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Home of the Titans



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Important Dates

- May 14 - Talent Show
- May 20 - Walk to School Day/
Track & Field Gr.4-8
- May 21 - Welcome to
Kindergarten Night
- May 25 - to June 04 EQAO
- May 28 - Pizza Day
- June 15 - Grand Mela
- June 16 - Gr.8 Graduation
- June 19 - Fire Truck
Presentation
- June 25 - Early Dismissal

Courtesy

Cooperation

Consideration

Commitment

May 2015

Message from the Administration

Spring is here! An increase in sunshine seems to bring an increase in smiles and people generally feeling happier. Research shows that warm and sunny weather can have a positive impact on our moods. It's important that we stay attuned to our emotional health and find the time to participate in activities that help us look after ourselves and our well-being and May is a great time to do that as it is Mental Health

Awareness month. The Ministry of Education's "Achieving Excellence" publication is their renewed vision for education in Ontario and promoting well-being is one of the key actions listed in the document. Students who maintain positive mental health and experience well-being often have a strong sense of resiliency. Resilience is our ability to cope with the normal

stresses of daily life, and bounce back from challenges. As a school, we are committed to supporting the development of resiliency in our students by encouraging them to believe in their own strengths, abilities and self-worth. For more information, supports and resources, please visit the Ministry website at <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/healthyschools/links.html>.

We are so proud of our students and staff for the wonderful two nights of arts celebration that took place at Markham Gateway last week. Students demonstrated their skill with digital claymation short movies, song and dance performances as well as artistic creations displayed throughout the school. Other upcoming events will be our Track and Field day, Talent Show, Volunteer Appreciation Tea, Grand Mela

and our MGPS Graduation as well as ongoing planned field trips that support the students as they explore a variety of curriculum areas.

We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you as we move towards the end of the school year.



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!

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



Financial Literacy at MGPS

April was National Financial Literacy Month in Canada and MGPS did it up in style! We hosted two events using funds from our PRO (Parent Reaching Out) Grant.

On April 1st We had financial advisor Howard Vanderheyem present a seminar for parents. He introduced them to a great resource called “Money and Youth, a Guide to Financial Literacy “. Each family that attended received the new resource. While parents were learning more about financial literacy, their children were engaged in a hands on activity! They were learning about the concept of sharing, saving and spending by making their own banks.

On April 15th we had a luncheon attended by 23 mothers and their 17 preschoolers aged children. We looked at the topic again to think about how financial literacy can be addressed at different ages from preschool up to high school. Staff presented activities that have been part of ongoing lessons. We were delighted to have several students from Mr. Armoogam’s grade 7 class present their learning.

Parents were introduced to resource materials that can be borrowed from the school for a month at a time. These include both books and games that help explain how financial concepts such as how money works. If you are interested in borrowing any of these resources, please contact Mrs. Lowry, Ms. Kolar or our parent ambassador, Ms. Khalid.

The goal of financial literacy is to help students be equipped with the tools to foster financial independence. With the school and parents working together to address this topic, MGPS is well on its way to achieving that goal!



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 Families,

As our school year is coming closer to an end, we see many events planned for the staff and students at Markham Gateway. A few would be the Talent Show, and our graduation school. Student Council has been making sure that our school has a great time during our last few months together!

Backwards/Inside-Out Day, Tied-Up Thursday, Autism Awareness Day and Earth Day took place during the last month. Random Acts of Kindness have been continuing, nominees will be announced at our May and June Character Assemblies. Don't miss the chance to nominate someone for a great deed!

We also have plans that will put a wonderful end to our school year and leave Titans with a smile on their face as they leave MGPS to start their summers! In May, we'll be looking forward to seeing what you will wear during Asian/South Asian Heritage Month. Every week will be a chance to wear your favorite cultural clothing! Our Spring Dance for grades 6-8 will also be coming very soon!

Well that's it MGPS, but stay tuned to announcements, assemblies, and updates to find out what Student Council has in store for you! Like I said, our goal is to put a splendid end to the school year. If you have any suggestions to how you'd like us to accomplish this, please feel free to speak with any of the Student Council executives or our advisors, Ms. Lee and Ms. Kolar.

Sincerely,
Saada P.
Minister of Communication

Legacy Walk

Dear Families

On Monday May 4, 2015, students at Markham Gateway P.S. participated in a Legacy Walk. We raised funds to support the neonatal unit at Markham Stouffville Hospital. Thank you for your support by helping students collect pledges from family members and friends. Student who raised \$25 or more received a T-Shirt. Donations of over \$50 qualified your child for prizes, such as gift cards and other grand prizes.

Thank you for your continued support,

Ms. Pollock and Ms. Bourne



Please join us for our next

Conversation Café



Wednesday May 13th, 2015

1:30-2:30p.m.

ALL Parents from Markham Gateway and Ellen Fairclough P.S. are welcome!

School and Family Partnerships for

Emotional Health and Wellbeing for our Students

Anxiety seems to be increasing in our student population. What is the connection between stress and anxiety? What are some causes of stress? What is the role that parents can play in helping manage their children's stress. Come and hear the answer to these questions and more by Sudha Coomarasamy, Counselor and South Asian community facilitator.

This session is for all parents and interested community members from Markham Gateway and Ellen Fairclough P.S.



Conversation Café will meet in the Markham Gateway P.S. library at 30 Brando Road.

Many helpful books and resources are available to borrow on this topic!



If you plan on attending, please return this to your child's teacher by Monday May 11th,

I plan on attending the Conversation Café at MGPS on May 13th.

Child's name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Contact (Email or Phone): _____

Child care needed for children under 4 years : Yes _____ No _____

எங்களது அடுத்த

தேனீருடனான உரையாடல்



புதன்கிழமை,வைகாசி,13, 2015

பி:ப1:30-2:30வரை கலந்து கொள்ளுங்கள்

Markham Gateway அத்துடன்
Ellen Fairclough பாடசாலை
அனைத்து பெற்றோர்களுக்கும்
வரவேற்கிறோம்!

பாடசாலை மற்றும் குடும்ப கூட்டு நிகழ்வு

எங்கள் மாணவர்களின் நன்மை கருதிய உணர்வுகளும், சுகாதாரமும்

எங்கள் மாணவர்களுக்கு கவலை அதிகரிக்கிறது. மன அழுத்தம் மற்றும் பதட்டம் இரண்டிற்குமான தொடர்பு என்ன? சில மன அழுத்தங்கள் எவை? மாணவரின் மன அழுத்தங்களை குறைப்பதற்கு பெற்றாரின் உதவி எவ்வாறு அமைய வேண்டும். இந்த கேள்விக்கான விடையும் இன்னும் கூடுதலானவற்றுக்கு பதில் தருகிறார் ஆலோசகர் மற்றும் தெற்காசிய சமூக அனுசரணையாளர் **Sudha Coomarasamy**.

இவ் அமர்விற்கு **Markham Gateway** அத்துடன் **Ellen Fairclough** பாடசாலை பெற்றார் மற்றும் சமூகதாய அங்கத்தினர் அனைவரையும் அழைக்கிறோம்.



Markham Gateway பாடசாலை நூலகத்தில் நடைபெறும்

30 Brando Road.

இத் தலைப்பிற்கான
பல பயனுள்ள நூல்கள்
மற்றும் வளங்கள் இங்கே
பெறலாம்!



தீங்கள் வருவதாயின் தயவு செய்து பிள்ளையின் வகுப்பாசிரியரிடம் 11த் திகதிக்கு முன் கொடுக்கவும்.

MGPS 13த் திகதி நடைபெறும் தேனீருடனான உரையாடலுக்கு வருவேன்.




பிள்ளைகள் பெயர்: _____

தரம்: _____


பெற்றார் பெயர்: _____ தொடர்பு(மின்னஞ்சல்/தொலைபேசி#): _____

4 வயதிற்குட்பட்ட குழந்தைகளுக்கு பராமரிப்பு வசதியுண்டு :

ஆம் _____ இல்லை _____



Armadale P.S.
Jersey P.S.
Markham Gateway P.S.
Woodbridge P.S.
Wilton North P.S.



York Region Parenting and Family Literacy Centres

Join us for a reception
honouring the artists from our
Art@theCentre program.

Thursday, May 21, 2015
from 5 to 7 pm

York Region District School Board
60 Wellington Street West
Aurora, Ontario L4G 3H2

RSVP with your Parent Worker.
Everyone is welcome.
Come, let's celebrate our talents together.

Artwork will be on display from
Tuesday, May 19 to Friday May 22, 2015.

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

It is a great time to get outside as a family to do some cycling together now that the weather is getting warmer. To keep our children safe on the roads, it is important to remember that:

- Children and youth (under 18) are required by law to wear a helmet with the chin strap clip fastened under the chin when cycling. Kids imitate their parents. Ninety-eight per cent of children will wear their helmets if their parents do, so wear one every time you ride.
- Before age ten, most children do not have the skills to cycle safely on the road and they need help to make good choices. Children under nine years should cycle with responsible adults at all times



Sources:

www.york.ca/injuryprevention

www.lifesaving.ca

**Markham Gateway is AWARE! Thank you for all of your support.
We have raised \$306.50 for Autism Ontario.**



Markham Gateway is proud to present their annual Talent Show, "Gateway's Got Talent!" The show will be held in the school gym on Thursday, May 14th. The show will begin approximately at 1:15pm. Families are welcome to attend!



May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Grade 3s to Pickering Museum Village Spirit and Character Assembly	2
3 	4 Legacy Walk	5 Gr. 7 VIP Presentation - Library	6 Swim To Survive Gr. 3	7 School Council Meeting 6:00 pm	8 Gr. 3 VIP Presentation - Library Spring Dance - 1: 00pm Grades 6-8	9 
10 	11 JK/SK to Rouge Valley	12	13 Swim To Survive Gr. 3	14 Talent Show @ 1:15 pm	15 Area Badminton Meet @Milliken Mills H.S.	16
17	18 National Patriots' Day VICTORIA DAY 	19	20 Track and Field for MGPS Grade 4-8 Walk to school day Grade 4 Trip to Ripleys Aquarium Swim To Survive Gr. 3	21 Rain date for J/I Track and Field . Welcome to Kinder- garten Night 6:30 pm	22 Track and Field at MCI *Raindate*	23
24	25 Gr. 3 & 6 EQAO	26 Gr. 3 & 6 EQAO	27 Gr. 3 & 6 EQAO	28 Gr. 3 & 6 EQAO Pizza Lunch 	29 Gr. 3 & 6 EQAO	30 
31						