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Important Dates

- March 14 to March 18 - March Break
- March 24 - Pizza Lunch/
Spirit and
Character Assembly
@ 10:30 a.m.
- March 25 - Good Friday
- March 28 - Ester Monday
- April 07 - School Council
Meeting @ 6 p.m.

Courtesy

Cooperation

Consideration

Commitment

March 2016

Message from the Administration

As we crawl out of the cold, wintry months and look forward to warmer seasonal temperatures ahead, the only predictable thing about our ever-changing weather is its 'unpredictability'. With this in mind, please continue to send your children to school with clothing and outer layers that will provide both warmth and comfort. Please also remember that all students are expected to go out for recess and lunch hour, weather permitting. If a student is well enough to attend school, then he or she will benefit from short periods of fresh air and outdoor play.

Looking ahead, we are very excited to be partnering with our neighbourhood schools (Cedarwood PS, Ellen Fairclough PS and Parkland PS) in offering a three-part parent series over the next few months. The three parent engagement evenings will cover a range of topics that parents may find useful in supporting their children. These parent sessions are made possible by the Ministry of Education's Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants. The first of these sessions will feature a presentation by Shyamala Kiru on Thursday, March 31st at 6:30 p.m., and this kickoff session will be held at Parkland Public School. All parents/guardians

of the four participating schools are invited and encouraged to attend the sessions. Please look out for the registration flyer which will be coming home with your child very soon. We hope to see you at the first session on March 31st!

We can also all look forward to March Break which will be from March 14th – 18th. School will be closed during that week. School will also be closed on March 25th and 28th for Good Friday and Easter Monday, respectively. We hope that you and your children will be able to take advantage of this time away from school by enjoying some quality family time together.

Busy and productive months of learning lie ahead and we look forward to working together toward our end goals. It is also the time of preparing and planning for next year. Registrations, school organization, staff assignments, and budget planning are already beginning. We are still accepting Kindergarten registrations. Please help us by passing this information on to neighbours. The sooner we know of student registrations, the better for us to plan for next year. In addition, if you are planning a move and will not be attending Markham Gateway next year, please let the school know as soon as possible. This will assist us in making accurate student enrolment projections for the

2016-17 school year.

Lastly, the School Council meeting that was originally scheduled for March 3rd has been cancelled. Our next School Council meeting will be on Thursday, April 7th from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Library. All parents and guardians are invited and welcome to attend. For a full listing of meeting dates for the school year, please visit our website (<http://markhamgateway.ps.yrdsb.ca/>).



Next School Council

Thursday, April 07th, 2016

6:00—7:00 pm in the Library

Council Executive 2015-2016

Lisa Volpe-Brehaspatt—Chair

Ratna Muralitharan—Treasurer

Hema Alageson—Secretary



Inspire Learning!

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, March 24th, 2016

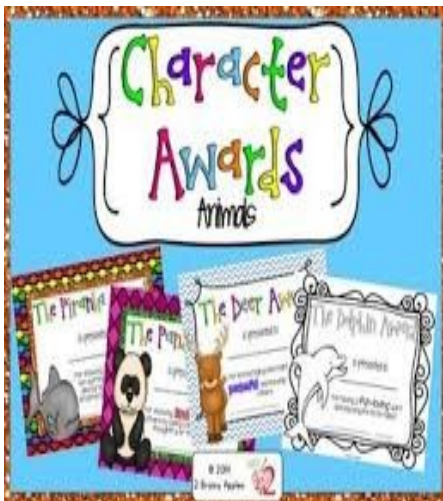


Character Assembly

Thursday, March 24th, 2016

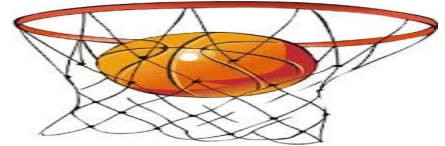
Thursday, April 28th, 2016

Thursday, May 25th, 2016



Change of Date

The Firefighter vs. Boys, Books and Basketball game scheduled for Friday March 4, 2016 at 12:30 has been rescheduled for Friday March 11, 2016 at 12:30. Spectators are asked to make a \$2 donation to attend the game. Students, come out and show your support on Friday March 11, 2016.



APRIL 2nd IS ...



WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

April 2nd is World Autism Awareness day. Many people are affected by Autism. One in sixty - four children are diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Markham Gateway P.S. is fortunate to have 2 Community Classes to help support children who are touched by Autism. Individuals with Autism may experience challenges with social interactions, verbal and nonverbal communication, and may display some repetitive behaviours. From March 21 -April 6, 2016, the Community Classes will be **selling leather bracelets, rubber bands and buttons for \$2-\$5 each.** For a \$2 donation, your child can choose from receiving an Autism Awareness band, designing their very own button, or selecting one of the uniquely designed buttons created for this year's fundraiser. This year we will also have a selection of leather band bracelets available for a \$5 donation. Please help support our efforts, while we work towards increasing awareness and acceptance of individuals touched by Autism. Thank you!



News from the Markham Gateway Parenting and Family Literacy Centre



March Family Fun

The Markham Gateway PFLC in Room 127 will be closed:

Monday March 14th through Friday March 18th

Friday March 25th and Monday March 28th



Here are some other activities for you and your family to enjoy in the community:

Ontario Early Years Centre – #3990 – 14th Avenue, Markham, L3R 0B2 – 905-479-0002

<https://familydaycare.com/wp-content/uploads/MOEYC-MARCH-2016.pdf>

Milliken Mills Community Centre – 7600 Kennedy Road, Markham L3R 9S5 – 905-477-6410

<http://www.markham.ca/wps/portal/Markham/RecreationCulture/ProgramsActivities/HolidayPrograms/>

Markham Museum – 9350 Hwy 48, Markham Ontario L3P 3J3 – (905) 294-4576

<http://www.markham.ca/wps/portal/Markham/RecreationCulture/ProgramsActivities/HolidayPrograms/>

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



March is a great time to start thinking about getting active and getting outdoors as the weather starts to warm up. The PARTICIPACTION website offers suggestions about how to make physical health and wellness a family activity all year long!

For more information, please go to <http://www.participaction.com/get-moving/tips/tips-for-parents/>

Parkland PS, Ellen Fairclough PS, Markham Gateway PS
& Cedarwood PS Present:

Ways to Support Your Children: A Three Part Parent Series



Session #1:
SHYAMALA KIRU
Marriage and Family Therapist

SAVE THE DATES:

Session #2:
"Effective Communication with
your Child" held at Markham
Gateway PS in Mid April

Session #3:
"Social Media & Digital Citizen-
ship" held at Cedarwood PS in
Mid May

Fostering Confidence: Solutions for Overcoming Fear & Anxiety

DISCOVER:

- Why confidence is critical to success
- The correlation between confidence and anxiety
- How to identify anxiety, aka "The Confidence Killer"
- Simple strategies to help kids boost confidence

WHEN: Thursday, March 31, 2016 - 6:30-7:30 pm

WHERE: Parkland Public School—18 Coxworth Avenue, Markham

Childcare will be provided by 360 Kids

I am able to attend Session #1: "Fostering Confidence"

☐ Number of People Attending: _____ Family Name: _____

☐ Number of Children needing Childcare: _____

Please return this form to the main office of your child's school