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Home of the Titans



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Important Dates

- Spirit Wear Drive -
March 5 to March
22nd.
- March 11 - 15 -
March Break.
- March 28 - Pizza
Lunch.
- E.Q.A.O.
Information night
for Gr. 3 and 6
Families - 6:00 pm
to 7:00 pm.
- March 29 - Student
Success Assembly
- 8:30 am.

Courtesy

Cooperation

Consideration

Commitment

Message from the Administration

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M.G.P.S. has been busy and engaging as the winter has progressed, with many exciting activities and learning opportunities for our students every day. In February, we learned about and celebrated African Heritage Month and the Lunar New Year. As a school, and a community, these opportunities are important because we strive to promote a sense of belonging in all our students and ensure they see themselves reflected in what is learned through the school year.

Many teams, house leagues and clubs continue to run daily. We sent teams to the York Region Skills Challenge and the Lego Robotics Challenge. Our Intermediate Boys Basketball Team won a pennant in local tournament play during their season, then came in third overall at the Area Tournament, which is a great accomplishment. The Intermediate Girls Basketball Team and our Junior Co-ed Volleyball Team had great seasons as well. Our Destination Imagination team demonstrated creativity and critical thinking skills at the recent local tournament.

The Red Maple and Silver Birch Reading Clubs were also reading up a storm, while the Boys and Girls clubs met weekly and the primary choir sang away. The Slap Shot program was back playing hockey with a different group of students and house league intramurals for various grade levels were held at morning recesses and lunch. All of these wonderful opportunities happen at M.G.P.S. because of the dedication and commitment of our incredible staff. We are very appreciative of how much they value these extra-curricular opportunities for our students. It takes a great deal of time and effort to organize these activities and events and we are extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated staff!

The Term 1 Report Cards were sent home in February. It was an excellent opportunity to see how our students are progressing and set goals as we move into the second term. As always, please communicate with your child's teacher if you have any questions related to their progress.

Finally, we continue to encourage families to walk to and from school whenever possible. It really helps cut down on the traffic congestion and makes everyone safer. For those who choose to drive, following the established safety rules and the posted street signs is critical in maintaining the safety of our children. Putting the safety of others over your own convenience continues to be our main message. We thank everyone for working together to ensure that our families are able to travel to and from school safely each day.



Inspire Learning!



Message From Our Trustee

I hope everyone has had a great start to the second half of the school year. Over the past few months, I have had an opportunity to connect with families, students, staff members and with our broader community. I have seen a lot of exciting opportunities for students to explore their interests, celebrate their identities, and develop skills and knowledge that will benefit them in the future.

Many students are participating in [skills competitions](#) or other events where they problem-solve, innovate, collaborate and further develop their technical skills. Students compete in robotics, construction, hairdressing, transportation, 3D animation and much more. These events are among the many options available to help students explore different careers and [pathways](#), and gain valuable experience. We are grateful for the support of community partners in helping to provide these great learning opportunities to our students.

I also want to express my appreciation to our broader school community. One of the priorities in our [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#) is to build collaborative relationships. The relationships that our schools have with families is so important. There are many different ways you can be involved - talking to your child's teacher, asking your child about homework, or volunteering on a field trip or the school council. Your contributions make a difference to your child's success and to the success of our schools.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable March Break.

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Kindergarten Registration

We are pleased to announce that you can register your child for [Kindergarten ONLINE](#).

Kindergarten registration has begun for the 2019-20 school year. Children born in 2015 are eligible for Year 1 kindergarten this September 2019. Children born in 2014 and are currently attending public school are eligible for Year 2 kindergarten in September 2019.

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
- ◆ Bank statement/Utility Bill



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

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

Titan Student Equity Team

It has been a busy month for the Titan Student Equity Team here at Markham Gateway. This month, students designed and created an interactive bulletin board to commemorate Black History Month. The bulletin board hosted faces of famous Black Canadians as well as other important and influential black leaders and change makers from around the globe. Students were challenged to "Guess Who" and then were able to read and learn about the impact of the people showcased. As well, this month students created and shared Black History Month announcements each morning, in order to grow our capacity as a school and to develop our understanding with respect to current and previous important contributions from the black community. Also new this year, a group of grade eight students wrote and performed spoken word poetry at our monthly assembly. The poem, titled "I am Black," was performed by Jahlia, Janani, Sabinaya, and Varshana, and it challenged students and staff to explore their own identities and how they could become allies to the black community and makers of change in important areas such as fighting racism and discrimination. All classes were also involved in colouring a quilt piece for our school freedom quilt mosaic art display, which was designed and implemented by Sarah M. A big thank you to all students and staff who participated, and we look forward to what the Titan Student Equity Team will be up to next month!



Pizza Lunch Dates



Thursday March 28, 2019

Thursday April 25, 2019

Thursday May 30, 2019

Thursday June 20, 2019

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Math Games

Using games to support your child at home to reinforce math concepts they are learning in class can be fun for the whole family! Games provide children with opportunities to explore mathematical concepts such as number concepts, patterns and relationships. It also allows them to use models and strategies they are familiar with (e.g., arrays, ten frames, skip counting). Some math games are commercially available but most can be played with common household objects. In fact, most games that are not considered “math” games have many math concepts already in them. Try highlighting some of those concepts as you are playing.

For some game suggestions, go to the "Resources For Supporting Your Child In Mathematics" tab found on the [YRDSB Mathematics website homepage](#).

MATH GAMES TO PLAY AT HOME:

Math games can be a wonderful source for developing mathematical reasoning while practicing basic facts. These games can be purchased at your local toy store (Toys R Us, Mastermind, Walmart, etc.). Friday night family games night?

Set: A card game of logic and visual perception that can be enjoyed by the whole family (ages 6 to adult). Adults, be forewarned that it can be humbling to play this game with youngsters.

Tangos: A game that focuses on spatial relationships and that challenges the whole family, young and old alike.

Mastermind: A game of logic enjoyed by both children and adults. Look for a version of Mastermind for younger children ages 6 and up.

Cribbage: A wonderful card game played on a pegged board that develops skill in adding series of small numbers. The game is enjoyable for children of all ages.

Dominoes: A game of strategy and numbers that children as young as 4 years of age can play as a number recognition game. Yet the regular game of dominoes is challenging for adults as well.

Mancala: A challenging African stone game of logic for adults that can be adapted to meet the needs of children ages 5 and up.

Equate: A game for reinforcing computation with whole numbers, decimals, and fractions. I haven't played this yet, but my nieces and nephews tell me it is challenging and fun.

Checkers/Chess: Great games for developing skill with logical reasoning.



Students of the Month



At the Student Success Assembly on February 27th, the character trait of “**Initiative**” was highlighted. The following students were recognized for their positive contributions to school life.

K1A Ms. Azar	Ariana A, Abby Y.
K1B Ms. Jaichi	Alicia H, Abu Bakr M, Ayesha S.
K1C Ms. Grisanth	Muhammad S, Muhammad S.
Gr.1/2A Ms. Hayat	Praveena B, Awais K.
Gr.1A Mr. Lovatsis	Zara W, Ayshna R.
Gr.2/3A Ms. Luke	Amanda D, Agilash K.
Gr.2A Ms. Cheung	Dowshithan P, Hamzah K, Rita Y.
Gr.3A Ms. Skilling	Tina S, Sophia W, Abdul B.
Gr.3B Ms. Ranta	Laura C, Saaru S.
Gr.4A Ms. Kitchen	Aina A, Eason L, Baveethan L.
Gr.4/5A Ms. Kurien	Arangan T, Hassan N.
Gr.5/6A Ms. Chowdhury	Mithran S, Huda M.
Gr.5A Ms.Gowans/Mr. Thakur	Gurman B, Rida Bozai, Sivaluxsy S, Mohid U.
Gr.6A Mr.Whitestone	Lachhana B, Agashan M.
Gr.6/7A Mr. Hasan	Nithyan S, Imtiaz K.
Gr.7A Ms. Venamalla	Kharintirasakar U, Tia R, Carly C.
Gr.8A Ms. Sanders	Nabiha S, Kulsoom T.
Gr.8B Mr. Armoogam	Ethan L, Sumaya H.
Gillespie, Sheri	Jasraj S.
Koumarelas, Soula	Nika Z.

**Congratulations to all! Keep showing that
Titan spirit!**

The character trait of Courage will be highlighted in the month of March.