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### Things To Do:

**CANADA'S 1ST LIBRARY OF THINGS IS NOW OPEN!**  
1603 DANFORTH AVE  
830 ST. CLAIR WEST

Borrow 1,000's of items including camping & sports equipment, party supplies, board games & toys for \$50/year.

**Farmer's Markets**  
Come for the freshness... Stay for the fun!

This is the time of year to visit a **FARMER'S MARKET**

You will find local fruits, vegetables, baking and other homemade items.

Click the logo to find a farmer's market near you!

**BEACHES**  
JULY 7-30 2017  
CONCERTS BLISSANCE  
SCHEDULE FREE ADMISSION  
DOWNLOAD OFFICIAL PROGRAM

Click above to go the website.

**CANADA 150 FIREWORKS**  
WATCH THE FIREWORKS JULY 1ST AND HEAR THE MUSIC SIMULCAST ON BOOM 97.3

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All 2017 Parks Canada are **FREE**  
pick up a Discovery Pass for your family at MEC or by clicking here

**LEGO Fan Expo Brickfete**  
Jul 8, 2017 - Jul 9, 2017  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Delta Toronto East  
Click Here for more info

**DON'T FORGET, THE NEWSLETTER IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE ON OUR [WEBSITE](http://www.englishmatters.ca) [Canada is Calling!](http://www.englishmatters.ca) [Click here](http://www.englishmatters.ca)**

### WHAT'S HAPPENED SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER?

#### English Matters:



Escorted some families to an overnight stay at a cottage.



Lead a group of students to a pottery show & sale



Guided a fun group on a boat tour through the famous Peterborough Lift Locks

Let us know how **ENGLISH** ..... matters can help you!

### That "Rings a Bell" Quiz

Think back to the last issue for answers

- 1) What happened to Lillian Massey's maid?
- 2) What word is a blend of camping and glamour?
- 3) What kind of flowers did the Dutch royal family give to Canada to say "thank you"?

### Special Dates in July & August

- ☺ **Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup> is Canada Day**  
Almost all businesses will be closed. There will be lots of events celebrating Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- ☺ **Monday August 7<sup>th</sup> is the Civic Holiday**  
Most businesses will be closed.

### Conversation Styles Differ

A Canadian-style conversation is like a tennis match. One person begins by serving the conversation ball. They expect someone else to hit the ball back quickly. This can be done by someone disagreeing, or adding to what has been said, or asking a question. Their response is like hitting the ball back over the net. The ball can be hit by anyone on the other side of the net, (anyone that is part of the conversation can respond).



A Japanese-style conversation is like bowling. Each participant waits for their turn to throw the conversation ball.

Each person knows when their turn is. A person's place in line depends on things like age, their relationship to the others in the conversation etc. The next person in line will not take their turn until they know the previous person is done.



Conversation styles are learned early in life. It can be difficult to change styles, even if you are aware of the differences. (It is difficult to switch games even if you know the rules). But remember, being fluent in English is more than just knowing the words. Be sure to emulate the conversation style of Canadians.

### DID YOU KNOW...?

#### Level 1 (Beginner)

Canada is 150 years old!!!  
July 1<sup>st</sup> is Canada's birthday.



CANADA 150  
1867-2017

#### Level 2 (Intermediate)

Fireworks, festivals and fun!  
Celebrate all the events taking place across Canada to celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Click on the maple leaf to go to an interactive map of events.  
Each leaf on the map is an event.  
Zoom in to see the events around Toronto.



#### Level 3 (Advanced)

In honour of Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday, the government has produced

#### #OnThisDay.

Pick a date and discover our past! This web site will acquaint you with episodes in Canada's history that transpired on that day.

Here is the link:

<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/onthisday/Pages/introduction.aspx>

## MORE THINGS TO DO:



**August  
4 – 7**

**Woodbine Mall & Fantasy Fair**  
500 Rexdale Blvd., Etobicoke, ON  
(Corner of Hwy 27 & Rexdale Blvd)  
Click on the logo to go to the website



**Diligence and  
Elegance:  
The Nature of  
Japanese  
Textiles**

July 12 – January 21  
Textile Museum of Canada



**Spend a day with Thomas the  
Tank Engine.**  
(Tickets are required.)

August 11, 12, 13, 18, 19 & 20 2017  
York Durham Railway  
19 Railway Street, Uxbridge



Click the logo for all of the details and ticket  
information!



## Monday August 21, 2107 Solar Eclipse

On August 21 all of North America  
will experience a solar eclipse.

A solar eclipse is when the moon  
passes in front of the sun and blocks  
sunlight from getting to Earth.

People that live within "the path of  
totality" will experience a total solar  
eclipse. People that live off of this  
path will experience a partial solar  
eclipse. In Toronto the sun will be  
70%-80% blocked by the moon. The  
eclipse will peak at around 2:15 p.m.

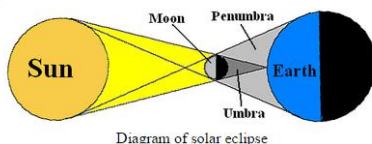


Diagram of solar eclipse

## Delightful Lunch Trip to

GALLUCCI WINERY

**Stouffville**

We are a family of big wine fans, but travelling to  
the Niagara region can be troublesome as we  
have small children. Our current solution is to  
enjoy the wines in York Region instead, and  
"Gallucci Winery" in Stouffville is one of our  
recommendations for families with small ones.

It is within a pleasant 30 minute drive from North  
York taking the 404, and there you will see their  
well-maintained vineyards. There, you can enjoy  
the wine tasting and the winery tour, but also the  
Italian style lunch. It is a cozy family owned and  
fairly new winery, offering full bodied reds to easy  
drinking whites. Their highlight is the patio  
overlooking the beautiful vineyards where you can  
enjoy lunch. Despite the short distance, it is a real  
escape from busy and noisy days, and it feasts  
not only your appetite but eyes too!



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VQA WINES OF ONTARIO

## Mini Lesson - Idioms using, 'Moon'

**Once in a blue moon**  
*rarely*

"I hardly ever have a  
nap – only once in a  
blue moon."

**(to) ask for the moon**

*Ask for something that is  
impossible*

"My boss wants this 50 page  
report finished by 5:00. He's  
asking for the moon!"

**(to be) over the moon**  
*ecstatically happy*

"Recently, he met the  
love of his life and he is  
over the moon."

## CANADIAN HISTORY & CULTURE CORNER

### Canada's Flag

Former Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson, (Prime Minister of Canada from  
1963-1968), had the idea that Canada get a new flag. More than 5,000  
suggested designs were submitted for review.

On February 15, 1965 the maple leaf design was  
selected and the new flag was raised on  
Parliament Hill.



The flag is red and white. These are the official colours of Canada, as  
decided by King George V in 1921.

Prior to this new flag in 1965, this flag was used.

British Union Flag - nicknamed, 'Union Jack' →



Canada's  
Coat of Arms →

In 1982 Canada's flag went to the highest spot in the world....the top of  
Mount Everest.

In 1984 Canada's Flag was launched into space on  
NASA's space shuttle with Canada's first astronaut,  
Marc Garneau.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**CANADA IS  
150 YEARS OLD!!**

There are **LOTS** of events taking  
place to celebrate the birthday.

Click on the flag below to go to an  
interactive map.



Each leaf on the map is an event.

Click on a leaf on the map to learn  
about the event.



### Answers To "That Rings a Bell" Quiz

- 1) She hanged herself after Lillian Massey died.
- 2) Glamping.
- 3) Tulips.