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The Mockingbird Message

December 2019

Shedrick Dukes
Principal

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Intern Principal

WELCOME
FROM YOUR PASSIONATE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents and Community Members,

As we enter the Holiday season our staff will be putting more focus on reviewing and practicing skills that students were taught in the first nine weeks. However, we still have a lot more information for your scholar to learn. Please help by allowing your child to sit in a quiet area and read uninterrupted for at least 15 minutes every day. In addition, all students have access to iReady and can practice reading and math online for at least 15 minutes every day at home.

Our School Advisory Council (SAC) meets every month to review what we are doing to make learning better. Our School Advisory Forum (SAF) meets to discuss local and district parent concerns. In addition, our Parent Teachers Association (PTA) is off and running under the leadership of Mr. Shelton Pooler. All three groups meet on second Tuesdays at 6 PM in the media center. Our next meeting is December 10th, which is also our Magnet Showcase. We will have staff available to translate.

As always, "Thank you" to our parents and community for supporting our academic mission that every child succeeds. During the upcoming break please continue to encourage your child to read daily, eat healthy and get plenty of rest!

Happy Holidays!

Calendar of Events December

- 12/10: School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting / Magnet Open House 6pm
- 12/18: Playground Dedication (Holy Cross Hospital)
- 12/18: **Family Science Night**
- 12/23 – 1/3 Winter Break

Shopping with the Sheriff!



Every December, SFBC in partnership with BSO, treat 100 children from all across Broward County to a special shopping spree with the Sheriff to buy gifts for their friends and families. The Youth and Neighborhood Services Division and BSO School Resource Deputies select the deserving children from school programs across Broward County.





Spotlight on Markham's Math Department

The Mathematics Department at Markham Elementary is up to great things. From celebrating student achievements to scoring top data marks, Markham's Mockingbird Mathematicians are soaring high.

- Each month our scholars are celebrated with a "Green Party" for their academic achievement on the Acaletics Scrimmage test. Students are rewarded for either meeting their Acaletics monthly goals or increasing their previous score by 10 or more percentage points.
- Markham Elementary is participating in the Uncommon Schools district initiative. Our 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade students have consistently ranked in the top 3 schools across Cadre 8 on the Mathematics Common Formative Assessments.
- The top Mockingbird Mathematicians below are being honored on our new "Wall of Fame" for scoring a level 4 or 5 on the 2018/2019 FSA Mathematics Assessment.

A. Perla; S. Baez; E. Davilsaint; T. Edwards; D. Farrington; A. Johnson; J. McCleod; K. Mitchell; J.Noel ;A. Octave; N. Ortiz; I. Pozos; F. Ramirez; C. Watson; K. Wiggins; B. Livensky; J. Barrios; J. Dolmo; N. Flores; T. Jackson; J. Joachin; A. Joseph; M. Mendez; S. Morales S. Moss; J. Sanchez; K. Mendez; R. Bajnath; J. Corvil; W. Germain; Z. Wiggins; D. Martinez

The Reading Corner

In Scholastic Article, [16 Great Reasons for Reading Aloud](#), kids love hearing books read to them. They've said it time and time again. To see what we mean, the [Scholastic Kids & Family Reading Report](#). 87% of kids aged 6-7 "loved or liked read-aloud time" as do 82% of their parents. Kids aged 6-11 consider it "a special time together" with their family. They also find reading together just good, plain fun. So parents and caregivers, let's start reading! Here are 8 reasons to for reading aloud:

1. Reading aloud leads children to discover the joy and power of reading.
2. Kids want adults to read to them.
3. Read-alouds are a great part of a healthy bedtime routine
4. Children who are read to from a young age go to school ready to learn and grow!
5. You can laugh together: The number one thing kids say they want when reading for fun is a "book that makes me laugh."
6. Reading aloud develops vocabulary.
7. Spend quality time with loved ones.
8. Reading aloud is relaxing.

21st CENTURY AFTERCARE'S STEM PROGRAM IS UP AND RUNNING! WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A BIG THANKS TO MS. KAYA. OUR STUDENTS IN ALL GRADE LEVELS ARE REALLY EXCELLING IN THE PROGRAM.



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 Marietta Williams.

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, FSA 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>.



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