

Markham Gateway

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Home of the Titans



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Important Dates

- May 04 - Track and Field
- May 05- Gr.5 & 6 trip to Energy Festival
- May 06 - PA Day, No School
- May 12 - School Council Meeting @ 6 p.m.
Welcome to Kindergarten @ 6:30 p.m.
- May 13 - Talent Show @ 1:10 p.m.
- May 16 - Junior Water Festival.
- May 18 - MGPS Arts Evening @ 6:00 p.m.
- May 19- Pizza Lunch.
- May 20 - Gr. 8 trip.
- May 24 - Spirit and Character Assembly @ 9 a.m.
- May 23 to June 2 - EQAO.
- June - 2&3 Dental Screening.

Courtesy

Cooperation

Consideration

Commitment

May 2016

Message from the Administration

The month of April was, in a word, phenomenal, and kept us very busy and engaged as a school community. Our Scholastic Book Fair and Forest of Reading challenge brought literacy to life in our classrooms and homes, our celebrity chef, Devan Rajkumar, brought families together for a fun and interactive evening of cooking and nutrition, and our Eco Club continued its valuable work through their initiative, leadership and education. The rainy weather could not even dampen the spirits of our cricket players as some of our Movement X activities had to be relocated indoors due to the weather.

Though April will be a tough act to follow, we welcome the excitement and opportunities which will be presented to us during the month of May!

The first significant event in May will be our *Welcome to Kindergarten Night* on May 12th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. All families of JK students starting school at Markham Gateway PS this September, as well as new SK students starting kindergarten in the fall, are invited to attend our Welcome to Kindergarten Night. Families will have the opportunity to meet some of the staff, visit the classrooms, meet other members of the community, and participate in some activities that will help your child transition to school in September.

On May 18th, our school will also be celebrating the arts with an *Arts Night*. Featuring many of our talented students, the evening's program will showcase a variety of performances and displays of arts focused curriculum and learning – music, visual arts, dance and drama. Stay tuned for additional information closer to the date! And on May 25th, Cedarwood PS will be hosting the third and last parent engagement workshop for our area of schools, featuring Chris Vollum and his session on "Social Media Fitness". Please see the flyer found in this newsletter for more details about the evening and registration instructions.

Towards the end of the month, the annual Assessments for Primary and Junior Reading, Writing, and Math (EQAO) will be taking place. Please ensure that the children are well rested and have a nutritious breakfast leading up to and on these assessment days. Please also try to avoid scheduling appointments during the days when the assessments will be administered. Assessment days for grade 3 students will be on May 25, 26 and 27, and assessment days for grade 6 students will be on May 30, 31 and June 1.

Two other notable events on our school calendar will be taking place at the beginning of next month. First, our MGPS Graduation Ceremony will be held at Middlefield C.I. on Wednesday, June 1st, and as can be expected, the grade 8 students are looking forward to celebrating this educa-

tional milestone with their family and friends. On the very next evening, June 2nd, our school grounds will once again be open to the community for our annual Grand Mela. We hope to see many of you there for what has become a very popular yearly tradition at Markham Gateway.

Parents and caregivers are reminded to continue to follow safe practices when dropping off or picking up your child(ren) from school. In our driveways and loops, thank you for slowing down, exercising patience, and for the selective use of car horns. Especially at the end of the day, please also remember to carefully move forward in the Kiss 'n Ride in order to maintain the safe flow of traffic.

On behalf of the entire staff, thank you for your continued support. We greatly appreciate your commitment and dedication to your children and support of their school experiences. If you have questions, concerns, or appreciations, please speak with your child's teacher or with a member of the administration.

Next School Council

Thursday, May 12th, 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!



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APPENDIX 1

**YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR**

ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS - DAY 1 - 5 Calendar

Summer Recess
Sep 28-Mar 28

Term 1 -
Sep 8 - Feb 1

Term 2 -
Feb 2 - Jun 30

Legend:	
H	Parent Holiday
E	Elementary Professional Activity Day
B/S	Elementary/Secondary Professional Activity Day
T	Elementary/Secondary Training Day
M	Mandatory Holidays (Labour Day, Thanksgiving)
A	Christmas Family Day, March Break, Easter (variable Day)

Holidays

Labor Day	September 7
Thanksgiving	October 12
Christmas Break	Dec 21-Jan 1
Fair Day	Feb 16
March Break	March 14-18
Good Friday	March 26
Easter Monday	March 28
Victoria Day	May 23

All Professional Activity Days,
Training Days and
June 28th
are day "zeros".

Month	No. of Instructional Days	No. of P.A. Days	1ST WEEK					2ND WEEK					3RD WEEK					4TH WEEK					5TH WEEK					
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March	16	0		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
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September 3: P.A. Day - All day; Board directed (No-rated for part-time teachers as per their F.I.S.)
 September 28: Training Day / Primary Class Size Reorganization Day (Board directed, no-Site)
 November 27: P.A. Day - A.M.: Parent-Teacher Interview day (Board directed); P.M.: 1/2 day release if applicable
 January 15: P.A. Day - Assessment/Report Cards (Teacher directed)
 February 1: P.A. Day - SIP/Student Success - A.M.; Board directed; P.M.: Professional 1/2 day (Teacher directed)
 May 6: P.A. Day - Math Focus 1/2 day, Health and Safety Training (1/2 day) (Board directed)
 June 3: P.A. Day - Assessment/Report Cards (Teacher directed)
 June 28: Early Release Day - A.M.: 1/2 day instruction; P.M.: 1/2 day early release of students & Board directed 5 P
 June 30: P.A. Day - A.M.: Staff meeting/End of Year wrap-up (Board directed); P.M.: Professional 1/2 Day (Teacher directed)

Cedarwood, Parkland, Ellen Fairclough, & Markham Gateway Public Schools
Present
Session # 3 "Ways to Support Your Children"

social media fitness

With Chris Vollum



Join us for an exciting and visual evening into the world of SnapChat, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and more

Leave inspired, skilled and confident to support your family's journey through Social Media.

****Recommended: open a Twitter account prior to the session**

Discover, through your device, or on-screen with Chris Vollum

Recognized Educator on

Twitter, Instagram,
SnapChat, Facebook,
YouTube, Tumblr, Vine



International Workshops

Presented to more than
400,000 students throughout
Canada and the United States

Join us at...

CEDARWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL
399 Elson Street Markham, Ontario L3S 4R8
Wednesday, May 25th, 2016
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Childcare will be provided by 360° Kids

PLEASE RSVP BY COMPLETING & RETURNING THIS SECTION TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL.

Family Name: _____ SCHOOL: _____

Number of Adults Attending: _____ Contact Number: _____

Number of Children needing Childcare: _____

YRDSB Summer Institute

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.

Programs are offered in Richmond Hill, **Markham**, Stouffville, Newmarket, Woodbridge, Vaughan and Georgina from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

YMCA Before and Aftercare Programs are available at all locations.

Weekly Sessions: July 4, 2016 to August 12, 2016



For registration information and to see what types of exciting programs are being offered this summer, please visit www.yrdsb.ca and select “Programs & Services”.

For additional information please email performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca or call 905-884-2046 ext. 241.

Aldergrove S.I.	150 Aldergrove Drive, Unionville
Armada S.I.	11 Coppard Avenue, 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 Avenue, Richmond Hill
Maple Leaf S.I.	155 Longford Drive, Newmarket
Milliken Mills S.I. (located at Highgate PS)	35 Highgate Drive, Markham
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 Avenue, Markham
Woodbridge S.I.	60 Burwick Avenue, Woodbridge

Chinese Parent Support Group 中国家长互助小组

A Collaborative Project of SEPYR and ISCS Team of YRDSB

Date: Monday, May 9th,
2016

Time: 4:00pm—6:00pm

时间: 5月9日, 周一

下午4: 00—6: 00

Location (地点):

Markham North Welcome Centre

8400 Woodbine Ave #102, room
110, Markham, ON L3R 4N7

(Woodbine & Highway 7)

Language: Mandarin

语言: 普通话

For more information and sign
up, please contact:

咨询报名请联系:

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416-662-5416



Workshop Helps Parents Explore Teenagers' World

进入青少年孩子的世界

(for parents with children age 10+)

Presented by: Christine Chow, M.S.W., R.S.W

Social Worker

Child and Adolescent Services

Markham Stouffville Hospital

- * How to talk with your teens so they will listen 如何和孩子沟通
- * How to help your teens manage computer time 如何帮助孩子控制电脑游戏时间
- * How to help your teens manage their emotions 如何帮助孩子控制情绪
- * Questions and answers 问题解答

Settlement and Education Partnership in York Region



A Partnership Program of:



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Immigration, Refugees
and Citizenship Canada

Immigration, Réfugiés
et Citoyenneté Canada



Pizza Lunch Dates

Thursday, May 19th, 2016

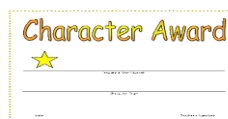
Thursday, June 02nd, 2016

Friday, June 24th, 2016



Character Assembly

Tuesday, May 24th, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m.



May 06th, 2016

P.A Day

No School

Are you moving.....?



Our preparations for the 2016– 2017 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 2016.

We will be moving to _____ (please provide name of new school if known).

News from the Markham Gateway Parenting and Family Literacy Centre



Armadale P.S.
Thursday, May 19th

Jersey P.S.
Markham
Gateway P.S.
Tuesday, May 17th

Walter Scott P.S.
Woodbridge P.S.
Wednesday, May 18th



York Region Parenting and Family Literacy Centres

Presenting...

an **Art Show**

celebrating the artists from our

Art@theCentre program at

York Region District School Board

60 Wellington Street West

Aurora, Ontario L4G 3H2

Artwork will be on display from

Monday, May 16th to

Friday May 20th, 2016.

RSVP with your Parent Worker.

Everyone is welcome.

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



There are many benefits for our mental health and well being by getting outside and connecting with nature.

These experiences can help us to lead happier, healthier and more creative lives! Now is the perfect time to explore the community and beyond. The many signs of the joys of Spring are all around us!

"According to a David Suzuki Foundation survey, if youth spend time outside when they're young, they're 20 per cent more likely to take part in outdoor programs or to explore nature on their own when they're older."

For more information, please go to: <http://getbackoutside.ca>



We are Cooking...!

Twenty-five of our Grade 6, 7 and 8 students have completed the “You’re the Chef” program in March and April as part of promoting a Healthy School initiatives. “You’re the Chef” helps develop the skills and confidence for students to prepare healthy and tasty recipes emphasizing vegetables and fruit. Students participated in cooking classes once a week for three weeks and made breakfast, lunch and snack items. They chopped, blended, sautéed, cooked and baked!

By the end of YTC, students were able to:

- Practice safe food-handling and basic kitchen safety
- Prepare healthy recipes
- Understand *Canada’s Food and the nutrition requirements for their age.*
- Learn different ways to include vegetables and fruits in meals and snacks.



For more information about healthy eating, visit the links below:

York Region Healthy Schools Program

www.york.ca/healthyschools

Congratulations to: Ahsan, Richard, Aziz, William, Aliyat, Renee, Hiba, Ifrah, Rabee, Shaizal, Cynthuja, Sajeevan, Saim, Milan, Sarah, Marwa, Sarah, Ayesha, Gurkiran, Hana, Maira, Shivangie, Rochan, Aameekha, Krishnave and Tharaka for participating in the program!

**Coming
Soon!**

GRAND MELA:

THURSDAY JUNE 2ND, 2016



Order forms will be
going home soon!
Don't forget to
PRE ORDER!