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BACKPACK BULLETIN
 PTA Edition



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*Markham Gras
 Auction*

SAVE THE NEW DATE!

Saturday, February 25, 2012

To accommodate more Markham families and staff, we have changed the date of the 2012 Markham Gras Auction to Saturday, February 25, 2012. Please see the attached information about auction donations, board parties, wine donations and the upcoming Winter White Wine Shower.

NOW IS THE TIME TO GET INVOLVED IN THIS WONDERFUL EVENT!

E-mail dxyleemen@yahoo.com to find out how **YOU** can help.

STILL GETTING A HARD COPY OF THE BACKPACK BULLETIN?

We currently have 20% of our families receiving the Bulletin via email and we would *love* to get to 50%.

Save volunteer time, money & resources!

Email markhampta@gmail.com to get an electronic version. When you do, tell us your child's name so we can pull the paper copy.



IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, Nov. 8

Site Council Meeting—3:15 in the Markham library.

Wednesday, Nov. 9

Picture Retakes

Thursday, Nov. 10

NO SCHOOL for students—Teacher Planning Day.

Friday, Nov. 11

NO SCHOOL for students—Veterans' Day.

Monday, Nov. 14

Art Card orders DUE.

Nov. 14-18

Markham Book Fair—in the library.

Thursday, Nov. 17

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

Friday, Nov. 18

“Sharing With Shawn”—MCCA room, 9:00 am.
 Backpack Bulletin—Principal’s Edition goes home.
 Grandparents & Special Friends Day—1:00 pm.

Nov. 21—25

NO SCHOOL for students—Conferences and Thanksgiving Holiday.

Thursday, Dec. 1

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

Friday, Dec. 2

Backpack Bulletin - PTA Edition goes home.

Wednesday, Dec. 7

PTA Meeting in the library at 6:30 pm.

Tuesday, Dec. 13

Site Council Meeting—3:15 in the Markham library.

Wednesday, December 14

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

SHAWN GARNETT - PRINCIPAL

Dear Markham Families,

The Carnival was a big success. I have been picturing this event in my mind since I first heard about it in late August. I imagined little ghosts, ghouls, goblins, princesses, angels and the sort all clamoring at the entrance to begin the fun with smiles, hellos and "Do you know who I am?" ringing out all around. My imagination was not far off. Thank you to all who lent hands to make this a wonderful, fun and safe event from planning to clean-up.

Our first "Sharing with Shawn" was on October 21st. This was another successful event in terms of participation and good conversation. **The next "Sharing with Shawn" will be November 18th from 9:00 to 10:00 A.M. in the MCCA room.** All are welcome. Please come and get to know one another as we work together to enrich children's Markham experience.

A reminder: Breakfast begins at 8:25. The first bell rings at 8:40 and the tardy bell at 8:45. If your child eats school breakfast and is a walker or is dropped off, please be sure to allow them time to eat and not be late for class. Breakfast closes at 8:45. Students riding the bus generally have enough time to eat, but when a bus is late we allow additional time for students to get breakfast.

I would like to send out a big thank you to the PTA for putting together the Markham School Directory. It looks fabulous and is quite useful!

Dress Code Reminders: (This information can be found in the Markham Staff/Family Handbook and Calendar).

Students are expected to wear clean and appropriate clothing to school. Please review the following guidelines with your child:

Sagging pants are not permitted. The beltline needs to be at the waist.

All clothing needs to be free of alcohol, drug, tobacco and sexually suggestive or derogatory messages.

Hats, coats and backpacks must be kept in the lockers. Hoods are not worn in the school.

Shorts, skirts and dresses need to be mid-thigh length. (This includes any slits in skirts or dresses.)

Boys may not wear sleeveless shirts with wide armholes.

Girls' tops need to have shoulder straps that are at least 2 inches wide. Bare midriffs are not permitted.

Pajama wear is not permitted.

Flip flops should not be worn to school due to hazard of tripping while at recess and/or PE.

Thank you for your cooperation in upholding our dress code that keeps our children safe.

I hope you are enjoying this beautiful fall weather.

Sincerely,
Shawn Garnett, Principal



Markham's PTA is pleased to announce that interpreters fluent in Spanish and Somali will be translating the monthly PTA Meetings.

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, December 7th
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.

Join us if you can!

Markham Art Cards

The annual Markham Art Card fundraiser is underway! The cards and other products are made from photos of your student's actual art so this is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your child's artistic talent! Sample art cards are yours to keep and were sent home this week. Look for your sample card in your student's backpack. Included with your child's sample art card you will find a brochure of sample products as well as a paper order form.

This year orders can be placed on-line at www.imadethisllc.com or you can order as in the past with the paper order forms. To place orders you will need the art ID from the back of the sample card (in the lower right-hand corner). Please note that online orders are cost a little more due to credit card processing fees.

Orders are due by Monday, November 14th, and must be received by that date in order to get products returned before the winter break.

All proceeds from this project benefit Markham's wonderful art program. Make checks payable to Markham PTA. If you have any questions please contact Marci Forbes at 503-235-0395 or marcianddan@yahoo.com.

Thank you so much for the support you provide Markham's art program.



Grandparents and Special Friends Day November 18th at 1:00 pm

This meet-and-greet is a fun way for your student to show off his/her school, share what s/he has been doing and give you the opportunity to meet the staff. Refreshments will be served and the Book Fair will be taking place. Books make wonderful gifts and your support will help to improve the offerings in the Markham Library.

See the attached invitation for more details—we look forward to seeing you there!



Book Fair News!

Every fall the Scholastic Book Fair comes to Markham's library. The Book Fair is a convenient way to purchase books for your child and help the school library at the same time. The school library keeps a percentage of all sales - the funds are used to add to the library's collection of books.

Classrooms will be given time to visit the book fair and fill out a wish list with titles of books they would like to purchase. These wish lists then go home with the student for parent approval and funds. These wish lists are suggestions only, do not feel like you have to purchase anything. Parents and friends are welcome to stop by the book fair during open hours to shop for gifts or for themselves.

The teachers also fill out classroom wish lists. Teacher Wish Lists are located to the right of the door as you enter the library. If you would like to buy a book for your child's classroom, simply select one off the list and purchase it. Book Fair volunteers will help you fill out the gift tag label and deliver the book to the teacher for you.

REGULAR HOURS: The book fair will be open Nov. 14-Nov. 18 and November 21-22, from 8:30-4 PM every day. **Nov 14-18 the fair will be closed 11:00-12:45 each day for lunch and recess duty.**

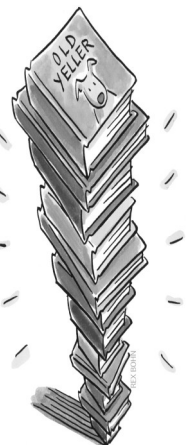
SPECIAL HOURS: The book fair will also be open during the evening parent/teacher conference sessions on Thursday, November 17 and Monday, November 21. Hours are 8:30-4:00 and 5:00-8:00 pm those days.

If you would like to volunteer to help for an hour or two during the book fair, stop by the library to sign up or contact Courtney Duke at courtneytheduke@gmail.com or 503/705-7397. Volunteers are especially needed after school and during Grandparent/Special Friend's Day.

A flyer will be coming home so you can see some of the books you will find at the fair.

Thank you for supporting the Markham Library!

Mrs. Keebaugh
Markham Librarian





GREEN TEAM:

Our meetings began this week, and the 3rd Grade, Team Reduce, met on Monday. We learned about composting to coincide with the new city-wide composting program from Waste Management. We discussed how long different materials take to decompose and what can be composted at home for your own garden, as opposed to what the city will pick up and take to their facility. You would be proud and amazed at how much these students already know!

Our first big Team project of the year will be to develop a new system and education plan for the students so they won't keep throwing their forks in the trash! We are also looking into having a few indoor worm bins in some classrooms. Stay tuned for more information!

The next meeting is for 4th AND 5th grades, this one time only, on Monday, November 7th at 12:10 in the MCCA room.

Thanks!
Marnie

Markham Hospitality Committee: Staff Dinners During Conference Week

The PTA Hospitality Committee will be providing dinners for staff during Teacher Conferences later in November.

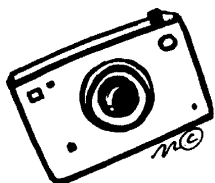
We will order in pizza for the staff Thursday evening, November 17th but will still need donations of salad, bottled water and desserts.

We will do a potluck dinner on Monday, November 21st. For that we will need hot dishes including some vegetarian offerings, bread/starch, salads, desserts and bottled water.

We also always need help with setup and cleanup. If you can contribute, please contact Darien Reece at 503-452-9795 or dhreece@comcast.net.



Calling All Photographers!



Do you have photos from the Markham Carnival? Please email them to Robin Atkinson for our yearbook—thanks!
robinatk@msn.com



SHINING STARS



Thank you to the following Markham Parents and Teachers:

For Picture Day: Dixie Menaker, Joelle Alexander, Marguerite Rogers, Jessie Kelly, Robin Atkinson, Kathi Anderson, Linda Lagraff and Vaunne Weathers.

For Art Cards: Marci Forbes, Michelle Davis and Vaunne Weathers.

For the Markham Carnival: Q. Ahmad, Amity, Joe Atkinson, Samantha Auvil, Karen Baines, Rebecca Bair, Leanne Becksfort, Jared Bradbury, Mark & Marnie Bennett, Brent Boe, Joann Bolte Kristen Calhan-Giandalia, Sarah Cantor, Amanda Charters, Jessica Christiansen, Kelly Christopherson, Holly Dhynes, Jenie Edwards, Kate Eyberg, Catarina Felix, Allie Flodge, Marci & Dan Forbes, Molly Fricano, Tim Garrett, Lynn George, Liz Graff, Ali Grimshaw, Kirsten Groaner, Debbie Hall, Tony Hansen, Marisa Herbaugh, Kristin Holmberg, Doug Holmgren, Brenda Jamsgard, Libby & Scott Jaworski, Kathy Jennings, Dacia & Richard Johnson, Jessie Kelly, John Kern, Krista Kinder, C. King, Monica Krueger, Debbie Kutnyak, Linda Lagraff, Camille Lopez, Mike & Penny Machinski, Mary Martin, Jason McAllister, Megan McDonald, Sofia McDonald, Danielle Meade, Dixie Menaker, Millie, Nicole, Linda Nilsen-Solares, Janice Pingo, Misty & Dennis Plock, Smitha Rao, Darien & Jeff Reece, Dave Roletto, Daniel Schmidt, Lisa Sickler, Christine Simpson, Tom Simpson, Sadie Spoklie, Josh Stephanic-Grimso, Veronica, Jason Waiters, Stephanie Walczale, Kateri Walsh, Wanda, Sheila Waneusi, Vaunne Weathers, Julie Worley.

Our Wonderful Markham Staff: Gene Casqueiro, Ce'Anne Currie, Ann Davis, Jim Hendrickson, Sim Hyde, John Miller, Lynn Miller, Kate Naganuma, Laurie Ross, Paula Weidner, Don Reynolds, Trish Wells, Katie Rossitto, Kate Schmidt, Ms. Nygen, Ms. Zeger and Principal Garnett.

MCCA Staff: Robin, Tom and Joe—Thank you!

Our Hardworking Custodians: Stormy and Eric

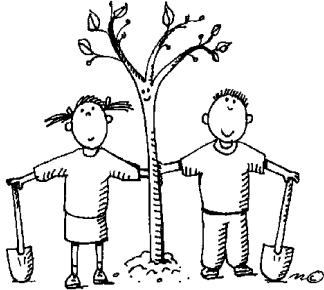
And the AWESOME ORGANIZERS: Brenda Jamsgard and Karen Baines!

(We apologize for any names we omitted or misspelled.)

NEWS FROM THE GARDEN

With shorter days and colder nights, this growing season has come to an end. In the next few weeks some of the classrooms will get to help "put the garden to bed", pulling all the plants and spreading mulch to feed the soil for next year. We will be sowing a few crops under the new hoop houses to see if we can provide some fresh local greens for the cafeteria this winter.

As Garden Coordinator, I am looking for a few teachers and parents to meet with to strategize the best use of our Garden space for the spring through fall of 2012. I would love your input on how we can get more kids out in the garden for more hours in the future and really see this program take off. Contact me with your ideas!



Marnie Bennett
havenglow@comcast.net or
503 977 9567.

Thanks!

Wilson Youth Basketball 2011-12 REGISTRATION CLOSES TODAY!!



RECREATIONAL PROGRAM

If you have not yet registered for our Recreational program, the deadline is Friday, November 4th. Teams are formed once registration closes. Practices begin the week of November 14th. Now is the time to get signed up for winter basketball!

For more information check out our website:
<http://www.wilsonyouthbasketball.com>
or call Markham dad
Tony Hansen, 503.246.4656



Glass Art Library Fundraiser!

Come and make your own fused glass pieces with Markham parent, Brenda Jamsgard. Mention that "Markham Library Rocks" when you come to the workshop, and Fresh Twist Glass Studio will donate 20% of your workshop fee to the Markham Library.

Reserve your space today:

Tuesday: 7pm to 9pm

Saturday: 10am to 12pm

Sunday: 3pm to 5pm

Workshops are \$25 per person.

Kids 5 years and up are great with an adult.



What's Happening in the Cafeteria:

Our November Harvest of the Month item is brussel sprouts. We will be enjoying them on Nov 16th. These sprouts are grown especially for our schools, so it's exciting! We also had potatoes & lettuce grown from Markham's own garden. We roasted the potatoes and they were great!

Please remember to check your child's backpack on Mondays as this is the day we send home notices for children who owe money. Thanks for the continuing support for our lunch program.



Cory & Joann.

DO YOU APPRECIATE NOT HAVING CORPORATE FUNDRAISERS THIS YEAR? THEN PLEASE SUPPORT PROJECT \$4.59!

This year the PTA decided to eliminate all corporate fundraisers. That's right—no more Sally Foster Gift Wrap. No more Cookie Dough. No more Entertainment Books. We hope it's made your life a little easier!

HOWEVER, our budget hasn't changed. We still want to provide the same level of support to Markham children and teachers that we have in the past. That's where YOU come in. We are asking families to replace what they typically spend on corporate fundraisers with a donation of \$4.59 per child to the PTA. That's right—just \$4.59 per child will raise the same amount we get when we participate in gift wrap, cookie dough and Entertainment Book sales. *Our goal with Project \$4.59 is to minimize your hassle and maximize the amount of money that stays in our community.*

We have received donations for 146 of Markham's 380 students. That means we have 234 donations to go. We believe that we can do it! All donations are tax deductible, so please consider making a contribution as your budget allows. Just make your check payable to the Markham PTA (with *Project \$4.59* on the memo line) and return it to Markham with the coupon on the back of this page.



WAY TO GO, MARKHAM FAMILIES!

**In 6 weeks, you turned in 1,153 box tops:
THAT'S AWESOME!**

Keep the box tops coming! The money we earn helps fund field trips and special supplies for the classroom.

Here are additional ways to take advantage of this fundraising opportunity:

- Barnes & Noble and Box Tops have teamed up to make it easy to earn cash for your school. Earn up to 6 eBoxTops with every qualified \$10 purchase you make, just by starting here at the Reading Room.
www.boxtops4education.com/earn/readingroom/default.aspx
- Save money with coupons (and get box tops!)
www.boxtops4education.com/earn/clip/coupons.aspx
- Over 100 retailers give eBoxTops to your school when you shop online at the Marketplace.
www.boxtops4education.com/earn/marketplace/default.aspx

*You will need to set up a login and select Markham Elementary the first time you use this.

THINKER TOYS OFFERS BENEFIT DAYS TO LOCAL SCHOOLS

Shop at Thinker Toys between
9am and 8pm

Monday-Wednesday, November 14th-16th
and they will donate 15% of your purchase to Markham!

Just be sure and mention that you're from Markham when you're checking out.



Second Graders Visit the Library

Mrs. Wells' and Ms. Davis' second grade classes walked to the Capitol Hill Library during October. Mrs. Miller's class will be taking their tour in November. During their visit, all students have the opportunity to check books out to take home. The second grade team encourages everyone to take advantage of this wonderful resource right in our neighborhood.



Visit your library today!



Neighborhood House
Helping Neighbors Help Themselves

Markham Clothes Closet: We can always use shoes, underwear and socks! Please leave donations in the main office or near Emily Neve's office on the cafeteria stage.

Markham Friday Food Backpacks: We need volunteers every Wednesday from 4:00-5:30 to fill backpacks with food for Markham families. Donations of new or gently used backpacks are also greatly appreciated.

Sun School: Do you have a talent or a passion you would enjoy sharing with kids? Then volunteer to teach a Sun School class—we'd love to have you!

For more information, contact Emily Neve, eneve@nhweb.org.

Family Volunteer Nights at the Neighborhood House:
Nov. 15, Dec. 6 and Dec. 2.

Contact Kyrsten: 503-246-1663 x2117, or ksorensen@nhweb.org.



**Yes, I will help! Here is my donation to the Markham PTA
"PROJECT \$4.59"**

(Detach and return this section with your donation—please see the reverse side for details.)