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Home of the Titans



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JUANITA NATHAN

Important Dates

- Nov. 12 -19 - Fresh Produce Fundraiser
- Nov. 14 & 15 -Dental Screening
- Nov. 19 - 22 - Scholastic Book Fair
- Nov. 20 - Progress Reports go home
Nov. 22 - Interviews Evening
Nov. 23 - P.A Day/ Interviews (am)
- Nov. 29 - Student Success Assembly (8:30 am)
Pizza Lunch
Fast Program
- Dec. 6 - School Council Meeting 6:00 pm in Learning Commons

Courtesy

Cooperation

Consideration

Commitment

Message from the Administration

We are happy to share that we are having a busy and engaging fall season at Markham Gateway P.S. We thank the community members who joined us on our recent trip to the Forsythe Family Farm, attended the Conversation Café and observed our Remembrance Day assembly. Our staff and students did a tremendous job organizing a meaningful, reflective and respectful observance of this important and solemn occasion. We thank everyone who dedicated their time and efforts to create this moving learning experience. We also thank our staff members and student leaders for planning and organizing Character Assemblies in September and October. The assemblies helped us learn more about respect and responsibility and celebrated the students who show these great traits every day.

Our students have participated in a variety of fun, engaging activities designed to get them active and involved in school life. Some of the activities and opportunities included the Slapshot and Try Hockey Programs, the fall Pause to Play event, the You're the Chef Program, the intermediate boys and girls volleyball teams and the primary choir. Our Titan Teams give students the chance to express their voice and develop their leadership skills as members of our Eco-Team, Equity Team, Arts Team and Healthy Schools Team.

Our community and staff generously donated non-perishable food items to the local food bank through our We Scare Hunger Campaign, organized by our We Day committee. November 5th to 11th was Treaties Recognition Week in Ontario. During the week, we promoted awareness to our students and staff about the history and importance of treaties and treaty relationships, through announcements and in-class discussions and activities. As a school community, we continue to learn about and value the histories, cultures, perspectives and contributions of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit peoples in Canada.

Students will receive their Progress Reports on Tuesday, November 20th. Parent/teacher/student interviews and conferences will be held, in most cases, in the evening on Thursday, November 22nd and in the morning on Friday, November 23rd. These interviews/conferences will be a great opportunity to discuss what your child(ren) is/are doing well and what potential next steps and goals can be set as the first term progresses. We ask that our students be part of the interview process, because involving them helps make sure everyone is on the same page. We are looking forward to meeting with our students and families in a few weeks!

We have had two productive School Council meetings so far this year. We are pleased to share that Ms. Volpe-Brehaspatt and Ms. Aneel are our Co-Chairs, Ms. Khalid is our Treasurer and Ms. Alageson is our Secretary. At our last meeting, after consultation with staff and our parent community, we prepared a draft fundraising plan for the year. Our key areas of focus for this school year are:

- Technology – we will be utilizing the Boards Cost Sharing Program to purchase further technology for students to use in our classroom programs
- Author Talks/Performances
- Covering costs associated with extracurricular athletic events and other activities



Inspire Learning!



Our 2018-2019 initiatives to support the plan are as follows:

- Pizza lunches
- Milk program
- Chapters FUNdraiser Program
- Fresh Produce Fundraiser

The Fresh Produce Fundraiser starts November 12th and runs until November 19th. Families and staff will be invited to purchase locally grown vegetables from Willowtree Farm. More information will be shared next week. We thank you all for your continued support and hope you can join us at our next meeting on December 6th at 6 p.m. in the Learning Commons.

Finally, this is a friendly reminder that school starts at 8:20 a.m. Please make sure your child(ren) is/ are at school between 8:05 a.m. and 8:20 a.m. When they are late, they miss the initial instructions for the day and interrupt their peers as they transition to class. We recognize that dropping your children off or picking them up each day can be an exercise in patience. We encourage families to walk to and from school whenever possible. This helps cut down on traffic congestion and makes everyone safer. For those who choose to drive, following our established safety rules and posted street signs and being patient is critical to keep our children safe. We ask that you please put the safety of others over your own convenience as you drive around the school. We thank everyone for working together to ensure our families can travel to and from school safely every day.

Equity Update

This past month at Markham Gateway we celebrated Islamic Heritage Month. Students displayed great leadership by reading daily morning announcements, as well as creating an interesting and informative display case in our front entranceway. Small groups of students interested in equity spent time researching important Muslim Canadians and their contributions to society. Posters were displayed around the school with the key information about these important people as well as Islam, and how people practice their beliefs in their daily lives. Overall, students learned a lot and we look forward to expanding our celebration next year!

The MGPS Equity Team

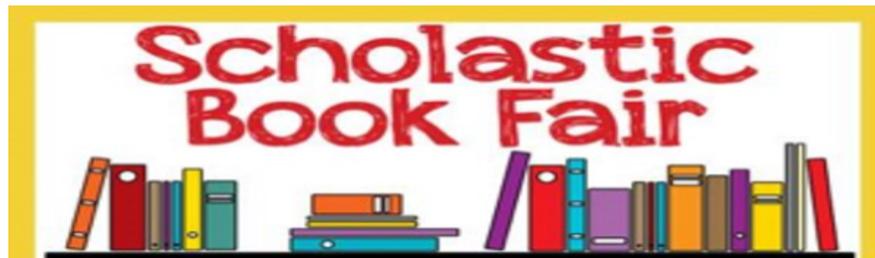
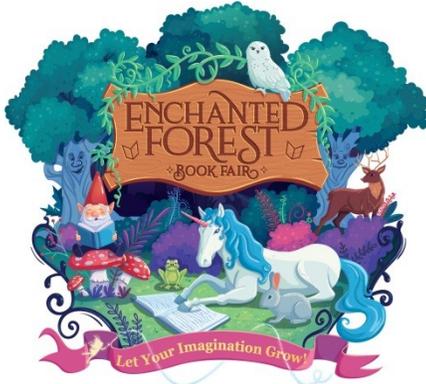
Pizza Lunch Dates



- Thursday Nov 29, 2018
- Thursday Dec 20, 2018
- Thursday Jan 31, 2019
- Thursday Feb 28, 2019

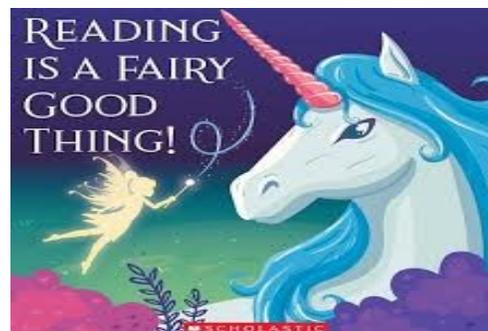
- Thursday March 28, 2019
- Thursday April 25, 2019
- Thursday May 30, 2019
- Thursday June 20, 2019

Scholastic Book Fair

The logo features the text "Scholastic Book Fair" in a red, sans-serif font. Below the text is a row of colorful books in various sizes and colors (orange, red, blue, purple, yellow, grey).

We are super excited to be hosting our annual **Scholastic Book Fair** in November! This is one of the wonderful ways we can promote reading for our students at MGPS. The Book Fair will run from **November 19th to November 23rd**. Students will have the opportunity to visit the fair with their class during that week. There will be contests throughout the week, and lots of incredible books that appeal to a wide range of ages and reading levels. Posters, bookmarks, and

school supplies will be for sale as well. Families are invited to join us at the **Family Event on Thursday, November 22nd from 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm** and **Friday, November 23rd from 8:20 am - 11:20 am**. Please drop by the Learning Commons before or after your child(ren)'s Student-Led Conference/Parent-Teacher Interview. There will be a special Family Draw for \$50 worth of free books! Cash, cheques and credit will be accepted. For more information you are welcome to visit the Scholastic Book Fairs site at <http://www.scholastic.ca/bookfairs/featuredbooks1.php> where you can get a sneak peak of some of the books for sale, read reviews, or watch book trailers and author highlights. Your support of this literary event is greatly appreciated and will help us obtain new resources and author visits for our students! Please mark the above dates on your calendar and we look forward to seeing you in a couple of weeks!!





Students of the Month



At the Celebration Assembly on September 26th, the character trait of “**Respect**” was highlighted. The following students were recognized for their positive contributions to school life.

K1A Ms. Azar

K1B Ms. Jaichi

K1C Ms. Grisanth

Gr.1/2A Ms. Hayat

Gr.1A Mr. Lovatsis

Gr.2/3A Ms. Luke

Gr.2A Ms. Cheung

Gr.3A Ms. Skilling

Gr.3B Ms. Ranta

Gr.4A Ms. Kitchen

Gr.4/5A Ms. Kurien

Gr.5/6A Ms. Chowdhury

Gr.5A Ms. Gowans/Mr. Thakur

Gr.6A Mr. Whitestone

Gr.6/7A Mr. Hasan

Gr.7A Ms. Venamalla

Gr.8A Ms. Sanders

Gr.8B Mr. Armoogam

Gillespie, Sheri

Koumarelas, Soula

Manahyl M, Sidra A.

Karyma H, Kingsley S.

Nithush N, Mohammad B.

Julia D, Abiha Z.

Andrew L, Haniya A.

Kaashini N, Zunairah S.

Tabeed A, Abira S.

Salman k, Isra A.

Bella L, Abdullah M.

Ganj A, Athisayan Y.

Nishika B, Muhammad S.

Meerab S, Joy L.

Osman S, Satpartap S, Svatha S.

Sanojan J, Queenie C.

Mohit B, Tasneem K.

Mayurika A, Lujaine S. Gurmukhpreet S.

Kulsum S, Kaaviya S.

Rajan S, Amrit C, Kavisian R.

Congratulations to all! Keep showing that

Titan spirit!



Students of the Month



At the Celebration Assembly on October 30th, the character trait of “**Responsibility**” was highlighted. The following students were recognized for their positive contributions to school life.

K1A Ms. Azar	Jordan L, Maryam S.
K1B Ms. Jaichi	Xinyan L, Brian H.
K1C Ms.Grisanth	Yuting C , Kiran S.
Gr.1/2A Ms. Hayat	Amal S, Afeefah T.
Gr.1A Mr. Lovatsis	Sabarena S, Chloe C.
Gr.2/3A Ms. Luke	Colleen W, Abdul M
Gr.2A Ms. Cheung	Chloe L, Muhammad S.
Gr.3A Ms. Skilling	Sabrina W, Sheza A.
Gr.3B Ms. Ranta	Aleeza A, Kirithiga S.
Gr.4A Ms. Kitchen	Ifra I, Hamna H, Ayaan Q.
Gr.4/5A Ms. Kurien	Aleema M, Zainab A
Gr.5/6A Ms. Chowdhury	Maryam K, Vardah M.
Gr.5A Ms.Gowans/Mr. Thakur	Sahar B, Sapinan
Gr.6A Mr.Whitestone	Brithiga J, Zain M.
Gr.6/7A Mr. Hasan	Hadiya A, Hadiya A.
Gr.7A Ms. Venamalla	Shahzeb A, Chhavi N, Crystal H.
Gr.8A Ms. Sanders	Sarah M, Subhan K.
Gr.8B Mr. Armoogam	Aiman A, Ebaad A.
Gillespie, Sheri	
Koumarelas, Soula	

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The character trait of Honesty will be highlighted in the month of November .