



# Markham Elementary School BACKPACK BULLETIN

PTA Edition



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## Tree Recycling at Markham

**TOMORROW, January 7, 10:00am—2:00pm**

You don't even have to get out of your car! Just drive up by the cafeteria and someone will unload it for you ~ it doesn't get easier than that.

Suggested donation of \$5. *All* proceeds will help fund art and music at Markham.

Special thanks to Don Reynolds for donating his time and his wood chipper!



## The PTA Clothing Center Needs YOU

The PTA Clothing Center, which is located at Marshall High School in SE Portland, provides free clothing to families in need who have children in the Portland school system.

Twice a year, Markham PTA is responsible for finding 4-5 parents willing to volunteer at the Center from 9:00am—2:00pm, assisting families in finding clothes. It is quite fulfilling.

**No one volunteered for our October help date. Please consider giving of your time on January 26, from 9:00am-2:00pm so this doesn't happen again!**

If you are available to volunteer, please contact Courtney Duke (courtneytheduke@gmail.com)



## IMPORTANT DATES

**Saturday, Jan. 7**

Tree Recycling @ Markham, 10am—2pm.

**Tuesday, Jan. 10**

Site Council Meeting in the library at 3:15 pm.

**Monday, Jan. 16**

NO SCHOOL for students - MLK Observance.

**Wednesday, Jan. 18**

10:45 am LATE OPENING – Portland Public Schools open 2 hours late for professional development.

**Thursday, Jan. 19**

Backpack Bulletin Assembly—5:30 pm in the PTA Workroom.

**Friday, Jan 20,**

Sharing With Shawn—MCCA room, 9:00 am.

Chinese New Year Dragon Parade—2:15pm.

Backpack Bulletin – Principal's Edition goes home.

**Thursday, Jan. 26**

PTA Clothing Center Volunteer Shift, 9am—2pm.

Family Reading Night—6:30—8:00 pm.

**Wednesday, Feb. 1**

PTA Meeting—6:30 in the Markham Library.

**Thursday, Feb. 2**

Backpack Bulletin Assembly—6:00 pm in the PTA Workroom.

**Friday, Feb. 3**

NO SCHOOL for students—Teacher Planning Day.

**Monday, Feb. 6**

Backpack Bulletin—PTA Edition goes home.

**Thursday, Feb. 9**

Kindergarten Round-up—6:30—8:00pm.

**Tuesday, Feb. 14**

Site Council Meeting in the library at 3:15 pm.

**Wednesday, Feb. 15**

10:45 am LATE OPENING – Portland Public Schools open 2 hours late for professional development.

## SHAWN GARNETT - PRINCIPAL

Dear Markham Families,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I have been enjoying the wonderful stories of winter break from the students. During the holidays I hope you found time to reconnect with loved ones and found some time for you alone. At first lunch (K-2), I asked what did spending time with yourself look like. The answers were putting together a puzzle, reading a book and writing a story. I was pleased to find out that our younger students already know what spending time with yourself looks like and that it doesn't always require some type of electronic gadget or device.

On January 20<sup>th</sup> starting from the gym at 2:20 PM, we will be celebrating Chinese New Year with our traditional Dragon Parade by our 5<sup>th</sup> graders. This parade is also a Rite of Passage for our 5th graders, signifying their soon to be transition into middle school. All are invited as we line the halls to celebrate the New Year and our 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Be prepared for an organized, noisy festivity of fun directed by our own Erica Huber.

This Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM come recycle your tree for \$5.00 at the back parking lot. All proceeds will go towards our art and music programs.

Rieke Elementary's PTA has invited Markham to participate in one of their Parent Education Series entitled, **Stop Bullying** on January 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Rieke Library. Trudy Ludwig, an award-winning children's book author will be the speaker. The presentation is free but donations are accepted. Also, they are not able to provide childcare. The address is 1405 SW Vermont St.

Kindergarten Round-Up is February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in our auditorium. If you know someone with a child that is 5 or will be turning 5 years old by September 1, 2012, please invite them to come and find out about the excellent program we offer. Markham tours will be offered for all prospective students in grades K-5 each Wednesday starting January 4<sup>th</sup> through March 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 10:30. For those planning on attending, please call the school office to schedule an appointment, (503) 916-5681.

The next "Sharing with Shawn" is January 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00. We will meet in the MCCA room to start and then head over to the Capitol Hill Library next door for a tour and information session with Natasha Forrester, Youth Librarian and Patti Vincent, Library Administrator. Our library tour is to support our parents who are English language learners in navigating library resources for their child and themselves. All are welcome.

The students are doing an outstanding job with the new silverware and plastic trays at lunch. Here's to being more environmentally responsible!

Sincerely,  
Shawn Garnett, Principal



*Interpreters fluent in Spanish and Somali now translate at each monthly PTA meeting.*

**Waalidiinta Soomalida waxa loogu bishaaraynayaa inay kasoo qayb gaaan shirka ururka macallimiint iyo waalidiint PTA oo lagu qabto Labareeriga Dugsiga Hoose Markham. Bil welba Arbacada u horahysa Saacacdda 6:30 galabnimo.**

**A la Asociación entre Padres y Maestros (PTA) de Markham le da gusto avisarles que habrá un interprete que habla español en las juntas mensuales del PTA. Favor de estar con nosotros el primer miércoles de cada mes en la biblioteca de Markham. Habrá cuidado de niños gratis. ¡Su participación es una parte esencial del éxito de nuestra comunidad!**

**NEXT PTA MEETING:**

All are invited!  
Childcare is provided.

**Wednesday, February 1**  
**6:30 pm**  
**in the Markham Library**

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

**We hope to see you there!**



## Markham Gras Auction is Almost Here!

February 25th is the big night ~ have you purchased your tickets yet? Our goal is to have 200 guests and we need YOUR help. Invite your friends and family—it's a wonderful evening for a great cause.

Early Bird pricing has been extended to January 31st.  
**Don't delay: buy your tickets now!**

See the attached flyer for more information.

## What's Happening in the Cafeteria:



January 10th is our Harvest of the Month: potatoes grown by our local farmers. Come join us for a delicious lunch!

A couple of reminders: **Please write your child's full name** on your checks when depositing money into his/her account. Also be aware that I don't keep much change in the kitchen register, so bringing the correct amount when you visit for lunch is a big help!

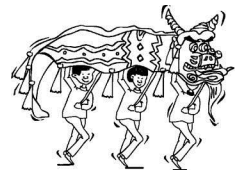
Thank you for supporting the lunch program at Markham!



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## Chinese New Year Dragon Parade

Join us for Markham's Annual Chinese New Year Dragon Parade on Friday, Jan. 20th beginning around 2:20pm. The fifth graders will parade through the hallways wearing enormous dragons they made in art class with Mrs. Huber. Don't miss this exciting event!



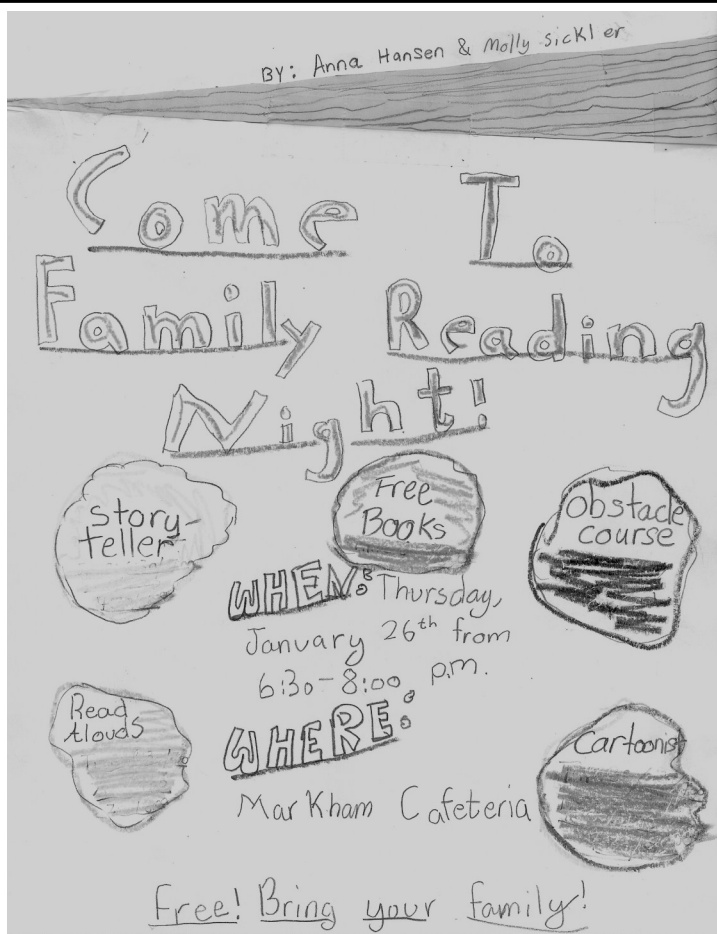
## New Scrip Contact

A big thank you to Mary Martin who has stepped in to replace Linda Lagraff on our scrip committee. Mary will be at the scrip table on Monday afternoons and will be placing all of our orders. If you send an order to school with your child, please send her an email so that she will know it's coming! If you have any questions about ordering scrip, please contact either Mary (mary.martin.147@gmail.com) or Lisa Sickler (lisasickler@gmail.com). We are happy to help and we encourage everyone to support Markham by ordering scrip!



## Calling All Photographers!

Do you enjoy taking pictures? Have you been "capturing moments" at Markham events this year? If so, please send some photographs to Robin Atkinson, our Markham Yearbook editor. If you would be interested in photographing events or in helping with the layout and production of this year's yearbook, she would LOVE to hear from you!  
(robinatk@msn.com, or 503-246-2961)



## Family Reading Night

Thursday, January 26, 6:30-8:00 pm.

There will be a sign-in in the cafeteria and then 3 sessions that families can go to throughout the evening. The activities will include: a cartoonist, a storyteller, a read aloud, an obstacle course, and a free book for every child to end the evening. The whole event is free, but children must come with their parents or an adult as it is a family event.

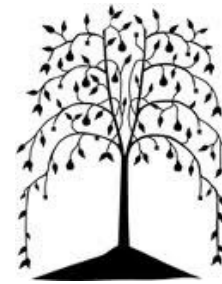


**KINDERGARTEN  
ROUND-UP  
February 9th, 2012**

If anyone you know has a child that will be 5 years of age by September 1, 2012, tell them about our Kindergarten Round-Up on February 9th. Prospective kindergarten parents can meet Markham's principal, Shawn Garnett, and the kindergarten staff. They'll also have the chance to learn about the kindergarten schedules, parent involvement and what Markham can offer.

This round-up is for parents and/or guardians only. Children will have their own opportunity to visit with kindergarten teachers and tour the Markham school building in the fall.

Tours with Ms. Garnett are available by appointment only each Wednesday from 9:30-10:30am. Please call the office to make arrangements (503-916-5681).



**Virtual Giving Tree\***

The 5th grade team needs **100 egg cartons** for a math unit at the end of this month. Please send them in!

*\*The Virtual Giving Tree section of the newsletter is a place where staff members can request items they would like to have for their programs. Markham families who would like to and are able may respond by donating the items.*

**PTA Closet Cleaning Day!**

Are you determined to get organized in 2012? Please consider bringing some of that resolve to Markham any time between 9:00am and 2:00pm on Saturday, January 28. We will be sorting and organizing our PTA closets and storage areas and would appreciate any time you can give ~ thanks!



*Nurse  Notes*

The Nurse and Office staff are working on your child's immunization records. Exclusion Day is coming up soon...Feb.15, 2012.

If you received notification in mid-November about missing shot records, please try to send the record in next week, if possible. Exclusion Letters will be mailed home Feb. 1st to families who have not met the state requirements. If you have any questions about your child's record, need assistance in filling out the form, or need a clinic referral for immunizations, please leave the Nurse a voice mail message at school.

The School Nurse is here every Friday from 8am to 4pm, and the 2nd and 4th Mondays to assist families. Please call, drop by the office, email, or leave the nurse a voice mail if you have questions or need assistance..

Sincerely,  
Kathleen M. Seal RN, BSN,  
School Nurse at Markham Elementary.



**Attention 5th Grade Parents:  
Used Book Sale Coordinator Needed!**

The PTA has been collecting books for the Used Book Sale, but we need a volunteer to take it from here. Proceeds from this sale are used to fund the 5th grade picnic and promotion party at the end of the year. Without a book sale, there will be no budget for these events. If you are the parent of a 5th grader and can help with this, please contact Courtney Duke (courtneytheduke@gmail.com).

Book sales are typically held during school-wide events and there are several coming up this spring.

If you have gently used books that need a new home, please consider donating them. All books are being collected in the PTA workroom.



### An Invitation From the Rieke PTA:

**Jan. 31, 6:30 pm, Rieke Library,  
1405 SW Vermont St.**

**The Rieke PTA Parent Education Series presents:**

**Stop Bullying:** Award-winning children's book author **Trudy Ludwig** shares her expertise on the use of relationships to hurt others as part of Rieke's Parent Education Series.

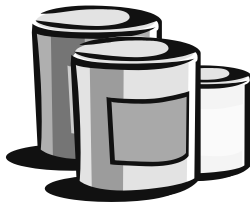
We are not able to provide childcare at this event. The presentation is free but donations are accepted. Request a translator for the event through the Rieke office: 503-916-5768.

Hope to see you there!

The Rieke PTA

### Project 2nd Wind is Coming March 5-9, 2012

Project 2nd Wind is Portland Public School's official winter food drive. Last year, it helped thousands of families in our area by raising 54,348 pounds of food and \$33,779. From March 5-9, families around the city will donate food to their child(ren)'s schools to help address hunger in our community. We are looking for someone to coordinate Markham's drive. This would involve publicizing the event to Markham families and organizing the collection during the week of March 5-8. If this is something you are interested in helping with, please contact Courtney Duke (courtneytheduke@gmail.com).



### New Art Schedule

Throughout the school year it is necessary to adjust the art schedule to accommodate teacher's needs. Below is our most current schedule. I'm grateful for *any* volunteers...even if you just show up on the day without signing up to help. You are *always* welcome in the art studio!

Thanks so much,

Erica Huber, Art Teacher

### NEW VOLUNTEER ART SCHEDULE

- Tues., Jan. 3:** Weidner 8:50-10:20  
Hyde, 12:40-2:10
- Wed., Jan. 4:* Ross 8:50-10:20  
Lynn Miller 12:40-2:10
- Thurs., Jan. 5:** Conrad 9:20-10:50  
Hendrickson, 12:40-2:10
- Mon., Jan. 9:* Johnson 8:50-9:50  
Casqueiro 10:20-11:20  
Reynolds 1:50-2:50
- Tues., Jan. 10:** John M. 10:20-11:20  
Naganuma 10:20-11:20  
Wells 1:50-2:50
- Wed., Jan. 11:* Jolinda M. 8:50-9:50  
Davis, 12:20-1:20  
McNutt, 1:50-2:50
- Mon., Jan. 23:** Conrad, 8:50-10:20  
Hyde, 12:40-2:10
- Tues., Jan. 24:* Ross, 8:50-10:20  
Lynn M., 12:40-2:10
- Wed., Jan. 25:** Weidner, 8:50-10:20  
Hendrickson, 12:40-2:10
- Mon., Jan. 30:* Johnson, 8:50-9:50  
Casqueiro, 10:20-11:20  
Reynolds, 1:50-2:50
- Tues., Jan. 31:** John M., 10:20-11:20  
Naganuma, 12:20-1:20  
Wells, 1:50-2:50
- Wed., Feb. 1:* Jolinda M., 8:50-9:50  
Davis, 12:20-1:20  
McNutt, 1:50-2:50
- Mon., Feb. 6:** Conrad, 8:50-10:20  
Hyde, 12:40-2:10
- Tues., Feb. 7:* Ross, 8:50-10:20  
Lynn M. 12:40-2:10
- Thurs., Feb. 8:** Weidner 8:50-10:20  
Hendrickson, 12:40-2:10
- Mon., Feb. 13:* Johnson, 8:50-9:50  
Casqueiro, 10:20-11:20  
Reynolds, 1:50-2:50
- Tues., Feb. 14:** John M., 10:20-11:20  
Naganuma, 12:20-1:20  
Wells, 1:50-2:50
- Wed., Feb. 15:* Jolinda, 8:50-9:50  
Davis, 12:20-1:20  
McNutt, 1:50-2:50

