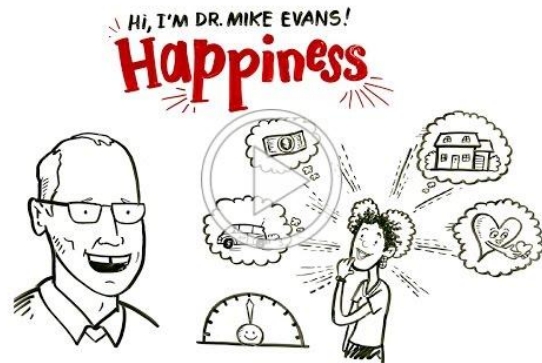
Dr. Michael Evans: father, physician, maverick whose career includes serving as team doctor for the Canadian Olympic team at the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia and a busy research and family practice in Toronto. He was lured away to sunny California to head up all health innovation for Apple Inc.

We began our assembly with a brief video featuring the doctor on important topic of happiness...

Guest Speaker, Dr. Michael Evans, of Apple Inc. for Health Innovations, formerly of University of Toronto Medical School and staff physician at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto.

### - Announcements -

- Classes resume Monday January 9th. This will be a regular, full day.
- OUAC applications are due January 11th.
- January 30th will be the last day to submit course work for term two.
- Ontario colleges applications are due February 1st.
- **Please be aware that Blyth Academy Yorkville is a PEANUT FREE & SCENT FREE school.**



Wishing you a happy holiday, and all the best in 2017!



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