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Ronnie Frazier Assistant Principal

WELCOME FROM YOUR PASSIONATE PRINCIPAL



Dear C. Robert Markham Elementary School Families,

February is a month of learning, reflection, and engagement at C. Robert Markham Elementary School! As we celebrate Black History Month, our students will participate in activities that honor the achievements, contributions, and rich history of African Americans. From classroom discussions to school-wide projects, we encourage our students to embrace the lessons of resilience, leadership, and excellence that Black History embodies.

On Friday, February 14, 2025, we will observe A Day of Service and Love in honor of the 12 lives tragically lost and those injured in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School tragedy on February 14, 2018. This day serves as a reminder of the power of kindness, unity, and service. We encourage our students and families to participate in acts of kindness and community service as we reflect on the importance of compassion and resilience.

We also want to emphasize the importance of daily attendance. Every school day matters, and students who attend regularly are more likely to achieve academic success. Please support your child in arriving on time and ready to learn each day. Let's continue working together to build strong attendance habits!

Additionally, we encourage you to schedule a conference with your child's teacher to discuss their progress and collaborate on strategies for success. Your partnership is invaluable in helping our students reach their highest potential. Be on the lookout for communication from your child's teacher regarding available meeting times.

Thank you for your continued support in making Markham a place of excellence, learning, and love.

In partnership,

Junoisier J. Allen, Principal, C. Robert Markham ES

Calendar of Events

2/1-2/28 Black History Month
2/10-2/14 Respect Week
2/11 Safer Internet Day
2/14 Day of Service and Love/Early Release
2/10-2/17 Random Acts of Kindness Week
2/17 Presidents Day-NO SCHOOL
2/19 Muffins for Mom
2/26 SAC/SAF/Math Night @ 5pm, Media Center



Greetings Markham Families,

Wow! It's hard to believe the first semester is over!!! We have a great deal to be proud of. Our school is fortunate to have the most incredible students, families, and the best teachers and staff. We thank all of our families who continue to support our school-wide initiatives and work diligently to be active partners in their child's educational success. This is accomplished through frequent conferences, involvement in our family nights, attendance at our SAC meetings and PTO events. There is ample evidence that shows when parents are involved in their children's education by participating in school related activities, they are rewarded with academically and socially successful children. Scholars should be reading for at least 30 minutes each evening. Research shows that students who score in the top percent of standardized tests read for approximately 60 minutes each day.

Finally, we thank everyone who is ensuring that your child arrives at school and on-time, this allows for opportunities for success. Together, we make our school a shining beacon of success!

Educationally Yours,

Ronnie Frazier, Proud Assistant Principal

Principal's Message Spanish Continues.....

¡Febrero es un mes de aprendizaje, reflexión y participación en la Escuela Primaria C. Robert Markham! Mientras celebramos el Mes de la Historia Afroamericana, nuestros estudiantes participarán en actividades que honran los logros, las contribuciones y la rica historia de los afroamericanos. Desde debates en el aula hasta proyectos a nivel escolar, animamos a nuestros estudiantes a adoptar las lecciones de resiliencia, liderazgo y excelencia que representa la Historia Afroamericana.

El viernes 14 de febrero de 2025, observaremos Un Día de Servicio y Amor en honor a las 12 vidas perdidas trágicamente y a los heridos en la tragedia de la escuela secundaria Marjory Stoneman Douglas el 14 de febrero de 2018. Este día sirve como recordatorio de la poder de bondad, unidad y servicio. Alentamos a nuestros estudiantes y familias a participar en actos de bondad y servicio comunitario mientras reflexionamos sobre la importancia de la compasión y la resiliencia.

También queremos enfatizar la importancia de la asistencia diaria. Cada día escolar es importante y los estudiantes que asisten regularmente tienen más probabilidades de lograr el éxito académico. Ayude a su hijo a llegar a tiempo y listo para aprender todos los días. ¡Sigamos trabajando juntos para desarrollar hábitos sólidos de asistencia!

Además, lo alentamos a programar una conferencia con el maestro de su hijo para discutir su progreso y colaborar en estrategias para el éxito. Su asociación es invaluable para ayudar a nuestros estudiantes a alcanzar su máximo potencial. Esté atento a las comunicaciones del maestro de su hijo sobre los horarios de reuniones disponibles.

Gracias por su continuo apoyo para hacer de Markham un lugar de excelencia, aprendizaje y amor.

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

En asociación,

Junoisier Jurea Allen Directora.

Principal's Message Haitian-Creole Continues.....

Fevriye se yon mwa aprantisaj, refleksyon, ak angajman nan C. Robert Markham Elementary School! Pandan n ap selebre Mwa Istwa Nwa, elèv nou yo pral patisipe nan aktivite ki onore reyalizasyon, kontribisyon, ak istwa rich Afriken Ameriken yo. Soti nan diskisyon nan salklas yo rive nan pwojè nan tout lekòl la, nou ankouraje elèv nou yo anbrase leson detèminasyon, lidèchip, ak ekselans ke Istwa Nwa enkòpore.

Vandredi, 14 fevriye 2025, nou pral obsève Yon Jounen Sèvis ak Lanmou nan onè 12 lavi yo pèdi trajik ak moun ki blese nan trajedi Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School nan dat 14 fevriye 2018. Jou sa a sèvi kòm yon rapèl nan pouvwa jantiyès, inite, ak sèvis. Nou ankouraje elèv nou yo ak fanmi yo pou yo patisipe nan aksyon jantiyès ak sèvis kominotè pandan n ap reflechi sou enpòtans konpasyon ak rezistans.

Nou vle tou mete aksan sou enpòtans prezans chak jou. Chak jou lekòl enpòtan, e elèv ki ale regilyèman gen plis chans pou yo reyisi akademik. Tanpri sipòte pitit ou a pou l rive alè e li pare pou l aprann chak jou. Ann kontinye travay ansanm pou konstwi bonjan abitid prezans!

Anplis de sa, nou ankouraje w pou w planifye yon konferans ak pwofesè pitit ou a pou diskite sou pwogrè yo epi kolabore sou estrateji pou reyisit. Patenarya ou a gen anpil valè pou ede elèv nou yo rive jwenn pi gwo potansyèl yo. Fè atansyon pou kominikasyon pwofesè pitit ou a konsènan lè reyinyon ki disponib yo.

Mèsi pou sipò ou kontinye nan fè Markham yon kote ekselans, aprantisaj, ak lanmou.

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

An patenarya,

Junoisier J. Allen, Fyè Direktè

Principal's Message Portuguese Continued......

Fevereiro é um mês de aprendizagem, reflexão e envolvimento na C. Robert Markham Elementary School! Ao celebrarmos o Mês da História Negra, nossos alunos participarão de atividades que homenageiam as conquistas, contribuições e a rica história dos afro-americanos. Desde discussões em sala de aula até projetos em toda a escola, incentivamos nossos alunos a abraçar as lições de resiliência, liderança e excelência que a História Negra incorpora.

Na sexta-feira, 14 de fevereiro de 2025, observaremos Um Dia de Serviço e Amor em homenagem às 12 vidas tragicamente perdidas e aos feridos na tragédia da Escola Secundária Marjory Stoneman Douglas em 14 de fevereiro de 2018. Este dia serve como um lembrete do poder de bondade, unidade e serviço. Incentivamos nossos alunos e famílias a participarem de atos de bondade e serviço comunitário enquanto refletimos sobre a importância da compaixão e da resiliência.

Queremos também ressaltar a importância do atendimento diário. Cada dia escolar é importante, e os alunos que frequentam regularmente têm maior probabilidade de obter sucesso acadêmico. Por favor, ajude seu filho a chegar na hora certa e pronto para aprender todos os dias. Vamos continuar trabalhando juntos para construir hábitos sólidos de frequência!

Além disso, encorajamos você a agendar uma conferência com o professor do seu filho para discutir seu progresso e colaborar em estratégias para o sucesso. Sua parceria é inestimável para ajudar nossos alunos a atingir seu potencial máximo. Fique atento à comunicação do professor do seu filho sobre os horários de reunião disponíveis.

Obrigado por seu apoio contínuo para fazer de Markham um lugar de excelência, aprendizado e amor.

Em parceria,

Junoisier Jurea Allen Diretora: 754-322-6950

THE TORCH HAS BEEN LIT

5th grade has lit the torch....

Hard to believe February is here....so let's make it time for good cheer...as we move further into our testing year! 5th grade is working hard, and we are ready to throw down our best delt card. Please encourage your students to show up and show out, so at the end of 5th grade we can Shout, Shout, Shout!!

3rd Grade Scholars Racing Towards the Goal!!



Students in the 3rd grade are now on "Crunch Time" for Reading and Math. That's right! In ELA, crunch time is the time before a significant deadline, such an exam, when students work very hard. Both teachers and students must have conversations and decide what to do and act during this period. Our primary focus during this time is to become proficient in the standards and strategies.

4th Grade Team We are now in "Crunch Time," which means we are implementing new strategies and interventions to better support your child's academic progress. Markham Elementary is offering ELO tutoring for all grades, every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoon from 2:30pm-3:30pm. Students can continue learning outside of school by using I-Ready at home. They can access it through Clever. Please remind your child of the importance of completing their assignments and homework on time. Thank you for your continued support and for all that you do!

🎇 2nd Grade Team, Ready, Set, GO!

Almost There – Let's Finish Strong!

We're nearing the finish line—support our scholars! Together, we're on a mission to achieve greatness!

What's Happening?

Reading: One book a day builds strong readers! Math: Adding & subtracting up to 1,000! Social Studies: Honoring Black History Month! Science: Growing through Progress Learning!

Field Trip Alert!

We're off to the Museum of Discovery & Science on Feb 13, 2025!

iReady: Stay on top of Math & Reading lessons! Homework: Complete assignments on time!

Parents, your support matters! Let's finish this quarter strong!!

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1st Grade

" "Hello February. 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.

Kindergarten

Ready for things to come!



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

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.

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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 ESLS student grow academically and socially. Our ESLS 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.

RT

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.

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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

Now that Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (F.A.S.T) PM2 is completed, teachers and Instructional Coaches have analyzed our students' data and identified targeted areas for support. We are using standards-based resources that target and address our students' specific needs. We are all working diligently to make sure our students are adequately prepared for the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (F.A.S.T.) PM3 in May 2025. Your child can visit the following online sites every day at home to receive additional practice, sharpen their Math skills, and become familiar with FAST question types:

- · i-ready.com
- o Students can access this program through Single Sign-on (SSO) on the Clever Dashboard
- o Students can work on their prescribed Learning Path and teacher-assigned lessons
- o The goal is for every child to reach 50+ minutes each week
- · fldoe.org
- o Scroll down and click on "Students"
- o Click on Assessments
- o Click on Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) Assessments
- o Under "FAST Assessment Resources, click
- "Florida Statewide Assessment Portal"
- o Click on "Florida Statewide Assessment Students & Families"
- o Click on "View Sample Items for VPK-2" or "View Sample Items for Grades 3-10"
- o Click "Sign-in"
- o Select Your Child's Grade
- o Click "Sample Items"
- o Choose Math (Reading & Writing are also available)
- o Click "Select"
- o Click "Begin Test Now"
- o The green arrow in the upper lefthand corner of the screen is used to move to the next page. Your child should spend at least 15-20 minutes every night on these sites. Completing math activities on these programs will result in significant improvement in their performance and success on Topic Assessments, Cumulative Assessments, and ultimately the F.A.S.T. Math PM3 at the end of the school year.

For any questions, concerns or additional resources, please feel free to email me at veronica.jackson@browardschools.com or call (754) 322-6950

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



FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH

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



The online meal application is available in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, and Portuguese at MySchoolApps.com. For more information on Meal Benefits, contact the Food and Nutrition Services Department at

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PIKE SOUSH ENTER! Manje midi gratis oswa pi bon mache

Manje midi gratis oswa pi bon mache disponib pou tout elèv ki elijib selon sitiyasyon ekonomik-yo.



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Aplikasyon pou avantaj bennefis manje disponnib nan lang Angle, Espayòl, Kreyòl ayisyen ak Pòtige sou sit MySchoolApps.com. Pou plis enfòmasyon sou avantai bennefis manie, kontakte Food and **Nutrition Services Department, telefon**

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Servicios de Nutrición y Alimentos de las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Broward (Broward County Public Schools Food and Nutrition Services)



HAGISOLGIUDELLE LMUERZO 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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SOLICITE ON-LINES IERENDA GRATUITA OU A PRECO REDUZIDO

As merendas gratuitas ou a preço reduzido estão disponíveis a alunos que atendem aos requisitos de renda familiar.



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O aplicativo on-line de solicitação de merendas está disponível em inglês, espanhol, crioulo haitiano e português em MySchoolApps.com. Para obter mais informações sobre os Benefícios de Alimentação, entre em contato com o Departamento de Alimentação e Nutrição pelo telefone

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Title I News

Thank you for your attendance at our *Literacy Night* last month! Parents were provided with valuable resources and strategies that can be used at home to help build your child's skills in Reading. It is our hope that you will utilize these resources and make Reading a regular part of your Family Nights at home.

The 2024-2025 Annual Title I School Parent Engagement Survey began on Monday, October 7, 2024. The surveys were sent home in your child's backpack on October 7th and the survey link is also available on our school's website, browardschools.com/markham. This survey is available in English, Spanish and Haitian-Creole. We would like to know how we can continue to serve you and your family and keep you engaged in your child's education. Please take a few minutes to visit our website and complete the survey. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. The results of the survey will be shared at our February SAC meeting.

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. You can access this plan at *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.

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



International Welcome Center Broward County Public Schools

If you are new to the USA and Broward County Public Schools

We can help you navigate the American educational system.

Si eres nuevo en los Estados Unidos y en la Escuelas Públicas de Broward

Podemos ayudarte a navegar el sistema educativo americano.

Si ou nouvo nan peyi Etazini ak lekòl Piblik Broward

Nou ka ede w navige nan sistèm edikasyon Ameriken an.

Se você é novo nos EUA e nas Escolas Públicas do Condado de Broward

Podemos ajudá-lo a navegar no sistema educacional americano.

Contact Us! - ¡Contáctanos! -Kontakte nou! - Contate-nos!

International Welcome Center

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Email: esolparents@browardschools.com







If you need help understanding how the American school system works

If you have questions about school and need to find answers

If your first language is not English but you want to learn it

If you need materials to help your child study at home

For more information please contact us, we can help you!

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ESOL PARENT ENGAGEMENT

An informative session available in both the morning and or evening, where we provide families essential information about Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) Elementary, Middle and High school years, the ESOL program and useful apps like Clever and Focus. We also share valuable tips for parents. We recommend that parents attend without children as the session covers much information that might not hold their interest. Handouts and grade-appropriate reading books are provided for families to take home.

COFFEE WITH ESOL

It is a relaxed, roundtable discussion where we share coffee with parents and engage in dynamic conversations about topics of interest or address any question they may have.

ESOL FAMILY ENGAGEMENT NIGHTS – GAME NIGHTS

Interactive and fun-filled evenings for the entire family. These events focus on a subject area such as ELA/reading or MATH. It combines learning with educational games. We begin the night by sharing tips for parents and distributing handouts. Then, families are grouped by grade level to play games that reinforce the selected subject. At the end of the night, each family takes a game home and books as a token of appreciation.



WE PROVIDE ALL MATERIALS NEEDED

RECOMMENDED FOR ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE

HURRY UP AND SCHEDULE NOW!

FOR MORE DETAILS

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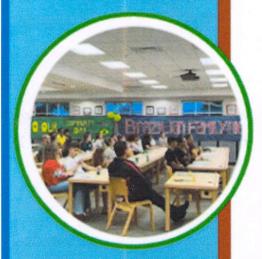


ESOL Parent Engagement



This workshop may include:

- All about the ESOL program
- BCPS and American school system facts
- Attendance, Grading system, Discipline, Calendar, Safety and Security.
- Clever, Canvas, Focus, Xello, and much more!



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Workshops are customized per school.

Available in Spanish, Haitian Creole and Portuguese.

Available in the morning or evening.



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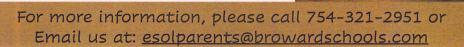
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