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Important Dates

- April - Trip to Markham Theatre
- April 07- School Council Meeting @ 6 p.m.
- April - 18-22 Book Fair
- April - 27 Gr.7&8 Immunization Gr.3 Swim to Survive
- April 28 - Pizza Lunch/ Spirit and Character Assembly @ 1:10 p.m.
- May - 2&3 Dental Screening

Courtesy

Cooperation

Consideration

Commitment

April 2016

Message from the Administration

We hope that all of our students and their families had a safe and enjoyable March Break. It's hard to believe that we are only a couple of months away from the end of this school year! Our staff and students are very busy in and out of the classroom and Markham Gateway continues to be a thriving place of learning for all. Within this edition of the newsletter, please take note of additional community and learning opportunities that may be of interest.

With the onset of the spring 'thaw' and some rainy days ahead, we can expect a bit more mud and dirt around the school grounds. To reduce the amount of grime that gets tracked around the school, we do appreciate everyone's continued use of paved walkways and designated entrances for student drop-off and pick-up. Dressing for the day's forecasted weather with jackets, umbrellas, and boots or other appropriate outdoor shoes, also helps students stay dry and comfortable while at school. Our students have been very understanding when we have had to limit their recess play to the pavement only. With the few warm and bright days that we have enjoyed so far, it is such a pleasure to see the students' moods brighten while enjoying fresh air and friendship

during recess. Unstructured, independent and free play is such an important part of childhood and we hope that students can also reap the benefits of outdoor play beyond the school day.

The York Region District School Board's three main areas of focus are: Mathematics, Modern Learning and Mental Health and Well Being. We at Markham Gateway Public School are engaging in professional learning to support all three of these areas of focus. There was a letter shared with our community on Friday which briefly outlined some of the changes we will be focusing on at the school in order to support Modern Learning. We strive to create the conditions for learning for students and staff to allow for learning connections which are rich and meaningful and help build skills and attitudes necessary to meet the demands of an ever changing world. Please help us on our journey by donating items to help create a Maker Space in our Learning Commons (Library).

We are also very excited to host Chef Devan Rajkumar at Markham Gateway P.S. on Wednesday, April 13 beginning at 6:00 p.m. This event, focused on healthy living, is part two of a three part series with our local school partners Ellen Fairlough, Parkland and Cedarwood Public Schools. Chef Rajkumar will engage families in the creation of

healthy meals and snacks through an interactive session.

Once again, we must remind everyone of the need to mindful and cautious when dropping off or picking up your children before and after school. Please be patient and refrain from using your horn. This is particularly important at the end of the school day as there are times when our drop off lane becomes congested. We have asked staff and students to ensure that they leave the building immediately upon dismissal if they are being driven home at the end of the school day. Delaying getting to their car results in cars waiting in the pickup lane which creates a backlog of cars waiting to enter our parking lot. Please encourage your children to move quickly to their waiting vehicles at 2:50 p.m. so that we can keep the flow of traffic moving.

Next School Council

Thursday, May 12th, 2016

6:00—7:00 pm in the Library

Council Executive 2015-2016

Lisa Volpe-Brehaspatt—Chair

Ratna Muralitharan—Treasurer

Hema Alageson—Secretary



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration has begun for the 2016-17 school year. Children born in 2012 are eligible for junior kindergarten this September 2016. Children born in 2011 and are currently attending public school are eligible for senior kindergarten in September 2016.

Documents that are required for registration are as follows:

Proof of child's age - Birth Certificate, if born in Canada.

- Passport, Permanent Resident Card of the child and parents if child is born outside of Canada.

Proof of Residency :

If you own:

- ♦ Purchase Agreement
- ♦ Town of Markham Tax Bill/Utility Bill

If you rent:

- ♦ Landlord/Tenant Lease Agreement



Applications cannot be accepted without these documents . For further information please call the school.

***** Please note that hand written letters will not be accepted *****



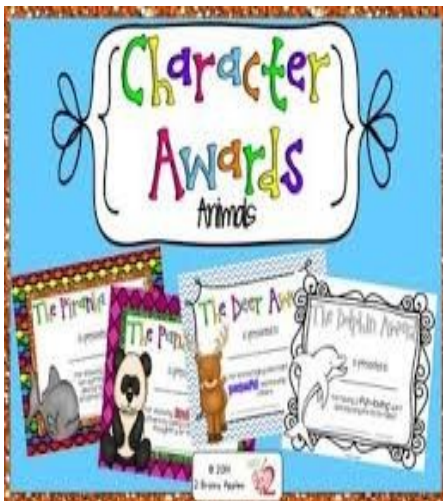
Pizza Lunch Dates

Thursday, April 28th, 2016

Thursday, May 19th, 2016

Thursday, June 02nd, 2016

Friday, June 24th, 2016



Character Assembly

Thursday, April 28th, 2016 @ 1:10 p.m.

Thursday, May 25th, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m.

News from the Markham Gateway Parenting and Family Literacy Centre



The Painted Ladies Are Coming Back!

For the fourth year in a row, the Markham Gateway Parenting and Family Literacy Centre will be helping Mother Nature by hatching and releasing 30 Painted Lady butterflies.

The butterflies will arrive at the PFLC as tiny caterpillars the week of April 18th. Next, they will spin a chrysalis before finally turning into beautiful butterflies.

We hope you will come and visit Carlene in Room 127 many times during the months of April and May to watch each stage of this incredible life cycle with your own eyes!

Parent Worker: Carlene Nembhard
No cost or registration required

Open: Every school day between 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Snacks are provided for the children



Positive Parenting TIP



Now that the clocks have moved forward, the brightness of the early morning makes it easier to get up and get moving.

According to *Pep Talk* guest blogger, Karine Bohme, “Early morning exercise has many advantages including mental, physiological and social benefits and is a wonderful way to start your day.”

One easy way to get started on a morning fitness routine is to leave the car at home and walk or bike to school as a family!

For more information, please go to: <http://blog.participaction.com/en/the-early-bird-gets-more-than-the-worm/>

YRDSB Summer Institute

The York Region District School Board **Summer Institute** is a program that offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum for children and youth entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8.

Programs are offered in Richmond Hill, **Markham**, Stouffville, Newmarket, Woodbridge, Vaughan and Georgina from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

YMCA Before and Aftercare Programs are available at all locations.

Weekly Sessions: July 4, 2016 to August 12, 2016

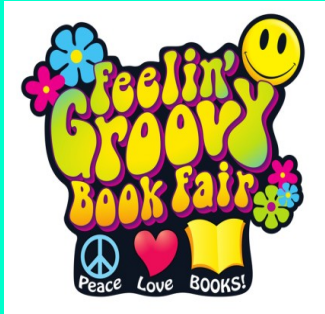


For registration information and to see what types of exciting programs are being offered this summer, please visit www.yrdsb.ca and select “Programs & Services”.

For additional information please email performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca or call 905-884-2046 ext. 241.

Aldergrove S.I.	150 Aldergrove Drive, Unionville
Armada S.I.	11 Coppard Avenue, Markham
Crosby Heights S.I.	190 Neal Drive, Richmond Hill
Discovery S.I.	120 Discovery Trail, Maple
Lakeside S.I.	213 Shorecrest Road, Keswick
Lake Wilcox S.I.	80 Wildwood Avenue, Richmond Hill
Maple Leaf S.I.	155 Longford Drive, Newmarket
Milliken Mills S.I. (located at Highgate PS)	35 Highgate Drive, Markham
Oscar Peterson S.I.	850 Hoover Park Drive, Stouffville
Sixteenth Avenue S.I.	400 Sixteenth Avenue, Richmond Hill
Unionville Meadows S.I.	355 South Unionville Avenue, Markham
Woodbridge S.I.	60 Burwick Avenue, Woodbridge

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!



Mark your calendars! The book fair is next week - from **April 18th to April 22nd**. Students will be coming during the day with their classes. Families are invited to drop by after school between **April 18th to April 21st from 2:50 p.m to 4:00 p.m.** There will be hundreds of

books for all ages, as well as posters, bookmarks and other school tools! Bring the ballot at the back of the flyer for a chance to win \$50 worth of books! Hope to see you all next week! J

FOREST OF READING UPDATE



Voting Day is quickly approaching and will take place at MGPS on Thursday, April 28th. All students from K to 2 will vote as well as any students from Grades 3 to 8 who read at least five books. The winner of each Forest program will be announced the second week of May. Thank you to everyone who participated in the largest recreational reading program in Canada! Way to go!!



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Eco Club at Markham Gateway Public School is excited to announce that on Earth Day we will be hosting a movie screening of the ***The Lorax***.

DATE: **Friday April 22nd, 2016**

TIME: **10:00am-10:30am AND 12:10pm-1:10pm**

(Please remember to bring your lunch)

LOCATION: **Gym**

PRICE PER STUDENT: **FREE**

POPCORN WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR \$2.00 per bag!

(During the lunch time screening)

Students are invited to the movies at Markham Gateway! Enjoy a movie with your friends and classmates!

We will be showing the movie in two parts– The first will be shown from 10:00-10:30am and then the remainder will be from 12:10-1:10pm. Please bring your snack/lunch and be on time.

Also: To help show our spirit for **EARTH DAY** we are asking all students to wear blue and green!

Don't Forget:

**Walk To School Wednesday will be held on
Wednesday April 20th!**



Dear Families:

Modern learning is authentic, relevant, deep learning that enables learners to create, to connect, to communicate and to share their learning with the world and to be future ready. At Markham Gateway, we are committed to empowering our students through modern learning.

We are excited to inform our school community that we are in the process of creating a permanent MakerSpace for our students in the Learning Commons (Library). A MakerSpace is a collaborative learning environment where students come together to explore, create, and innovate as well as share their passions, information, ideas, successes, failures, and new skills. In a MakerSpace, learning is hands-on, experiential, student-driven, and inquiry based. The creation of this new learning environment aligns with our school improvement plan and supports the York Region District School Board's three main priorities for improvements in student achievement and well-being through modern learning, mathematics, and mental health and well-being.

While the activities in the MakerSpace will evolve over time, we will begin with robotics, computer coding, virtual field trips via Google Expeditions, toy hacking, green screening, Lego construction and building from recycled materials.

To create this space, we require some support. Over the next two weeks, we are asking families to donate new and/or gently used materials you may have at home that are no longer being used. The materials we require include:

- Small toys - regular and battery-powered (e.g., Hot Wheel cars, transportation toys)
- Building materials - Lego, Tinker Toys, Knex, blocks, etc.
- Craft supplies - Tape, googly eyes, ribbon, string, fabric, pipe cleaners, etc.
- Recyclable materials - plastic juice and yogurt containers, paper towel rolls, water bottles and caps, cardboard, clear plastic sheets - from etc.

Please have your child drop off their donated materials in the labelled bin(s) located outside the Learning Commons by Wednesday, April 20th.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance in helping us create a MakerSpace for our students.

Sincerely,

G. Young
Principal

K. Chin
Vice-Principal

Modern Learning Team



On Common Ground

CELEBRITY CHEF DEVAN RAJKUMAR

as seen on

Cityline

Part Two of Markham Gateway P.S., Ellen Fairclough P.S., Cedarwood P.S. & Parkland P.S. Three Part Series:

Learn from and cook with
Professional

Chef Devan Rajkumar



**South Asian, Asian,
African/Caribbean
dishes will be prepared
live with
Chef Devan Rajkumar by
you and your family**



6:00-8:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13


MARKHAM GATEWAY PUBLIC SCHOOL



**SIGN UP TODAY TO RESERVE A SPOT FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.
REGISTRATION CLOSSES THURSDAY, APRIL 7TH**

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