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From the Office

May 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

With May and June left in the school year, we have celebrated an amazing year at Ramer Wood P. S.! We continue to work on our School Improvement Plan for Student Achievement, with focus on the Board's focus of Math, Modern Learning, Mental Health and Well – Being and Indigenous Education and Equity. Emphasis continues to be on critical thinking skills when planning and preparing units in each curriculum subject. We have continued our work as a staff in the areas of math, providing a learning and working environment that promoting healthy living and character education. We also have focussed our attention opportunities for our students to engage in a variety of events and activities arranged by our staff.

Earlier this month, we had our Family Math Night put on by School Council and staff. It was an exciting event where Staff prepared interactive math games and puzzles to share with families and encourage reinforce and the development of skills in math at home. Thank you to Markville Secondary School staff and students along with the Chess Institute of Toronto for participating at our interactive Math Family Night.

Some activities that have been currently planned in May and June: Welcome to Kindergarten evening for Junior Kindergartens beginning school fall 2019 (May 15th), Jump Rope for Heart school event (May 17th), Leader by Example Assembly (May 31st), weekly Primary Swimming Program in May, Primary Dance Workshop (May 21st), P.A. Day/no school (June 3rd), Spring Concert (June 12th), Book Fair (June 10th – 14th), Gr. 8 Graduation (June 24th), Term 2 Report Cards home (June 25th). There are several other events in the works and we will keep you updated through our email blasts! As always, we thank our staff who has worked hard to provide these exciting opportunities for our students.

The Provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics: EQAO for **Junior Division (Grade 6)** is **May 23, 24, 27 & 28** and **Primary Division (Grade 3)** **May 28, 29, 30 & 13**. By continuing to plan and deliver the Ontario Curriculum all year our grade 3 and 6 teachers have been working to prepare their students for the EQAO assessment that will occur later this month. The EQAO assessment is not an assessment that students can study for in the last weeks leading up to the assessment. The assessment is an application of the skills they have been working on over the years. Please schedule appointments for your children at other times so they do not miss the assessment. Your child's participation in the test provides staff with a snapshot of his/her performance. We will use this information and all other data gathered in the future, to better program for your child.

Looking forward to future opportunities for our community to come together!

Mrs. Pink, Principal

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EQAO—Grades 3 & 6:
May 23, 2019—May 31, 2019

PA Day
Mon. June 3, 2019

SPRING CONCERT
Wed. June 12, 2019

Grade 8 Graduation
Monday, June 24, 2019

Kindergarten Registration For the 2019-2020 School Year

Kindergarten registration has begun for the 2019-20 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website, www.yrdsb.ca.

Children who turn four or five years old during 2019, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten.

For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact our school at 905-471-6512 to set up an appointment.



Jump Rope for Heart

On Friday, May 17th, all students will be participating in our "Jump Rope for Heart" fundraising event to raise awareness for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Students will be engaging in a variety of fun and interactive cardiovascular activities such as: skipping, running, sports, obstacle courses and yoga.

Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation can be made online, in cash or in the form of a cheque as outlined in the donation envelopes distributed to students on April 24th.

The deadline to donate is Friday, May 24th, 2019. Thank you for your support!



Battle of the Books

Four students from grades 4 to 6 competed in the Battle of the Books on May 8th. They read from a list of 40 books and competed against other schools in the area, answering questions about the titles, authors, and characters. Congratulations!



Forest of Reading

Students from grades 3 to 8 have the option of participating in the Forest of Reading clubs: Silver Birch Express (for students in grades 3 and 4), Silver Birch (for students in grades 5 and 6), and Red Maple (for students in grades 7 and 8). Students voted for their favourite books on April 29th, and will find out the winning books at a celebration in May. We're excited to find out who the winning books will be!

Character Corner

May's **Leader by Example Assembly** will take place Friday, May 31, 2019.

The character trait this month is Courage.



Are You Moving?

We are now planning for staff allocation and student placements for next school year. If you will be moving out of the school attendance area before September, please inform the school office.



Summer Institute 2019



Looking for summer learning and fun activities for students entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade Eight? Summer Institute offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum.

The program runs for six weeks during July and August. It is offered at 11 school sites around York Region.

For more information on dates, programs and locations, please visit the Summer Institute page on www.yrdsb.ca

Families may now register online, as well as in person or by mail.

Base Registration Weekly Fees:

York Region District School Board students:
\$110 (4 day weeks) \$125 (5 day weeks)

Non-York Region District School Board students:
\$135 (4 day weeks) \$160 (5 day weeks)

Primary Play Day

Tuesday, June 18 is play day for all primary students.



SCHOOL COUNCIL MESSAGE

Parents/Guardians and Families:

On May 8th, Ramer Wood Public School Staff in Partnership with the Parent Council hosted Math Night, where students and families had an opportunity to participate in hands on activities such as math games, puzzles, coding and robotics connecting families and the school community - fun was had by all!

Thank you Ramer Wood families for coming out and supporting our School's Math Night. We had over 90 families and over 200 people attended the Math Night! We hope you enjoy playing Tenzi at home.

A special Thank You to our Ramer Wood Staff for giving of your time and for your commitment to supporting students as they develop valuable math skills and for engaging Ramer Wood families.

Thank you, Chess Institute of Canada for making chess interactive and fun for our students and families. Thank you to the school custodial staff for your help to make this evening a successful one.

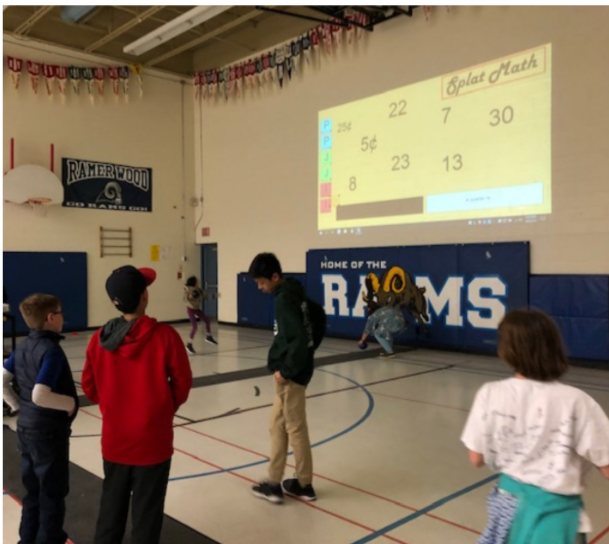
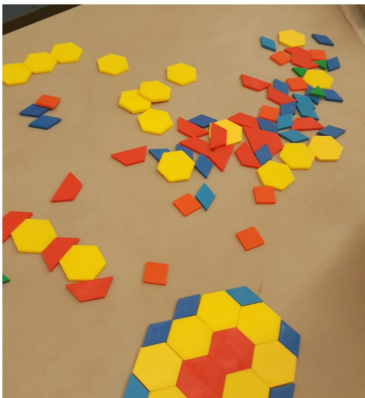
Thank you to Markville Staff and all of our Student volunteers and parents who helped to navigate the evening without a glitch!

Thank You, Mrs. Pink for your leadership in providing our children and families with this opportunity.

2018-2019 School Council Members



MAY 8—MATH NIGHT



**MATH
NIGHT**

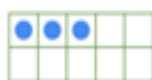
May Math Corner Ideas

Visual Math

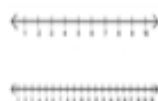
Mathematics is highly visual. Using visual representations will help enhance your child's understanding of quantity, build fluency and flexibility with numbers and support the development of both spatial and algebraic reasoning.

Mathematical models can help support your child to think about numbers visually - improving both their understanding of quantity, promoting automaticity and flexibility with numbers.

Ten
frame



Number line



Array Model



Activities: Primary/Junior

Taken from <https://www.youcubed.org/tasks/youcubed-my-heart/>



Intermediate

What would the 100th term look like?
How many squares are in the 100th case?
How many squares are in the nth case?

Other ways to promote spatial reasoning:
In addition, parents can encourage children to think about objects and space visually. Asking your child to think about the space inside a suitcase before it is packed is an example of a simple task to do at home to promote visualization.

How do you see the shapes
growing?







To find out what your child will learn in math this year or to find other fun activities that you can do together as a family, please visit <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/Math/Pages/default.aspx>. Be sure to also try our [Problem of the Month](#)

Jo Boaler





May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Primary Swimming	4
5	6	7 	8	9	10 Primary Swimming	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14 	15 Welcome to Kindergarten Primary Swimming	16	17 Jump Rope for Heart Primary Swimming	18
19	20 VICTORIA DAY (NO SCHOOL)	21 Primary Dance Workshops 	22 Primary Swimming	23	24 Primary Swimming	25
26	27 EQAO Grade 6—May 27 & 28 	28	29 Grade 4-8 Track & Field (All Day)	30	31	
EQAO TESTING GRADE 3— May 28, 29, 30 & 31						