



Markham Elementary School BACKPACK BULLETIN

PTA Edition



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→ DON'T FORGET! ←

• CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND!

All coats, jackets, sweaters, shirts, backpacks, etc. that are left in the Lost and Found at the end of the year are given to the Clothing Center.



• PICK UP YOUR EARTHQUAKE KIT!

Please ask your child to ask their teacher for their Earthquake Kit by June 14th. All Earthquake Kits need to go home over the summer, so they can be updated for the next school year.

• COLLECT ALL MEDICATIONS FROM THE OFFICE!

Don't let those medications, inhalers and Epipens go to waste! Medications not picked up by the last day will be destroyed.

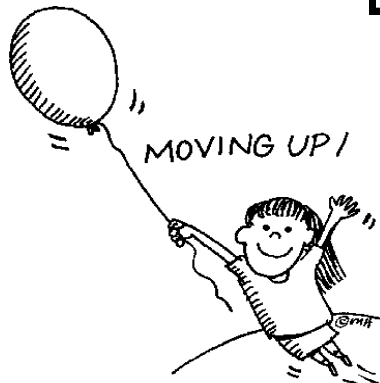


Fifth Grade Festivities

June 10th
5th Graders vs. Staff Volleyball Game
2 pm in the gym.

June 13th
Gabriel Park Picnic
Parents are welcome to join us — talk to Mr. Hendrickson or Mr. Hyde for details.

June 14th
Promotion and Clap-Out



We wish you the best!

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, June 7

PTA Meeting—6:30 in the Markham Library.

Friday, June 10

School supply orders DUE.

FIELD DAY

5th Graders vs. Staff Volleyball Game— 2 pm in the gym.

Monday, June 13

5th Grade Picnic—10:30 at Gabriel Park.

Tuesday, June 14

Last Day of School

5th Grade Promotion—1:30 in the Auditorium
A reception for 5th graders and their families will follow in the cafeteria. At the end of the day, their fellow students “clap them out,” the traditional Markham good-bye to our 5th graders as they move on to middle school.

Can you come and help us serve cake?

We're looking for a few volunteers to serve cake following Promotion so that 5th grade parents can enjoy the program. If you're interested and available on

June 14th at 1:00

please contact Lisa Sickler
503-245-9941, lisasickler@gmail.com



SARAH LEWINS - PRINCIPAL

June 2, 2011

Dear Markham Families,

I started back to work on Tuesday and it is so great to be back! I missed your kids and notice how many of them have grown during these last 4 weeks.

You may be wondering about class configurations and plans for next year. Staffing was completed before my leave and we did have to do some reductions, even with the passage of the Local Option (thank you voters!). Next year we will continue to have the same staff for library, PE, technology, and art (this latter one thanks to PTA). I am still trying to figure out how much PE time we can have and will have a firmer sense of that by the end of this week. It will be at least half time but I'm hoping for possibly continuing with full time. I did have to cut Playworks for next year as we do not have the full funding for that program. However, I am looking at ways to keep the key aspects of the program, especially the Junior Coaches helping with a structured lunch recess.

These are the classroom teacher assignments:

Kindergarten: Gene Casqueiro, Kim Johnson, Don Reynolds (Don taught K when he was first at Markham)

First: Nicole McNutt, John Miller, Kate Naganuma

Second: Jolinda Miller, Ann Torgeson, Trish Wells

Third: Lynn Miller, Laurie Ross

Third/Fourth Blend: Paula Weidner

Fourth: Sim Hyde

Fourth/Fifth Blend: Nancy Conrad

Fifth: Jim Hendrickson

Our special education and ESL assignments have not changed. I did have to reduce our Title 1 support somewhat. Anita Mention will continue as our Title 1 teacher.

I know some families had access to the form that allows you to give input on the kind of teaching environment you feel would be best for your child. That form stated it needed to be returned to me by May 27th. I will continue to accept them through June 10th. They are available in the office. If you can't stop by we can send one home with your child. The classroom teachers make the classroom assignments for next year. They know your children best, both their social and their academic needs. The teachers put together lists that are balanced by ability, gender, and overall needs of the students. Once they are complete, I review them and at that point will compare what parents may have submitted to what teachers decided. Consistently in the six years I have been here over 90% of the time, the teachers place students where parents have indicated would be a positive environment. The form is not to be used to request a specific teacher as that may change between now and September.

For the cafeteria, any remaining account balances (positive or negative) on students' meal accounts at the end of the year will be automatically held for students at their current school or transferred to students' new schools within the district. If your student is leaving the district, then you may call the Cory here at Markham to arrange for a refund. Donations to the district's Pay It Forward Fund to help families who are not eligible for free meals are also welcome. Contact Patti Shafer at 503.916.3398 to make donations.

Again, I must say it has been an absolute pleasure working with the students, staff, and families of the Markham community. I will continue to brag about this great school even as I move on to my next school adventure. Thank you for all you have given me in terms of support and your dedication to our students and their learning! I will miss you.

Sincerely,

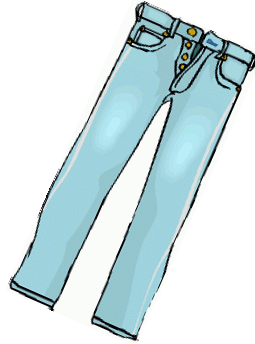
Sarah Lewins
Principal

Good bye, Mrs. Lewins! We'll miss you!



Cleaning Closets? Donate to the Office!

We can use extra pants (large and small, but especially small) and packages of underwear are always appreciated. It would be great to stock up a bit for the fall!



BUY YOUR 2011-12 SCHOOL SUPPLIES NOW!!

That's right, we're doing it again! Markham PTA is providing school supplies for you to purchase at a discounted rate (20% off retail). **ALL** of the proceeds will benefit our school!! The school supply kits have the required school supplies for next school year, and contain **EVERYTHING** you need. No hassle and your supplies will be delivered to your child's classroom by the first day of school. See the attached flyer for prices & order information. **Supply orders are due June 10th to be guaranteed.** Orders received after that date will be filled on a first come-first served basis. Financial assistance is available. For more information please contact Shawna at markhampta@gmail.com.



Field Day Volunteers Needed!

Field Day is Friday, June 10th and Mr. Johnson needs parents to come and help with the games. Volunteers will remain at their stations as classes rotate through. Teachers accompany each class and also help facilitate the games. Thank you in advance for your help in making this day run smoothly! If you can volunteer or are interested in finding out more, please contact Marnie at volunteermarkhampta@gmail.com.



Please consider volunteering if you can!

Summer Tutoring

Anita Mention, a K-5 reading specialist at Markham is offering tutoring over the summer to both individuals and small groups. If you would like to find out more, please contact her at 503-916-5681 or amention@pps.k12.or.us.



NEXT PTA MEETING

All are invited!

Childcare is provided.

**TUESDAY, June 7,
6:30 pm
MARKHAM LIBRARY**

Please enter through the door on the north side of the building by the gym as the front doors of the school will be locked.

Come meet our NEW PTA BOARD and find out how you can be involved next year!

- ◆ Back-to-School Packets
 - ◆ Carnival
- ◆ PTA Membership
 - ◆ Scrip
 - ◆ Picture Day
 - ◆ Art Support
- ◆ Family/Special Friends Day
 - ◆ Hospitality
 - ◆ Auction
 - ◆ Green Team
- ◆ Garden Committee
 - ◆ Yearbook
- ◆ Spaghetti Feed
 - ◆ Book Sale
 - ◆ Fundraising
 - ◆ Art Run
- ◆ Yard Clean-up



A HUGE Thank You to our Outgoing PTA Board:

Mark Bennett & Shawna Walton, Co-Presidents

Marnie Bennett, Vice President/Volunteer Chair

**Mary Martin, Secretary/Membership Chair
Debbie Hall, Treasurer**

Thank you for your commitment to kids at Markham!

Green Team News

We just have one more meeting this year, and I want to thank all of the students who committed to coming and sharing all of your great ideas and energy!

Goals we accomplished this year were:

- 1) Forming the Jr. Green Team to educate students and share ideas about sustainability practices at Markham.
- 2) Conducting a Waste Audit.
- 3) Qualifying for Oregon Green School Status and attending the Summit in Salem.
- 4) Posting signs around the building to remind everyone to conserve energy and water, and reduce waste.
- 5) Placing "Reuse" boxes for paper in the classrooms and next to printers to encourage double-siding and reuse of paper.

You should all be very proud!

Next school year we hope to receive our durable trays and begin recycling our milk cartons. We are also looking into some composting ideas and perhaps installing some worm bins. Enjoy your summer, Think Green, and we'll see you in the fall!

Last Meeting: 5th graders, June 7th
All meetings are from 12:05–12:40.



Garden News

We were able to dodge the rain showers last week and get out in the Garden with some of the students. Marci Forbes and Marnie Bennett spent time giving "tours" to each small group to show them what was happening so far in the Garden and each group got to plant something new. We now have potatoes, summer squash and carrots planted; even tomatoes that were started by the 3rd graders in their classrooms.

Each child got to taste lettuce, spinach, radish and parsley as we walked through the courtyard. We are hoping that with our late growing season there will be produce for them to eat in the fall as well!

We will need help with watering, weeding, mowing, and of course harvesting for the summer, because I am SURE it will stop raining soon!

I will be setting up a Google calendar and sending it out to everyone on the Garden Committee. If you would like to be included on this list, email Marnie at havenglow@comcast.net.

Thanks and Happy Gardening!



**THANK YOU TO MARNIE BENNETT FOR HER
 TIRELESS EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE
 MARKHAM GARDEN AND GREEN TEAM!!!**

Pennies for Peace Update

Because of the issues with Greg Mortensen and the accusations currently under investigation, we are donating the money raised during our Pennies for Peace Drive to Green Village Schools. They are a local charity and their work is very similar to that of Mr. Mortensen.

For more information, please visit them at <http://www.greenvillageschools.org/board.htm>. We are happy to be able to donate the \$585.37 we raised to this organization.



Way To Go, Runners!!!

Markham Art Run Results Are In:

Most Laps Run: Mr. Hyde's Class: 240
 (Mrs. Torgeson's class was close with 233).

Most Money Raised: Ms. Ross' Class: \$1,550

Total Amount Raised: \$5500.00

Total Laps Run: Over 2,253!



Thank you for supporting Art at Markham!

Markham Volunteers are AWESOME!!!

Thank you to the following volunteers for their help with recent events:

Staff Appreciation Week

Chair: Darien Reece

Volunteers who greeted, decorated, donated, cooked and cleaned up during the week: Robin Atkinson, Rebecca Bair, Soulayvanh Beisel, Ali Grimshaw, Marci Forbes, Brenda Jamsgard, Dacia Johnson, Penny Machinski, Tricia McClain, Dawn Sarvis, Erin Sewell, Lisa Sickler, Sheila Wangusi, and the family who brought the yummy bar cookies. Also many thanks to Starbucks for donating coffee for the Staff that Tuesday!

Spaghetti Dinner:

Chair: Marci Forbes

Teacher/Staff Volunteers: Sarah Lewins, Kristin Chrisman, Grace Harrington, Lynn Miller, Nicki McNutt, Kate Naganuma, Carrie Kuhlman, Gene Casqueiro, Kim Johnson, Ann Torgeson, Jim Hendrickson, John Miller, Jeanne Carlson, Laurie Ross, and Fran Barth. Thank you to the custodial staff for all of their help that evening as well!

Parent Volunteers: Sarah Cantor, Dixie Menaker, Dacia Johnson, Shawna Walton, Marnie Bennett, Mark Bennett, Darien Reece, John Kern, Megan McDonald, Ali Grimshaw, Adam Grimshaw, Dave Roletto, and Erin Sewell

Used Book Sale:

Chair: Mary Martin

Volunteers: Lisa Sickler, Ali Grimshaw, Linda Lagraff

Markham Art Run

Chairs: John Kern, Courtney Duke

Volunteers: Amity Jones, Kathi Anderson, Lidia McGinnis, Dan Forbes, Linda Lagraff, Megan Sage, Christine Simpson, Lisa Sickler, Dixie Menaker, Mark Bennett, Dick Eyberg

5th Grade Picnic and Promotion

Chair: Mary Martin

Volunteers: Lisa Sickler, Linda Lagraff

Markham Yearbook

Chair: Robin Atkinson

Volunteers*: Nicole McNutt, Mark Bennett, Nancy Conrad, Anne Keebaugh, Marci Forbes, Lisa Sickler

*Thank you to all of you who sent in photographs!

Thanks!




Mr. Lizard's Mobile Zoo

Entertaining children and adults alike with his mobile reptile zoo, Mr. Lizard provides an interactive, hands-on experience like no other. He shares fun, fascinating information on these amazing, though often misunderstood animals.

Tuesday, June 21, 2:30-3:30 pm.

Bike Safety 101

Stay safe this summer while riding on two wheels! Brian Lacey of BIKEmpowered will teach you how to check your bike to make sure all parts are secure and working properly. Feel free to bring in your bicycle for a full check up! For children ages 6 and up.

Tuesday, June 28, 2:30-4:30 pm.

Peddlers and Pedestrians Parade

Bring your bike to the library and make it beautiful! We will have streamers and other materials for decorating people and bicycles and making Summer Reading signs. After you are all decorated, join us for a parade through Holly Farm Park at 4:30 pm!

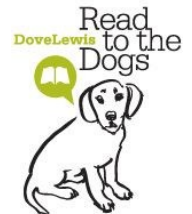
Tuesday, June 28, 2:30-5:00 pm.

Read to the Dogs

Improve your reading skills by reading aloud to therapy dogs from the Delta Society's Pet Partners Program, sponsored by DoveLewis. Registration required; call 503.988.5385.

Tuesday, June 7, 4:15 – 5:15 p.m.

Saturday, June 25, 10 a.m. – noon



Chess

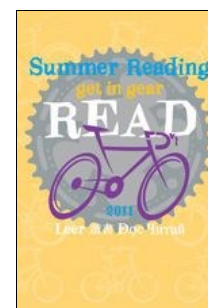
Players of all levels welcome. Play a game or get tips from a tutor. Chess sets provided or bring your own.

Sundays, 3:15 – 4:45 p.m.

Play the Summer Reading Game at Your Library!

Babies, kids and teens can visit any Multnomah County Library to sign up for the Summer Reading game. The program runs June 17, 2011 through August 31, 2011.

Participation is free!



Wilson High School Summer Basketball Camps

Every June as summer gets under way, the basketball coaching staff at Wilson High School offers basketball day camps in Wilson's main gym for boys and girls entering 4th through 9th grades. This is a great initial learning opportunity for your current 3rd grader who may want to play on the league 4th grade teams next winter. It would be great to have more Markham boys and girls playing hoops!

Boys Camp - June 20-24

Girls Camp - June 27-July 1

To learn more about this summer's camps and to register online, please visit <http://wilsonyouthbasketball.com>.



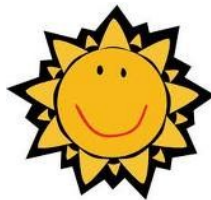
Mrs. Ross' Pets Need Summer Homes

Mrs. Ross is looking for summer homes for her classroom pets: Snicker the Bunny, Sally the Tortoise and a collection of stick bugs who shall remain nameless!



If you are interested, please contact Laurie Ross: lcross@pps.k12.or.us.

**Have a safe and
fun summer!**



From, your Markham PGA

Summer Movies in the Park

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Movies in the Park

Dickinson Park
SW 55th Ave & Alfred

Like us on Facebook at "Summer Free For All- Portland"

Follow us on Twitter at "summerfree4all"

Friday, July 8

Pre-movie entertainment by Norman
Begins at 6:30 PM

Movie begins at dusk

- FREE Popcorn -
- Food Vendors! -
- Climbing Wall -

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Imagine THAT

What if your daughter's imagination... Was the secret to your success?

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Saturday, August 13

Pre-movie entertainment by The Working Stiffs
Begins at 6:30 PM

Movie begins at dusk

- FREE Popcorn -
- Food Vendors! -
- Climbing Wall -

James and the Giant PEACH

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**For further information
contact Tony Hansen—503.317.3914**