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## WELCOME FROM YOUR PASSIONATE PRINCIPAL



Dear C. Robert Markham Elementary School Families,

As we approach the holiday season, it's important to keep the momentum going! December is filled with exciting learning activities, special events, and opportunities to celebrate the season while staying on track academically. Make sure your child is present, so they don't miss out on the joy and learning we have planned.

Attendance plays a vital role in your child's academic so here are a few key reminders about the importance of attendance:

- Every Day Counts: Missing just two days a month can add up to 18 days a year or 10% of the school year!
- Start Strong: Establishing good attendance habits in elementary school sets the foundation for future success.
- Together: Let's work together to ensure your child is in school and ready to learn every day.

If your child needs to miss school due to illness or unavoidable circumstances, please notify the front office and provide a written note. For extended absences, we can work with you to ensure your child stays on track.

Wishing you a holiday season filled with joy, warmth, and togetherness. Thank you for your partnership in ensuring our students' success.

Warm regards,

*Junoisier J. Allen, Proud Principal*

## Calendar of Events

### December-Holidays Around the World

- 12/2 School Resumes
- 12/10 Human Rights Day
- 12/11 SAC/SAF @ 5pm, Media Center
- 12/21-1/6 School Closed-Holiday Break
- 1/7 School Resumes



Greetings Markham Families,

It's hard to believe that we are already embarking on the holiday season. It is our hope and prayer that everyone has a safe, joyous, and healthy holiday season. We are exploring some unique ways to celebrate the holiday's here at C. Robert Markham Elementary with classrooms/bulletin boards, December spirit week, along with many other holiday activities.

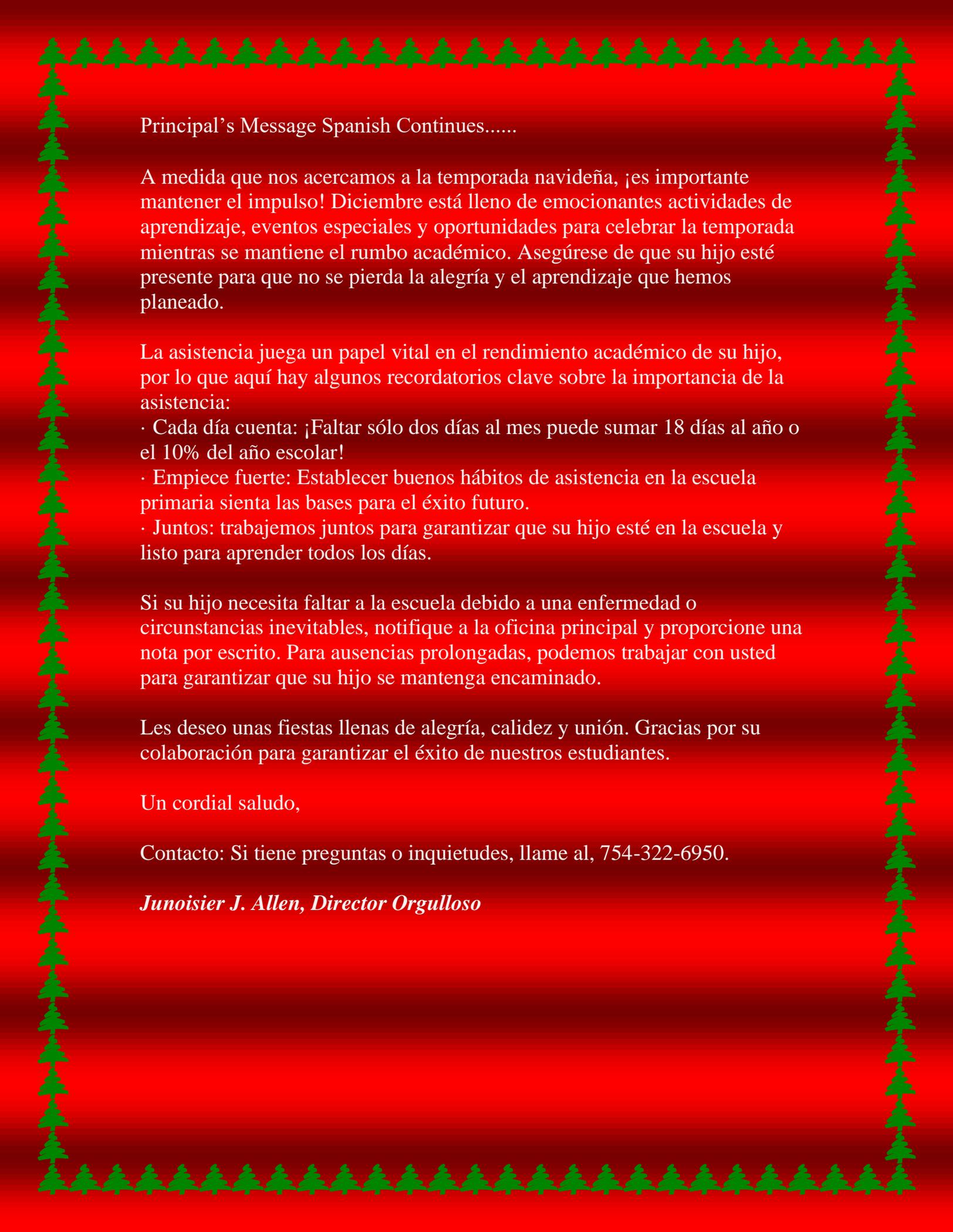
In addition, we thank everyone who was able to attend our SAC meeting/ Literacy Parade. I hope you will join us at our next School Advisory Council Meeting that will be held on December 11th at 5:00 pm. All of our SAC/Title I information can be found on our school website at [browardschools.com/markham](http://browardschools.com/markham). We welcome your input and value your contributions.

Finally, our entire Markham family wishes each of your families a blessed and joyous holiday season. May your holidays be bright! Here's to a great December at C. Robert Markham Elementary.

Educationally Yours,

*Ronnie Frazier, Proud Assistant Principal*

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Principal's Message Spanish Continues.....

A medida que nos acercamos a la temporada navideña, ¡es importante mantener el impulso! Diciembre está lleno de emocionantes actividades de aprendizaje, eventos especiales y oportunidades para celebrar la temporada mientras se mantiene el rumbo académico. Asegúrese de que su hijo esté presente para que no se pierda la alegría y el aprendizaje que hemos planeado.

La asistencia juega un papel vital en el rendimiento académico de su hijo, por lo que aquí hay algunos recordatorios clave sobre la importancia de la asistencia:

- Cada día cuenta: ¡Faltar sólo dos días al mes puede sumar 18 días al año o el 10% del año escolar!
- Empiece fuerte: Establecer buenos hábitos de asistencia en la escuela primaria sienta las bases para el éxito futuro.
- Juntos: trabajemos juntos para garantizar que su hijo esté en la escuela y listo para aprender todos los días.

Si su hijo necesita faltar a la escuela debido a una enfermedad o circunstancias inevitables, notifique a la oficina principal y proporcione una nota por escrito. Para ausencias prolongadas, podemos trabajar con usted para garantizar que su hijo se mantenga encaminado.

Les deseo unas fiestas llenas de alegría, calidez y unión. Gracias por su colaboración para garantizar el éxito de nuestros estudiantes.

Un cordial saludo,

Contacto: Si tiene preguntas o inquietudes, llame al, 754-322-6950.

*Junoisier J. Allen, Director Orgullosa*

Pandan n ap pwoche sezon fèt la, li enpòtan pou kenbe momantòm lan! Desanm ranpli ak aktivite aprantisaj enteresan, evènman espesyal, ak opòtinite pou selebre sezon an pandan y ap rete sou wout akademik. Asire w ke pitit ou a prezan, pou yo pa rate lajwa ak aprantisaj nou te planifye a. Prezans jwe yon wòl enpòtan anpil nan akademik pitit ou a, kidonk men kèk rapèl kle sou enpòtans prezans yo:

- Chak Jou Konte: Si w manke de jou nan yon mwa, sa ka ajoute jiska 18 jou nan yon ane oswa 10% nan ane lekòl la!
  - Kòmmanse djanm: Etabli bon abitud prezans nan lekòl primè etabli baz pou siksè nan lavni.
  - Ansanm: Ann travay ansanm pou asire pitit ou a lekòl epi li pare pou aprann chak jou.
- Si pitit ou a bezwen manke lekòl akòz maladi oswa sikonstans inevitab, tanpri notifie biwo a epi bay yon nòt alekri. Pou absans pwolonje, nou ka travay avèk ou pou asire pitit ou a rete sou wout li.

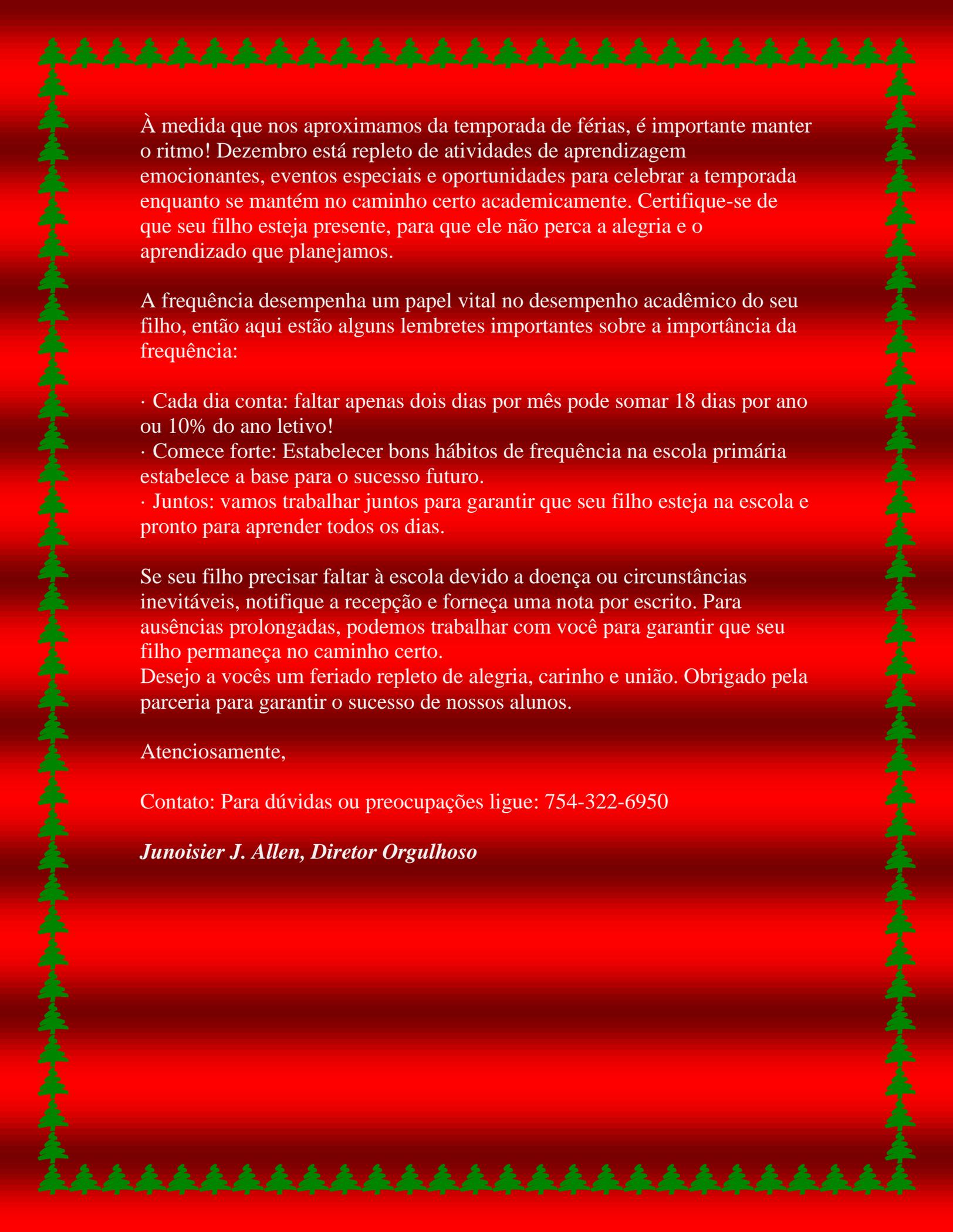
Swete ou yon sezon fèt ki ranpli ak lajwa, chalè, ak tèt ansanm. Mèsi pou patenarya ou nan asire siksè elèv nou yo.

Bonjou,

Kontakte: Pou kesyon oswa enkyetid tanpri rele: 754-322-6950

*Junoisier J. Allen, Fyè Direktè*

Principal's Message Portuguese Continued.....



À medida que nos aproximamos da temporada de férias, é importante manter o ritmo! Dezembro está repleto de atividades de aprendizagem emocionantes, eventos especiais e oportunidades para celebrar a temporada enquanto se mantém no caminho certo academicamente. Certifique-se de que seu filho esteja presente, para que ele não perca a alegria e o aprendizado que planejamos.

A frequência desempenha um papel vital no desempenho acadêmico do seu filho, então aqui estão alguns lembretes importantes sobre a importância da frequência:

- Cada dia conta: faltar apenas dois dias por mês pode somar 18 dias por ano ou 10% do ano letivo!
- Comece forte: Estabelecer bons hábitos de frequência na escola primária estabelece a base para o sucesso futuro.
- Juntos: vamos trabalhar juntos para garantir que seu filho esteja na escola e pronto para aprender todos os dias.

Se seu filho precisar faltar à escola devido a doença ou circunstâncias inevitáveis, notifique a recepção e forneça uma nota por escrito. Para ausências prolongadas, podemos trabalhar com você para garantir que seu filho permaneça no caminho certo. Desejo a vocês um feriado repleto de alegria, carinho e união. Obrigado pela parceria para garantir o sucesso de nossos alunos.

Atenciosamente,

Contato: Para dúvidas ou preocupações ligue: 754-322-6950

*Junoisier J. Allen, Diretor Orgulhoso*

# THE TORCH HAS BEEN LIT

## 5<sup>th</sup> grade has lit the torch....

The 5th Grade teachers are very appreciative of your support so far this year. If you have not already done so, please sign up for Class Dojo. Students will take their 2<sup>nd</sup> IREADY Diagnostic. Please encourage them to do their best!!! Students are going to JA Biz town on December 10, 2024. Happy Holidays!

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Team

Hello parents,

The fourth-grade team thanks you for all your patience as we getting ready for the 2<sup>nd</sup> IREADY Diagnostic testing, and the holiday break. Currently, we are diligently working to help our scholars achieve success this academic school year.

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.

Thank you for all that you do and Happy Holidays!

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

### Acts of Kindness



Not only should we treat others with compassion, but we should also treat ourselves with love. Having students turn and talk to share tiny **Acts of Kindness** they have done for themselves is a terrific method to encourage open discussion and acts of compassion.

Our third-grade team of teachers and students will enjoy this wonderful calendar of events as we celebrate being kind, this holiday season. Once we have shared and discussed the definition of kindness, we will place the calendar displaying **25 Acts of Kindness**, with one act of kindness for each day. The calendar, which doubles as a checklist when the **Act of Kindness** is finished, will be prominently displayed on the board in each classroom to assist in directing and promoting good conduct among students.

## 🌟 2nd Grade Team, Ready, Set, GO!

As we are nearing the end of the 2nd Quarter, we are extremely grateful to our scholars for doing their very best since the start 1st Quarter up until this moment. Yehheey!!! Keep it up 2nd Graders til we reach 4th Quarter! We can do this TOGETHER!

What's Next:

- Reading Rockstars: Continue the habit of reading books at home!
  - Math Magicians: Understand Fractions: Partition Shapes into Equal-Sized Parts
  - Social Studies Superheroes: Explore citizenship by learning what it means to be a U.S. citizen, ways to be a responsible U.S. citizen, and how citizens demonstrate patriotism.
  - iReady ELA Diagnostic 2: December 10 @ 8:30 a.m.
  - iReady Math Diagnostic 2: December 12 @ 8:30 a.m.
- Let us know if you need anything, - we're a TEAM!  
Let's make this year unforgettable!

# THE TORCH HAS BEEN LIT

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

" Hello December. 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. We hope you have a wonderful Holiday Break filled with amazing moments and the ones you love most.

## Kindergarten

Ready for things to come!



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

Happy Holidays!

## 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.  
Happy Holidays.

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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 ESL student grow academically and socially. Our ESL 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

“Before” strategies activate students' prior knowledge, and set a purpose for reading. “During” strategies help students make connections, monitor their understanding, generate questions, and stay focused. “After” strategies provide students an opportunity to summarize, question, reflect, discuss, and respond to text.

### Possible Before Reading Questions

- Do you think this is a fiction or nonfiction text? Why?
- Based on the title or book cover, what problems do you think the main characters might face? What are some possible solutions?
- What clues has the author provided for you in the title and illustrations?
- What are you wondering about?

### Possible During Reading Questions

- Is there anything that you don't understand that we should go back and reread?
- What illustration do you think will be on the next page? Why?
- What details have been important to the story so far?
- How do you think this text will end? Why?

### Possible After Reading Questions

- What do you think the author wanted you to learn from this text?
- If the author wrote a sequel to this text, what do you think the sequel would be about?
- Summarize this text in 2-4 sentences.
- Is there anything from the text that didn't make sense to you?
- What would you have done differently from the main character?

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

## All Things Math

Please continue to make Math a daily part of your child's homework. If your child is having difficulty with Math or you need help with assisting your child with their math homework, please log onto [MrMathBlog.com](http://MrMathBlog.com). Videos are available by skills and will provide you with step-by-step explanations on how to complete Math problems.

Teachers are providing laser focused instruction on standards that will prepare students for the second administration (PM2) of the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking Math Assessment (F.A.S.T.). The assessment window for PM2 is December 2, 2024 - January 24, 2025. Markham will schedule assessments during this window and parents will be notified of the specific assessment dates. Students in Grades 3-5 can go to [flfast.org/families.html](http://flfast.org/families.html) and access F.A.S.T. sample test items. This is a great tool to give students exposure and practice for the F.A.S.T. assessments.

Please encourage your child to always use pencil and paper when completing math assignments. With your partnership, our students will improve their performance in math and experience success on Math assessments.

For any questions, concerns or additional resources, please feel free to email me at [veronica.jackson@browardschools.com](mailto:veronica.jackson@browardschools.com) or call (754) 322-6950 and I will be happy to assist you.

**Veronica Jackson**, Math  
Instruction Coach

# 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](http://www.myschoolapps.com)

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# APPLY ONLINE!

## FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH

Free and reduced price lunches are available to students that meet economic eligibilities.



## MYSCHOOLAPPS.COM

The online meal application is available in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, and Portuguese at [MySchoolApps.com](http://MySchoolApps.com).

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

### 754-321-0250

### [FREEREDUCEDMEALS@BROWARDSCHOOLS.COM](mailto:FREEREDUCEDMEALS@BROWARDSCHOOLS.COM)



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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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(Broward County Public Schools Food and Nutrition Services)



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## Title I News

The ***Title I Parent/Guardian Information Letter*** was sent home with your students in November. This letter includes information regarding our School Improvement Plan, School Parent and Family Engagement Plan, the District Parent and Family Engagement Plan, and Statewide Assessment Data and School Report Card, school grades, and state assessment reports. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please feel free to contact our principal, Ms. Allen, at (754) 322-6950.

Parents and staff have jointly developed our ***Parent and Family Engagement Plan***. The plan includes the parent activities that are scheduled throughout this school year. We have events and engagement opportunities planned for you and your family. You can access this plan in multiple languages at [www.browardschools.com/markham](http://www.browardschools.com/markham). If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact Veronica Jackson, Title I Liaison at (754) 322-6950.

We are still in need of ***School Home Compact Forms***. Teachers have emailed these forms to you, and we have also posted the form on our school website. If you have not already done so, please be sure to read, sign, and return this form to your child's teacher. If you need another form or need translation, please contact your Title I Liaison, Ms. Veronica Jackson at (754) 322-6950.

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