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Home of the Titans



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Important Dates

- June 11 - Pizza Lunch
Volunteer Tea
Conversation Café
Spirit and Character
Assembly
- June 15 - Grand Mela
- June 16 - Gr.8 Graduation
- June 19 - Fire Truck
Presentation
- June 25 - Full Day
- June 26 - No School
- Sept 08 - School Begins

Courtesy

Cooperation

Consideration

Commitment

June 2015

Message from the Administration

It is with enthusiasm that we welcome the warm spring weather after such a challenging winter. It is also a time when we look back on the school year. Again this year, we are proud of the fact that Markham Gateway Public School continues to strive for excellence in all that it does and in all of the programs it provides. Our students, with the guidance of an extremely professional and dedicated staff, have worked towards great achievement in academics, the Arts and Athletics as well as in the areas of social justice, equity and inclusivity. We have had our school track and field meet, participated in badminton tournaments, hosted our Spring Concert, hosted Scientists in the School, had an Author Visit, VIP Programs, experienced outdoor education as well as off site learning experiences at the Ontario Science Centre and The Aquarium. We look forward in June to more activities including Area Track and Field, our grade eights attending a year end trip to Niagara Falls and of course our Markham Gateway Public School Graduation Ceremony at Middlefield Collegiate on June 16.

We are all very excited about our annual Grand Mela. This is an opportunity for our entire school community to come together to share in some fun activities, great food and social time together. Our Grand Mela will be held the evening of Monday, June 15 between 4:30 and 7:30. More information pertaining to ticket and wrist band purchases will be

sent home in the next few days. Please mark the date on your calendar and we look forward to spending the evening with our community.

We would like to thank all the children, teachers and support staff, School Council, parent volunteers, parents and community partners for all their efforts in helping to make this another successful year at Markham Gateway P.S. It is critical that all stakeholder groups work harmoniously and collaboratively and in the best interests of student achievement and well being. We look forward to continued positive relations and true community engagement as we move forward. Our mission is creating an inclusive environment for all members of our school community.

Our student projection indicates we will have a slight decrease in overall enrollment for next school year. All YRDSB schools must meet the classroom organization structures as set out by the Ministry of Education Primary Class Size requirement along with the class size guidelines as set out in collective agreements. As a result, combined classes will continue to form a substantial portion of our school organization. Placement of students in classes for next year will be based on the need to provide a balance of gender, ability, learning styles and positive social dynamics. The number of times a student has been in a combined class cannot be taken into consideration when assigning students to classes. We ask that parents and students take into account the complexities of school organizations given staffing guidelines and restric-

tions and DO NOT make requests for specific class organizations or teachers. These requests cannot be considered given the parameters noted above.

Please note that the last day for students to attend classes this year is Thursday, June 25 which will be regular day with dismissal at 2:50 p.m. June 26 is a PA Day. We ask that parents ask students to check the lost and found prior to June 22 as all items remaining will be donated to a local charity on June 24.

Great memories are made of what we have experienced in a positive way, and what has changed our lives for the better. We look forward to the last month of school as there is still much learning to do and fun to be had. Thank you to all parents and family members for their ongoing support of our school.

Next School Council Thursday, June 11

6:00—7:00 pm in the Library

Council Executive 2014-2015

Lisa Volpe-Brehaspatt—Chair

Ratna Muralitharan—Treasurer

Sathi Satkunanantharajah—
Secretary

Inspire Learning!

PLEASE NOTE NEW TIMES FOR OUR SCHOOL
2015 - 2016

To help achieve a balanced day (3 blocks of 100 minutes) at Markham Gateway Public School, our recess and lunch times will be slightly adjusted in the new school year, effective September 8th, 2015.

Our arrival and dismissal time will NOT be changing.

Supervision on site begins	8:05
School begins	8:20
Period 1	8:20-9:00
Period 2	9:00-9:30
Period 3	9:30-10:00
Recess	10:00-10:30
Period 4	10:30-11:10
Period 5	11:10-11:40
Period 6	11:40-12:10
Lunch	12:10-1:10
Period 7	1:10-1:40
Period 8	1:40-2:10
Period 9	2:10-2:50
Dismissal	2:50



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June 1, 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As a result of the current job action affecting elementary schools across the province and in York Region, the planned early release for students on June 25 is cancelled. On Thursday, June 25, 2015, schools will be open and classroom instruction will continue for the entire normal school day. Friday, June 26, 2015 will remain a PA Day.

If your child is eligible for school transportation services, school buses and taxi services will continue according to the typical full day schedule. The school board has communicated this scheduling change to in-school child care centres, including before and after care providers. Please check with your provider directly to confirm arrangements for this date.

We recognize that this may cause some inconvenience. Please be assured that we continue to have your child's achievement, well-being and safety in mind.

Sincerely,

J. Philip Parappally

Director of Education

Message From Our Trustee



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As the 2014-15 school year winds down, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize our parents and guardians for their ongoing support of our students throughout the year. We know that parents are our most important partners when it comes to educating your children. Good schools become better schools when they are connected with parents and families.

During the year, I hope you have had the opportunity to enjoy some of the many student performances, sporting events and cultural celebrations that take place in schools across our region. These events would not take place without the support of our school staff. I would like to thank the staff for their work to support student achievement and well-being.

Summer is a great time to relax and pursue hobbies or activities that complement the learning that took place over the school year. Whether you visit a museum, enjoy nature or just catch up on some summer reading, I wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,

Juanita Nathan

Makham, Wards 7 and 8

GRAND MELA: MONDAY JUNE 15TH, 2015

*NEW THIS YEAR:
\$15 ALL INCLUSIVE
ACTIVITY WRISTBAND!!*

Hot + Fresh
PIZZA PIZZA

**THE
HOLY
GRILL**

**Chef Aleem's
Halal Food Truck!**



*JOIN US
FROM 4:30PM
TO 7:30PM!*





News from the Markham Gateway Parenting and Family Literacy Centre

Summer Fun

The Markham Gateway PFLC will be open this summer
Monday July 6th to Friday July 31st
from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



There will be lots of fun things for you
to do with your young children
both inside the centre and out on the playground.



Just bring a sun hat, some sunscreen and a great sense of fun!

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

Summer is the best time to enjoy swimming with our families in backyard pools and in the many lakes found across this province. However drowning is the second leading cause of injury related death for Canadian children.

Drowning can take as little as 10 seconds and can occur in just inches of water...in bathtubs, wading pools, wells, even buckets. Actively supervising your child when they are around water or in a pool area is one of the most important things you can do to prevent drowning. If you must leave the water or pool area, it is best to take your child with you!



For tips on water safety, cottage safety and boating/fishing safety, please go to www.lifesaving.ca

Asian/South Asian Heritage Month

A heartfelt thank you to our parent community who organized a scrumptious feast for staff in honour of Asian/South Asian Heritage Month. There were many veg and non-veg items to savour and a delicious time was had by all.



Character Matters at Markham Gateway!

Every month at Markham Gateway we host our Spirit and Character Assemblies. We gather together as an entire school from Kindergarten to Grade 8, to show our school spirit by singing our school song, celebrating accomplishments and recognizing good character. We also have important messages presented from our student groups such as Student Council, Me to We and our Eco-Team. Parents are always invited to attend all assemblies. The dates for the remainder of the year for Spirit and Character assemblies are as follows:

June 11th – 8:30am



DID YOU KNOW.....?

Parent Requests for Information (CRA, etc) – Summer Process

Parents are advised that during the summer months all requests from parents for records and information related to CRA Tax Benefit applications, etc will be handled by the community Education Centre East.

located at:

1000 Carlton Road

Markham L3P 7P5

905-940-7800

Water Festival

On Wednesday May 13, 2015, the grade 4's went to the York Region Water Festival. The class really enjoyed the trip. We learned about the water cycle, how water can be polluted, how to prevent water pollution, and how water is used. We also planted trees. Many schools planted trees to make a forest. It was an amazing trip.

By: Parania S. Ms. Kurien's grade 4 class



Inspired by the Children and Supported by School Council !

On May 5th and May 26th, Junior Kindergarten through to Grade 3 students participated in Spring Planting Day. The children enjoyed expressing creativity painting clay pots and then potting beautiful flowers in them that will bloom all summer long.

Ms. Volpe-Brehasphatt
School Council Chair



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.

Weekly Sessions July 6, 2015 to August 14, 2015

Programs are offered at [locations](#) in Richmond Hill, Markham, Stouffville, Newmarket, Woodbridge, Vaughan and Georgina from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm with extended YMCA before and aftercare programs available at all locations
[YMCA Before and Aftercare Registration](#)

Aldergrove S.I.	150 Aldergrove Drive, Unionville
Armadale S.I.	11 Coppard Ave., 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 Ave., Richmond Hill
Maple Leaf S.I. (formally Prince Charles P.S.)	155 Longford Dr., Newmarket
Milliken Mills S.I.	289 Risebrough Circuit, Unionville
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 Ave., Markham
Woodbridge S.I.	60 Burwick Avenue, Woodbridge

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

Are you moving.....?



Our preparations for the 2015– 2016 school year are underway, and our success depends on accurate projections of the school population. If you are moving out of our school area, please complete the form below and return it to the school as soon as possible or contact the office and let us know the information requested below.

My child(ren) _____ (name(s),

who is/are in currently grade(s) _____ will **not** be attending Markham Gateway Public School in

September 2015.

We will be moving to _____ (please provide name of new school if known).

Dear MGPS Families,

Summer vacation is just days away! That means Student Council has a lot planned for our last month together. We have a handful of spirit days and events that will put a fantastic end to this year!

Random Acts of Kindness has been continuing. Congratulations to everyone who was nominated for their kind gestures last month! Remember to keep nominating your peers for their Random Acts of Kindness! During the month of May, Titans celebrated Asian/South Asian Heritage Month. Every Tuesday, staff and students wore their favourite Asian/South Asian clothing. Thanks to everyone who participated during the month!

Executives are introducing a wild new spirit day to MGPS! Wild Animal Wednesday will be one of our last spirit days of the year, so be sure dress up as a wild animal! Cheetah and leopard prints, snake scale patterns, tails, and whiskers are examples of what you can wear on Wednesday, June 3rd!

We hope Students Council has made it a great year full of exciting spirit days and fun events! Thank you for an amazing year, and for all your wonderful school spirit! As the year is coming closer to an end, Student Council is open to any last suggestions for events, spirit days, and activities! If you have any ideas you'd like to pull off with our help, please feel free to speak with the Student Council executives and our advisors, Ms. Lee and Ms. Kolar.

Sincerely,
Saada P.
Minister of Communication

News Anchor Angie Seth visits Markham Gateway P.S.

May was Asian/South Asian heritage month. We had a Special visitor. Angie Seth came to our school to talk about her experiences and amazing opportunities as a Global News journalist and anchor. She has interviewed Priyanka Chopra and many other Bollywood stars. She started out working at Omni, CBC and finally her current role as reporter for Global News.

She told us about the awkward feeling of being the only South Asian in her neighbourhood. People used to stare at her or walk by her without saying anything.

She started off her presentation by asking us to scream as loud as we could! The message behind that was that everyone has a voice that needs to be heard. After her presentation MGPS students had the opportunity to ask questions.

Angie told us to never give up, that everyone has a voice and to ask questions. We have the power to become journalists right now! At the end, two of our Peace club members thanked her for a wonderful presentation.

Angie took a selfie with all the students. She posted it to her twitter feed @katygoalie.

By: Zarah B, and Sathujan B.





Summer Institute at Armadale P.S.

The Summer Institute is a fun way for kids to be active and engaged in a variety of sports, technology, arts and science activities while still keeping up with their overall academic skills.

“NEW” this summer at Armadale Summer Institute, we will be offering an opportunity for students to study the International language of Tamil in the morning and participate in Summer Institute activities in the afternoon.

TRANSPORTATION TO ARMADALE SUMMER INSTITUTE WILL BE PROVIDED WITH BUS PICK UP AND DROP OFF FROM THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS:

Parkland	Cedarwood
Markham Gateway	Ellen Fairclough
Coppard Glen	Armadale Summer Institute

The pickup and drop off times will be emailed to the families once the times have been confirmed.

The program begins July 6 and ends August 14, 2015. Students have the option of joining for the whole 6 week session or by individual weeklong sessions. Fees for the program can be found in our brochure on the YRDSB website under Programs and Services.

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/summer/si/Pages/Summer-Institute-Registration.aspx>

Registrations have begun and please note that all registrations (along with payment) can be dropped off at Armadale P.S, delivered or mailed to Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning, 36 Regatta Dr., Richmond Hill On. L4E 4R1

If you have any questions please contact the Regional Summer institute Office at Dr. Bette Stephenson.
Email: Performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca Phone: 905-884-2046 (ext 240).

We look forward to seeing you for fun and excitement this summer!

Grand Mela Update!

Want to spend a fun and exciting evening at MGPS? Do you enjoy volunteering and want to help give back? If you or someone you know wants to volunteer during the Grand Mela we would appreciate your help! Please email Ms. Kolar at sarah.kolar@yrdsb.ca

FAST Family Program Graduation Ceremony


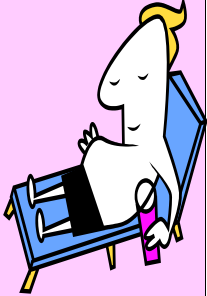

Thursday May 28th was the final session for our FAST program. FAST stands for "Families and Schools Together" and was under the direction of Susan Warren and Leena Nyar of Family Services York Region. Twelve families from our school community met for seven fabulous sessions where they shared meals, engaged in fun family activities, had parenting sessions, play time as well as creative activities for our students. We are grateful to our parent facilitators Mohsana Khalid and Viji Panchan for guiding our parent sessions, our school staff, Ms. Kolar and Mrs. Lowry and also numerous student volunteers both past and present for all helping to make the FAST program happen! As you can see from the happy faces in the picture, FAST Families was a huge success. We are already planning to hold another session for new families next year so please be on the lookout for information!





June 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 PA Day No School 	6
7 	8	9	10	11 Spirit /Character Assembly 8:30 am Volunteer Tea 8:30 am Conversation Café 1:30 pm School Council 6:00 pm Pizza Lunch 	12 Gr.8 Trip to Niagara Falls. Gr. 1-4 Play Day	13 
14 	15 Grand Mela 4:30 pm	16 Gr. 8 Graduation @ Middlefield C.I 6 :00 pm	17	18	19 Fire Truck Presentation	20 
21 National Aboriginal Day 	22 Discovery Day	23	24	25	26 PA Day No School 	27 
28	29	30				30

Have a Wonderful Summer! See you Sept, 08 @ 8:05

