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Home of the Titans



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SCHOOL TRUSTEE

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Important Dates

- May 7 - Author Visit - Deborah Kerbel - Grades K-3.
- May 9 - Author Visit - Wesley King - Grades 4-8
- May 16 - School Track & Field Day.
- May 22 - 29 E.Q.A.O (Gr.3 - 6).
- May 30 - Pizza Lunch.
- May 31 - Student Success Assembly @10:40am
- June 13 - Grand Mela.

Message from the Administration

Please visit [Google Translate](#) to translate the contents of this message.

Spring seems to have finally arrived – hooray! It has been nice to welcome back the warm weather, hear birds chirping, watch flowers blooming and see more people out in the community enjoying the sunshine. We want to thank the many families who are beginning to walk to and from school each day. This really helps cut down on congestion around the school and makes everyone safer. We hope the new traffic calming signs installed on the road near the school will also get people to slow down and drive safely while in the school zone.

We are seeing more students riding their bikes to school — which is great — but many are not wearing helmets. Falls from bikes can happen suddenly and the results can be devastating. Please make sure your child has a properly fitted helmet and that you review your expectations with your child when they are riding in the neighbourhood. It is also important that you check that your child’s bike is in good working order, with properly inflated tires and brakes that work.

It has been a wonderfully busy month at MGPS. We offered a variety of activities that are designed to keep our students engaged and physically active. Our junior basketball teams and the badminton team competed at the Area Finals. We had our Pause to Play Day and our Jump Rope for Heart skipping day, and we just recently had our Track and Field Day. Our intermediate students had their overnight trip to Cedar Glen — they also planned and delivered a very successful day of learning for the Grade 6 to 8 students called “The Day of Us” that focused on mental health and wellbeing.

The Talent Show was a great event that allowed our students to showcase their amazing skills and abilities! Our students got to read a variety of new books in the Forest of Reading program and then voted on their favourite ones. Award-winning Canadian authors Deborah Kerbel and Wesley King came in and spoke to our students about their personal journeys, the writing and book-making process and offered their personal insights about how to be successful in pursuing your passions. All the activities listed above happen because of the incredible dedication of our staff. We greatly appreciate their commitment to our students and our co-curricular programs. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated staff at MGPS!

We thank our families for their generous support of two recent important initiatives. The Jump Rope for Heart event through the Heart and Stroke Foundation was a great success. The work they do, and the research these funds enable them to engage in, saves many, many lives in Canada every year. We will share the overall total that was raised with you in future newsletters. The bag2school fundraising collection was also a great success. The school received just over \$150 based on the weight of items that were donated by the MGPS school community.

Inspire Learning!

It is so nice to make a positive difference for others and gratifying to know that those items will be put to good use and not end up in a landfill somewhere. Thank you to our School Council members who organized this initiative for our school and to the families and staff members who were able to contribute items for the drive.

It was a pleasure to meet our newest Titans at our Welcome to Kindergarten night. Our junior kindergarten students and their families came for a visit and had fun getting introduced to the school. We look forward to welcoming our new students in September.

We hope that the fast is going well for families observing Ramadan. If there is anything we can do as a school to help, please let us know. We are happy to make accommodations that could be helpful during this time of fasting.

2019 - 2020 Class Placement Process

Classroom teachers, in cooperation with support staff, administration, and after considering parental input, will be working diligently to create balanced classes for the upcoming school year. The academic, social, and emotional strengths, needs, and interests of each student will be considered by school staff when preparing class lists. The ultimate goal of class placement is to support and enhance the learning of all students. We welcome any input you may wish to share about your child's strengths, needs, and learning styles.

However, requests for specific teachers will not be considered as teaching assignments are always tentative until the end of September. The responsibility for final decisions in terms of placements lies with the administration. Please send any information you would like considered about your child's placement, in writing, to Mr. Battler and Ms. Osman no later than Friday, May 31st

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 *****



Students of the Month



At the Student Success Assembly on April 25th, the character trait of “**Integrity**” was highlighted. The following students were recognized for their positive contributions to school life:

K1A Ms. Azar	Yusuf H.
K1B Ms. Jaichi	Sallar A, Umar M, Amina M
K1C Ms. Grisanth	Deepthi M, Musa Ahmed S.
Gr.1/2A Ms. Hayat	Eileen W, Maheen M, Abdul R.
Gr.1A Mr. Lovatsis	Maryam A, Sophia C.
Gr.2/3A Ms. Luke	Muhammad R, Shomiya A.
Gr.2A Ms. Cheung	Hanzalah S, Tharanikha S.
Gr.3A Ms. Skilling	Kyler H, Ashvin K.
Gr.3B Ms. Ranta	Essa M, Minnah U.
Gr.4A Ms. Kitchen	Gurnoor G, Ivan L, Heba S.
Gr.4/5A Ms. Kurien	Kirushya S, Rahul N, Abdullah Z.
Gr.5/6A Ms. Chowdhury	Haad A, Rida F.
Gr.5A Ms.Gowans/Mr. Thakur	Salman K, Olivia R.
Gr.6A Mr.Whitestone	Neamul H, Robin C, Lacshiea R.
Gr.6/7A Mr. Hasan	Arsh A, Syeda N.
Gr.7A Ms. Venamalla	Ragavi M, Siya V.
Gr.8A Ms. Sanders	Lakshmi B, Thaarakhhan S.
Gr.8B Mr. Armoogam	Shajithiya T, Uzzam I.
Gillespie, Sheri	Frederick G.
Koumarelas, Soula	Kevin Z.

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

The character trait of Perseverance will be highlighted in the month of May.



Pizza Lunch Dates

Thursday May 30, 2019

Thursday June 20, 2019



Summer Institute Registration



The York Region District School Board's **Summer Institute** 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 2, 2019 to August 9, 2019

Week A - July 2 to July 5 (4-day week)

Week B - July 8 to 12

Week C - July 15 to 19

Week D - July 22 to 26

Week E - July 29 to August 2

Week F - August 6 to 9 (4-day week)

Weekly Fees

York Region District School Board fees \$110 (4-day week), \$125 (5-day week)

Non-York Region District School Board fees \$135 (4-day week), \$160 (5-day week)

Before and after care is offered by the YMCA for an additional cost.

Cancellation Policy

Before June 1, 2019 will be fully refunded less a \$25.00 per week, per child, administration surcharge. After June 1, 2019, the full registration fee is non-refundable.

Locations

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.

Please note that due to construction and renovation work at some school sites, some programs will be offered at different locations this year. Please review program options, electives and [program locations](#) prior to registering.

The Summer Institute is being offered to community members as a component of the [Performance Plus](#) (P+) Family of Schools.

- The "Performance" in the program's name refers to student achievement and well-being.
- The "Plus" in the program's name refers to the additional resources and leadership that can enhance learning in elementary schools in neighbourhoods affected by poverty.
- Additional resources and leadership bring school staff members, families and communities together to ensure that every child is prepared to learn.

Please [visit the Summer Institute registration page](#) for the online registration link.