



The Mockingbird Message

The Official Newsletter of the C. Robert Markham Elementary School Community

MAY 2019

**May the 1st through
the 8th Be With You!**

The good news is that Crunch Time is over. The better news is that Markham's students are living up to the challenges they are facing. The 4th and 5th grade Reading state assessments take place on the first two days of this month, followed by the Grade 5 Science FSA on May 3 and May 6, then the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade Math state assessments taking place on May 7 and 8. It's six days in a row of state assessments, and the students are eager to score high on these challenging exams.

After the state testing period, Markham will settle-in for the final weeks of the school year. This is a time when teachers and students prepare for our young learners to move on to new challenges for next year. It's also a time for more fun and diverse learning opportunities.

In fact, during the closing weeks of the school year, several events are planned. These include **Markham's Got Talent**, a special evening showcasing the unique talents of some of our students and teachers, which will take place in the cafeteria on **Thursday evening, May 16th, beginning at 6:30 p.m.** Parents and community members are urged to come and support our performers.

In addition, field trips to Florida colleges and Sea World, **Field Day**, moving up ceremonies and other special events are planned as the school year winds to a close. Of course, as always, community members and parents are encouraged to take part in all of these special events. If you are interested, please contact the school to find out more about what's happening.

Some schedule reminders:

Thursday, May 9th will be an Early Release day for students (Pre-K dismissed at 12:10, K-5 dismissed at 1:10), school will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day, and the last day of school, Tuesday, June 4 will be an Early Release day for students.



Design of the Times

Markham competed with eight other schools in April as part of the Cadre 8 Science Brain Bowl at Deerfield Park Elementary School. Among the challenges, our fifth graders were charged with designing a model of a lunar module that can remain afloat as weights are added to it. The unique design put forth by our four-student team was the only one in the competition that was set with the opening cut into the side of the cup, which was then laid sideways on the raft of straws.

More on the Brain Bowl inside.

It's That Time of Year Again: The Home Stretch

May has arrived, and that means a lot of things to a variety of people. It means that Star Wars aficionados will have their day to celebrate (**May the 4th be with you**), those of Mexican heritage and their friends will commemorate a significant battle in the history of that country (**Cinco de Mayo, May 5th**), moms and grandmothers will get treated better than usual (**Mother's Day, May 12th**), and America's veterans will be revered with parades, parties and pool excursions (**Memorial Day, May 27th**).

This month also means Markham students get to show what they have learned all year as they take Florida state assessments and end of the year exams. Because we know that so much testing can be draining on students, we have planned several fun events for the month as well. Since so many of our students love to sing, dance, tell jokes and perform, **Markham's Got Talent** will showcase some of our finest young performers, who will be judged by a panel of special guests.

Students of any age enjoy showing that they have earned the opportunity to move on to the next grade, so **Moving Up Ceremonies** and **Awards Assemblies** are coming this month. Speaking of moving, Markham's kids love any chance they can get to get some exercise, so **Field Days** for both primary and intermediate grades are scheduled in May. Since they enjoy moving around Markham's campus, we know our students will also enjoy moving around the state on upcoming **Field Trips** (to various college campuses – Grade 5 – and Sea World – Grades 3 and 4) in the next few weeks.

The kids aren't the only members of the Markham family that will be treated this month. The teachers at Markham work hard all year, and their hard work will be formally appreciated with various events this month during **Teacher Appreciation Week** (May 6th through 10th).

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS

Markham's daily breakfast and lunch menus are available on-line through <https://mealviewer.com>.

MARKHAM MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS, 2018-2019

Mission

Markham Elementary School ensures maximum student progress by developing the whole child in pursuit of academic and social excellence within a safe and secure learning community.

Vision

Markham Elementary School ensures that all scholars receive an individualized approach to an unparalleled quality education through highly engaged collaborative learning, enhanced technology, and global communication in preparation for college and career readiness.

MARKHAM'S CORE VALUES

We believe that:

- 1) Every child can learn and that through individualized instruction we can maximize their potential
- 2) Instruction should develop the whole child (socially, emotionally and intellectually).
- 3) Our magnet program, which features collaborative learning, enhanced technology and the development of communication skills, successfully prepares scholars for college and careers.



Principal's Message

Strong to the Finish!

Greetings Parents and Community Members,

Our goal is to finish this school year strong! Our 3rd-5th graders are completing the FSA Assessments from May 1-8. Following those tests, our K-2nd grades will be completing their End of Year tests.

These assessments are important for deciding promotion to the next grade. Please make sure that your child is on time to school every day, so that they can show what they have learned.

I encourage you to attend our end of year activities (the dates are listed in this newsletter). Additionally, we encourage you follow us on Twitter @mhe1671 throughout the year.

Parents, please continue to have your children read every day. I recommend a minimum of 30 minutes.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for all of your support!

Sincerely,

Shedrick Dukes, Ed.S., Principal



Markham students have been showing what they know by competing with other schools in Cadre 8. During April, Markham 3rd, 4th and 5th graders took part in the annual Math Blazer competition. Whill all three grades had a good showing, Markham's 3rd graders did particularly well.

In addition, Markham 5th grade science students competed in the Cadre 8 Science Brain Bowl. The event featured a science knowledge competition and a design challenge. Markham's young scientists, shown at left, finished in the middle of the pack overall.

Congratulations to all of our competitors!

TITLE ONE PARENT LETTER OF DISSEMINATION

School Improvement Plan (SIP): School staff and parents jointly develop the plan. It includes yearly objectives and activities that will be implemented at the school level. If translation is needed, please contact Eyvonda Cooper-Moye.

School Parent Involvement Plan: School staff and parents jointly develop the plan as part of the School Improvement Plan. The plan includes the parent activities to be implemented through the school year and an evaluation of last year's parent program. If translation is needed, please contact Jamie Moore. <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/markhamelem/>

District Parent Involvement Plan: District staff and parents jointly develop the plan. The plan includes the parent activities to be implemented through the school year and an evaluation of last year's district parent program. You can access this plan at <http://title1.browardschools.com>.

School Public Accountability Report (SPAR), school grades, FCAT reports: The School Public Accountability Report contains several types of data (indicators) designed to inform parents and the general public about the progress of Florida's public schools. This report meets the public reporting requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act and certain additional information of interest on the status of Florida's schools. In addition, the Florida Department of Education publishes school grades and the results of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Tests (FCAT). You can access these reports at <http://www.fldoe.org/eias/eiaspubs/pubnclb.asp>.

Principal Attestation Letter: Indicates the percentage of teachers and paraprofessionals that are highly qualified.

Hard copies of these documents are available in the front office for parent and community review and copied upon parent request. In addition, they are accessible from our school's website: <https://www.browardschools1.com/markham>



Apply For the 2019-2020 Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK)/Enrichment Program Now



VPK / ENRICHMENT PROGRAM INFORMATION

VPK is a program available to children that will be 4-years-old by September 1, 2019. We offer full day (VPK/Enrichment) and half day (VPK Only) programs from 8:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. All schools offer free breakfast and field trips. All teachers hold a valid Florida Teachers Certificate specializing in Early Childhood Education.

VPK / ENRICHMENT TITLE I SELECTION

These schools offer a free, full school-day of instruction available to children that live in a Title I school boundary. See website for list of available schools. Students are selected based upon academic need. Contact each school to learn about after school care availability.

VPK / ENRICHMENT LOTTERY SELECTION

These schools offer both full and half day opportunities. Some schools offer a free, full day program while others offer 3 hours of free instruction (VPK Only) plus 3 hours of optional fee-supported instruction. Students are selected via lottery process. See website for list of schools.

HOW TO APPLY

Step 1: Apply for a VPK Certificate online through the State's Family Portal: ([https:// familyservices.floridaearlylearning.com](https://familyservices.floridaearlylearning.com)).

Step 2: Visit our website for a list of school sites and to apply: www.browardschools.com/headstart-vpk

For more information about the District's VPK Programs, please contact the school or Head Start/Early Intervention Department at 754-321-1954. For questions about eligibility or VPK Certificates, contact The Early Learning Coalition of Broward at 954-377-2188. To locate your home school? Visit (<https://www.browardschools.com>).

C. ROBERT MARKHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CALENDAR

MAY/JUNE 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			MAY 1	2	3	4
			4 TH /5 TH READING FSA	4 TH /5 TH READING FSA	5 TH SCIENCE FSA	
5 CINCO DE MAYO	6 5 TH SCIENCE FSA TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK	7 3 RD /4 TH /5 TH MATH FSA TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK	8 3 RD /4 TH /5 TH MATH FSA TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK	9 EARLY RELEASE (12:10 Pre-K/1:10 K-5) TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK	10 TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK	11
12 MOTHERS DAY	13	14 SCHOOL PICTURE DAY TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS 4:00PM SAC/SAF MEETING 6:00pm TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARDS – CITY COMMISSION	15 COLLEGE TOUR PARENT NIGHT MEETING 6:00PM	16 MARKHAM'S GOT TALENT 6:30pm	17	18 TITLE ONE MEETING
19	20 END OF YEAR ASSESSMENTS K-5	21 END OF YEAR ASSESSMENTS K-5	22 FLA COLLEGE FIELD TRIP GRADE 5	23 FLA COLLEGE FIELD TRIP GRADE 5 SEAWORLD FIELD TRIP GRADES 3 & 4	24	25
26	27 NO SCHOOL – MEMORIAL DAY	28 END-OF-YEAR AWARDS ASSEMBLY 8:15-10:00am	29	30 K-2 FIELD DAY PRE-K PROMOTION CEREMONY 9:00am	31 3-5 FIELD DAY	JUNE 1
2	3	4 EARLY RELEASE (12:10 Pre-K; 1:10 K-5) LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	5	6	7	8

This is our final issue for this school year. Have a great summer!