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Assistant Principal

WELCOME FROM YOUR PASSIONATE PRINCIPAL



Dear Markham Families,

As we continue our journey toward academic excellence, we want to highlight a few key areas that are essential to student success:

The Importance of Attendance Consistent attendance is crucial for student achievement. Missing just one or two days can make a big difference in learning progress. Please ensure your child arrives on time every day, ready to learn. If your child is absent, be sure to provide a written excuse upon their return. Let's work together to maintain strong attendance!

Parent-Teacher Conferences Communication between home and school is vital! If you haven't yet scheduled a parent-teacher conference, we encourage you to do so. These meetings provide an opportunity to discuss your child's progress, strengths, and areas for growth. Reach out to your child's teacher to schedule a time that works for you.

Upcoming State Assessments State testing season is approaching! Our students have been working hard, and now it's time to showcase their learning. Please support your child by ensuring they get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and arrive at school on time. Testing dates will be shared soon—stay tuned for more details!

Join Our PTA! We invite all parents to join the Markham PTA and be a part of making a difference in our school community! The PTA helps support school events, fundraisers, and enrichment activities for our students. Your involvement, no matter how big or small, makes a huge impact. Contact the front office to learn more about how you can join today!

Thank you for your continued partnership in making C. Robert Markham Elementary a place of Excellence in All We Do!

With appreciation,

**Junoisier Jurea Allen Principal, C. Robert Markham
Elementary School**

Calendar of Events

4/1 April Fool's Day
4/11 Day of Silence
**4/16 SAC/SAF/PTO/Science Night @ 5pm,
Media Center**
4/18 No School
4/21 School Resumes
4/24 Take Your Child to Work Day



Greetings Markham Families and Happy April!

As we continue "Learning and Accelerating to Excellence", we are closely monitoring our student achievement data. We are seeing many areas of growth, of which we are immensely proud. We also notice that there are areas where improvements are needed. During the month of March and April, your children completed midyear assessments for Reading, Math, and Science. Please have discussions with your children about the importance of giving their best effort in school.

Our Scholars will be starting their standardized assessments in May, so please mark your calendar with the dates. Please ensure scholars on time and put forth their best effort on these assessments. The results of the assessments are utilized as the promotion criteria.

Science Night is coming this month as we continue to provide opportunities for you to be involved here at the school. Your involvement is essential for the success of your children!

We are asking you to help your child succeed in school by ensuring that they are attending school regularly and arriving on time. If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns.

Educationally Yours,

Ronnie Frazier, Proud Assistant Principal

Principal's Message Spanish Continues.....

A medida que continuamos nuestro camino hacia la excelencia académica, queremos destacar algunas áreas clave esenciales para el éxito estudiantil:

La importancia de la asistencia. La asistencia constante es crucial para el rendimiento estudiantil. Faltar tan solo uno o dos días puede marcar una gran diferencia en el progreso del aprendizaje. Por favor, asegúrese de que su hijo/a llegue puntual todos los días, listo/a para aprender. Si su hijo/a falta, asegúrese de proporcionar una justificación por escrito a su regreso. ¡Trabajemos juntos para mantener una asistencia sólida!

Reuniones de padres y maestros. ¡La comunicación entre el hogar y la escuela es vital! Si aún no ha programado una reunión de padres y maestros, le animamos a hacerlo. Estas reuniones brindan la oportunidad de hablar sobre el progreso, las fortalezas y las áreas de crecimiento de su hijo/a. Comuníquese con el maestro/a de su hijo/a para programar un horario que le convenga.

Próximas evaluaciones estatales. ¡Se acerca la temporada de exámenes estatales! Nuestros estudiantes han trabajado duro y ahora es el momento de demostrar su aprendizaje. Por favor, apoye a su hijo/a asegurándose de que duerma bien, desayune saludablemente y llegue puntualmente a la escuela. Próximamente publicaremos las fechas de los exámenes. ¡Estén atentos para más detalles!

¡Únase a nuestra PTA! Invitamos a todos los padres a unirse a la PTA de Markham y a contribuir a nuestra comunidad escolar. La PTA apoya eventos escolares, recaudaciones de fondos y actividades de enriquecimiento para nuestros estudiantes. Su participación, sin importar su magnitud, tiene un gran impacto. ¡Comuníquese con la oficina principal para obtener más información sobre cómo unirse hoy mismo!

¡Gracias por su continuo apoyo para hacer de la Escuela Primaria

C. Robert Markham un lugar de excelencia en todo lo que hacemos!
Junoisier Jurea Allen Directora,

Principal's Message Haitian-Creole Continues.....

Pandan n ap kontinye vwayaj nou nan direksyon ekselans akademik, nou vle mete aksan sou kèk domèn kle ki esansyèl pou siksè elèv yo:

Enpòtans Prezans Prezans konsistan enpòtan anpil pou reyisit elèv yo. Manke jis youn oubyen de jou ka fè yon gwo diferans nan pwogrè aprantisaj. Tanpri asire pitit ou a rive alè chak jou, pare pou aprann. Si pitit ou a absan, asire w ke w bay yon eskiz alekri lè li retounen. Ann travay ansanm pou kenbe prezans fò!

Konferans paran-pwofesè Kominikasyon ant lakay ak lekòl la enpòtan anpil! Si ou poko pwograme yon konferans paran-pwofesè, nou ankouraje w fè sa. Reyinyon sa yo bay yon opòtinite pou diskite sou pwogrè pitit ou a, fòs, ak domèn pou li grandi. Kontakte pwofesè pitit ou a pou w planifye yon lè ki travay pou ou.

Evalyasyon Eta k ap vini Sezon tès eta a ap apwoche! Elèv nou yo te travay di, epi kounye a li lè yo montre aprantisaj yo. Tanpri sipòte pitit ou a lè w asire li jwenn yon bon nwit, manje yon dejene ki an sante, epi rive lekòl alè. Dat tès yo pral pataje byento—rete branche pou plis detay!

Antre nan PTA nou an! Nou envite tout paran yo rantre nan Markham PTA epi fè yon pati nan fè yon diferans nan kominote lekòl nou an! PTA ede sipòte evènman lekòl yo, ranmase lajan, ak aktivite anrichisman pou elèv nou yo. Patisipasyon w, kèlkeswa jan gwo oswa piti, fè yon gwo enpak. Kontakte biwo a pou aprann plis sou fason ou ka rantre jodi a!

Mèsi pou patenarya ou kontinye nan fè

C. Robert Markham Elementary yon kote ekselans nan tout sa nou fè!
Junoisier J. Allen, Fyè Direktè

Principal's Message Portuguese Continued.....

À medida que continuamos nossa jornada em direção à excelência acadêmica, queremos destacar algumas áreas-chave que são essenciais para o sucesso do aluno:

A importância da frequência A frequência consistente é crucial para o desempenho do aluno. Faltar apenas um ou dois dias pode fazer uma grande diferença no progresso do aprendizado. Certifique-se de que seu filho chegue no horário todos os dias, pronto para aprender. Se seu filho estiver ausente, certifique-se de fornecer uma desculpa por escrito ao retornar. Vamos trabalhar juntos para manter uma frequência forte!

Conferências de pais e professores A comunicação entre a casa e a escola é vital! Se você ainda não agendou uma conferência de pais e professores, nós o encorajamos a fazê-lo. Essas reuniões oferecem uma oportunidade para discutir o progresso, os pontos fortes e as áreas de crescimento do seu filho. Entre em contato com o professor do seu filho para agendar um horário que funcione para você.

Próximas avaliações estaduais A temporada de testes estaduais está se aproximando! Nossos alunos têm trabalhado duro e agora é hora de mostrar seu aprendizado. Por favor, apoie seu filho garantindo que ele tenha uma boa noite de sono, tome um café da manhã saudável e chegue à escola no horário. As datas dos testes serão compartilhadas em breve — fique ligado para mais detalhes!

Junte-se à nossa PTA! Convidamos todos os pais a se juntarem à PTA de Markham e fazerem parte da diferença em nossa comunidade escolar! A PTA ajuda a apoiar eventos escolares, arrecadações de fundos e atividades de enriquecimento para nossos alunos. Seu envolvimento, não importa quão grande ou pequeno, causa um grande impacto. Entre em contato com a recepção para saber mais sobre como você pode participar hoje!

Obrigado por sua parceria contínua em fazer da C. Robert Markham Elementary um lugar de excelência em tudo o que fazemos!

FeedbaCom apreço,

Junoisier Jurea Allen Diretora: 754-322-6950

THE TORCH HAS BEEN LIT

5th grade has lit the torch....

April showers bring May Fast Scores!! Time for our 5th grade to "LOCK-IN" in those 3'S, 4'S, AND 5'S on that Fast test. April is the time to sharpen skills, clear up misconceptions and attend school daily in order to be ready for next month. Let's 5th Grade...we are almost there...you've got this!

4th Grade Team

Hello parents!

Welcome back from spring break. I hope you all had a restful and relaxing week off. Currently, we are diligently working to help our scholars achieve success this academic school year. We are officially in "Crunch Time" where we are getting students prepared for PM3. PM3 is a very crucial assessment for our fourth-grade scholars. Please ensure that your child is in school every day and on time to receive the maximum amount possible of their learning. Also please do not forget to reach out to your young scholar's teacher if there are any questions or concerns.

3rd Grade Scholars!!



Third graders will be using plastic bottle caps to construct a ladybug replica. In addition, students will also explore ladybugs by conducting research to uncover fascinating information about them.

☀ Hi dearest parents!!

Yaahooo!! We are almost at the finish line! As we move into the next few weeks, we wanted to share some important tips to prepare our 2nd Grade Scholars for their PM3.

Encourage daily reading & Math practice at home.
(Homework is a big help!)

Build a positive mindset and encourage them to do their BEST.

Ensure that they get a good sleep.

Celebrate their hard work.

We are a TEAM & together, we can do this!

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1st Grade

" "Hello April. Be one to remember! After this whirlwind of a year, we want to show appreciation to our parents because we would be nowhere without your continuous support. Students must attend school every day and be on time. Please check the homework folder for new information and announcements. Have your child read 30 minutes every night and practice the sight words.

Kindergarten

Ready for things to come!



Thank you, parents, looking forward to all of your support!!

The Pre-K Teachers

Hi families! Our preschool students are working on letter names, sounds. They are working on different units of study from the creative curriculum and counting. The preschool department is conducting screenings and teachers are getting in touch with parents for conferences. We thank families for getting involved in their children education.

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Exceptional Student Education/Gifted

Markham's Exceptional Student Learning & Support (ESLS) team welcomes our students and parents back to another exciting school year. Our team looks forward to helping our ESLS student grow academically and socially. Our ESLS Team Members include **Stacy Borjas**, ESLS Support Coordinator, **Sheronne Starks**, Support Facilitator, **Meghan Gavagni**, Speech/Language Pathologist, **Gina Miele**, ESLS Preschool Teacher, **Meghan Erwin**, Occupational Therapist, and **Chateila Clark**, School Psychologist. If you have any questions, please contact **Ms.Borjas** at 754-322-6969.

RTI

For the 24/25 school year, Markham's RTI Coordinator is Ruth Virtue, RTI Coordinator.

Response to Intervention, or RTI, is a formal process in which students demonstrate a need for direct, interventions to address an area of weakness. This process includes monitoring progress and making educational decisions to help each student achieve to the best of their abilities.

Ruth Virtue, RTI Coordinator at 754-322-6969

Guidance/Social Work Department

Getting back into the habit of daily attendance matters more than ever. If your child is going to be absent, call the front office to get the absence excused. Going to school is an opportunity for your child to: build routines that help reduce stress, connect to their friends and teachers, and engage in learning. Students can still fall behind if they miss just 1 or 2 days every few weeks. It's never too late to develop backup plans for getting your child to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent. Our children depend on you to help them succeed. Let's make it a good year!

For additional resources:
2-1-1 can help you find food, housing, health care, childcare, legal aid, senior services and much more. Call 2-1-1, visit their website, or download the 211 app on the AppStore or Google Play.

THE TORCH HAS BEEN LIT

ELA Department

Book-Filled Home Has Benefits Beyond Reading for Kids

Tip #1: Share Books You Loved as a Child

Nothing models a love of reading better than your enthusiasm when sharing a book you loved from your own childhood

Tip #2: Find Books That Match Your Child's Interests

Connecting kids with books they will love is one of the most fun challenges we have as parents of emerging readers and can be integral in creating life-long readers. Think about topics your child enjoys or may even be obsessed with. It could be anything from astronomy to zoo animals. Chances are, you can find a book about it.

Tip #3: Diversify your Bookshelves

Aim for variety. We want to find books that our kids can see themselves in, as well as books that will help them discover people and cultures around the world. We also want to include a variety of genres of material including fiction and non-fiction

Tip #4: Give Books to Celebrate Milestones and Accomplishments.

We can remember those moments in our life such as turning double digits, winning a contest, or graduating from elementary school. Chances are you remember the people who celebrated with you or a special meal you shared. Why not link a specially chosen book to the memory? Then, when our kids recall their memories about these events, they will also connect a meaningful book to that time.

For questions or concerns, please feel free to contact **Latronna McGowen-Foreman**, Literacy Coach @ 754-322-6950

All Things Math

As a parent, you can help your child be a whiz at math, even if it wasn't your best subject. Here are tips for parents on how:

Be positive about math. Express confidence in your child's ability to do math. Don't stress either your own fear of math or how difficult math is or how much you admire anyone who can do math. Remember, everyone can and does use math all the time.

Show your kids math at work in their world. Get your kids used to math by thinking out loud when making calculations. Then, let your children work out some real-world problems themselves. For example:

- Let them measure when you bake.
- Ask them to figure out how long of a hose you need to reach from the faucet on the side of the house to the garden.
- Let your child figure out how many miles you'll be driving on your next trip by using the information on a map.
- Sort silverware by knives, forks, and spoons. Sort cards by suit or numbers.

Make math a game. Math games are fun and inexpensive. They are a wonderful way to get your kids to enjoy working with numbers, as well as improve their number skills. Here are a few suggestions:

- Many games that we take for granted are excellent math lessons. "Go Fish" teaches counting and grouping in sets. Games that use play money teach how to make change. Board games that use dice teach addition and counting. Backgammon teaches addition, subtraction, and strategy.
- If you have any questions or concerns about Math or need assistance, please feel free to contact Veronica Jackson, Math Coach at (754) 322-6950.

IT'S TIME TO REAPPLY FOR FREE



OR REDUCED LUNCH SIGN-UP AGAIN

Meal Charge Policy

Students are expected to pay for their meal at the time of service. Broward County Public Schools encourages families to complete a meal benefits application to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price meals. **All students must pay the full price for lunch** unless designated through the Meal Benefits office to be eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

Parents must re-apply each year for their child(ren). If you have not applied to the program this year and/or have been changed back to FULL PAY - \$2 PER LUNCH -- then your student is accruing a debt for lunch meals taken.

Parents of previous and new students are urged to apply asap online at: www.myschoolapps.com

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APPLY ONLINE! FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH

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The online meal application is available in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, and Portuguese at MySchoolApps.com.

For more information on Meal Benefits, contact the Food and Nutrition Services Department at

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¡HAGA SU SOLICITUD EN LÍNEA!

ALMUERZO GRATIS O A BAJO COSTO

El almuerzo gratuito o a bajo costo está disponible para los estudiantes que reúnan ciertos criterios financieros.



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La solicitud para alimentos en línea está disponible en inglés, español, criollo haitiano, y portugués en MySchoolApps.com.

Para más información sobre los Beneficios de Alimentos comuníquese con el Departamento de Servicios de Nutrición y Alimentos al

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Title I News

A **BIG THANK YOU** to the parents and guardians who attended our March ***School Advisory Council (SAC)*** meeting and provided input regarding our ***2025-2026 Parent and Family Engagement Plan***, the ***2025-2026 Home School Compact***, and the ***Parent Involvement Allocation***. Your suggestions and assistance with developing, revising, and completing these items were appreciated.

We want to thank all our parents and guardians for attending our parent engagement events this year. The events were highly successful! You showed up for your children and they were elated. The investments you make in your child's education today will yield abundant fruit in their future. KUDOS to you for showing up and supporting your child's educational experience!

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Title I, please contact Ms. Veronica Jackson, your Title I Liaison at (754) 322-6950.

****District Title I information may be accessed at <http://title1.browardschools.com>.***

Family Newsletter

Dear Parent:

Tolerance is the character trait of the month of April. This newsletter offers you activities and ideas, which will assist you with helping your child to understand the importance of tolerance. Talking together about tolerance and respect helps kids learn more about the values you want them to have. Giving them opportunities to play and work with others is important as well. This lets kids learn first hand that everyone has something to contribute and to experience differences and similarities.

Ideas to Do as a Family

Things parents can do to help kids learn tolerance include:

- Notice your own attitudes. Parents who want to help their kids value diversity can be sensitive to cultural stereotypes they may have learned and make an effort to correct them. Demonstrate an attitude of respect for others.
- Remember that kids are always listening. Be aware of the way you talk about people who are different from yourself. Do not make jokes that perpetuate stereotypes. Although some of these might seem like harmless fun, they can undo attitudes of tolerance and respect.
- Select books, toys, music, art, and videos carefully. Keep in mind the powerful effect the media and pop culture have on shaping attitudes.
- Point out and talk about unfair stereotypes that may be portrayed in the media.
- Answer kids' questions about differences honestly and respectfully. This teaches that it is acceptable to notice and discuss differences as long as it is done with respect.



Character Education: Elementary

April



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Character Check

- Remember that tolerance does not mean tolerating unacceptable behavior. It means that everyone deserves to be treated with respect – and should treat others with respect as well.
- Help your children feel good about themselves. Kids who feel badly about themselves often treat others badly. Kids with strong self-esteem value and respect themselves and are more likely to treat others with respect, too. Help your child to feel accepted, respected, and valued.
- Learn together about holiday and religious celebrations that are not part of your own tradition.
- Honor your family's traditions and teach them to your kids – and to someone outside the family who wants to learn about the diversity *you* have to offer.