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## WELCOME FROM YOUR PASSIONATE PRINCIPAL



Dear Markham Families,

As we welcome the month of March, we're feeling the excitement of spring approaching with warmer weather and blooming flowers. As always, thank you for your continued support in making C. Robert Markham Elementary a place where students thrive! Here are a few important reminders to keep our school community strong and successful:

Every school day counts! Consistent attendance is key to your child's academic success. Please make sure your child arrives on time and stays for the entire day. If an absence is unavoidable, be sure to report it to the school. Let's work together to build strong attendance habits!

We value our partnership with you! Spring parent conferences are a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress and set goals for success. If you haven't already scheduled a conference with your child's teacher, please reach out to do so. Together, we can ensure every student is on track for a strong finish to the school year!

Our Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) plays a vital role in supporting school programs, organizing events, and advocating for our students. We encourage all parents to become members and get involved. Your participation—big or small—makes a difference! Contact the front office for membership details.

Stay up to date with school events, important reminders, and student achievements by following us on our school website and social media platforms. Also, be sure to check Class Dojo and Parent Link messages regularly. Communication is key to staying engaged in your child's education!

Thank you for your continued partnership and dedication to our students' success. Let's keep **"Going for the Gold!"**

With appreciation,

*Junoisier Jurea Allen*  
Principal, C. Robert Markham Elementary School

## Calendar of Events

- 3/3-3/7-National Say Something Week
- 3/14 No Place For Hate Day
- 3/19-Dads for Doughnuts
- 3/19-SAC/SAF/PTO/Science Night @ 5pm, Media Center
- 3/20-Career Day
- 3/21-Employee Planning-No School
- 3/24-3/31 SPRING BREAK
- 4/1-School Resumes



Greetings Markham Families,

Wow! It's hard to believe the school year is almost 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. Being present in the school is one way to show your support. This is accomplished through frequent conferences, involvement in our family nights, attendance at our SAC meetings and PTO events. We are a blessed school community to have such caring and committed parents. We ask for your continued support in our school-wide effort to increase literacy for all students. This means all of our proud 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. Together, we make our school a shining beacon of success!

Educationally Yours,

*Ronnie Frazier, Proud Assistant Principal*

Principal's Message Spanish Continues.....

Timadas familias de Markham:

Al darle la bienvenida al mes de marzo, sentimos la emoción de la llegada de la primavera con un clima más cálido y flores florecientes. Como siempre, ¡gracias por su continuo apoyo para hacer de la escuela primaria C. Robert Markham un lugar donde los estudiantes prosperen! Estos son algunos recordatorios importantes para mantener nuestra comunidad escolar fuerte y exitosa:

¡Cada día escolar cuenta! La asistencia constante es clave para el éxito académico de su hijo. Asegúrese de que su hijo llegue a tiempo y se quede todo el día. Si una ausencia es inevitable, asegúrese de informarlo a la escuela. ¡Trabajemos juntos para desarrollar hábitos de asistencia sólidos!

¡Valoramos nuestra asociación con usted! Las conferencias de padres de primavera son una gran oportunidad para analizar el progreso de su hijo y establecer metas para el éxito. Si aún no ha programado una conferencia con el maestro de su hijo, comuníquese para hacerlo. ¡Juntos, podemos asegurarnos de que cada estudiante esté encaminado para un final sólido del año escolar!

Nuestra Asociación de Padres y Maestros (PTA) desempeña un papel fundamental en el apoyo a los programas escolares, la organización de eventos y la defensa de nuestros estudiantes. Animamos a todos los padres a hacerse miembros y a participar. ¡Su participación, ya sea grande o pequeña, marca la diferencia! Póngase en contacto con la oficina principal para obtener detalles sobre la membresía.

Manténgase al día con los eventos escolares, los recordatorios importantes y los logros de los estudiantes siguiéndonos en el sitio web de nuestra escuela y en las plataformas de redes sociales. Además, asegúrese de consultar los mensajes de Class Dojo y Parent Link con regularidad. ¡La comunicación es clave para mantenerse comprometido con la educación de su hijo!

Gracias por su continua colaboración y dedicación al éxito de nuestros estudiantes. ¡Sigamos "yendo por el oro"!

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

En asociación,

Junoisier Jurea Allen Directora,

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

Chè Fanmi Markham yo,

Pandan n ap akeyi mwa mas la, n ap santi eksitasyon prentan k ap apwoche ak move tan pi cho ak flè k ap fleri. Kòm toujou, di ou mèsi pou sipò ou kontinye nan fè C. Robert Markham Elementary yon kote kote elèv yo pwospere! Men kèk rapèl enpòtan pou kenbe kominote lekòl nou an solid ak siksè:

Chak jou lekòl konte! Prezans konsistan se kle nan siksè akademik pitit ou a. Tanpri asire w ke pitit ou a rive alè epi li rete pou tout jounen an. Si yon absans inevitab, asire w ke ou rapòte l bay lekòl la. Annou travay ansanm pou konstwi bonjan abitud prezans!

Nou apresye patenarya nou avèk ou! Konferans prentan paran yo se yon gwo opòtinite pou diskite sou pwogrè pitit ou a epi fikse objektif pou reyisit. Si w poko pwograme yon konferans ak pwofesè pitit ou a, tanpri kontakte w pou w fè sa. Ansanm, nou ka asire chak elèv sou wout pou yon bon fini ane lekòl la!

Asosyasyon Paran-Pwofesè nou an (PTA) jwe yon wòl enpòtan nan sipòte pwogram lekòl yo, òganize evènman yo, ak defansè pou elèv nou yo. Nou ankouraje tout paran yo vin manm epi patisipe. Patisipasyon w—gran oswa piti—fè yon diferans! Kontakte biwo devan pou detay sou manm yo.

Rete okouran de evènman lekòl yo, rapèl enpòtan, ak reyalizasyon elèv yo lè w suiv nou sou sitwèb lekòl nou an ak platfòm rezo sosyal yo. Epitou, asire w ke w tcheke mesaj Class Dojo ak Parent Link regilyèman. Kominikasyon se kle pou rete angaje nan edikasyon pitit ou a!

Mèsi pou patenarya w kontinye ak devouman w pou siksè elèv nou yo. Ann kontinye "Going for the Gold"!

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

An patenarya,

*Junoisier J. Allen, Fyè Direktè*

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

Caras famílias de Markham,

Ao darmos as boas-vindas ao mês de março, estamos sentindo a emoção da primavera se aproximando com o clima mais quente e flores desabrochando. Como sempre, obrigado por seu apoio contínuo em fazer da C. Robert Markham Elementary um lugar onde os alunos prosperam! Aqui estão alguns lembretes importantes para manter nossa comunidade escolar forte e bem-sucedida:

Cada dia escolar conta! A frequência consistente é a chave para o sucesso acadêmico do seu filho. Certifique-se de que seu filho chegue no horário e fique o dia todo. Se uma ausência for inevitável, certifique-se de relatá-la à escola. Vamos trabalhar juntos para construir hábitos fortes de frequência!

Valorizamos nossa parceria com você! As conferências de pais da primavera são uma ótima oportunidade para discutir o progresso do seu filho e definir metas para o sucesso. Se você ainda não agendou uma conferência com o professor do seu filho, entre em contato para fazer isso. Juntos, podemos garantir que cada aluno esteja no caminho certo para um forte final de ano letivo!

Nossa Associação de Pais e Mestres (PTA) desempenha um papel vital no apoio a programas escolares, organização de eventos e defesa de nossos alunos. Incentivamos todos os pais a se tornarem membros e se envolverem. Sua participação — grande ou pequena — faz a diferença! Entre em contato com a recepção para obter detalhes sobre a associação.

Mantenha-se atualizado com eventos escolares, lembretes importantes e conquistas dos alunos nos seguindo no site da escola e nas plataformas de mídia social. Além disso, certifique-se de verificar as mensagens do Class Dojo e do Parent Link regularmente. A comunicação é fundamental para permanecer engajado na educação do seu filho!

Obrigado por sua parceria contínua e dedicação ao sucesso de nossos alunos. Vamos continuar "indo em busca do ouro"!

Com apreço,

Junoisier Jurea Allen Diretora: 754-322-6950

# THE TORCH HAS BEEN LIT

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

March is a short month because of Spring Break, but we are sharpening our skills to be ready for testing in April and May. Please encourage your students to show up and show out, so that we all can get to graduation day!!!

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Scholars Racing Towards the Goal!!



Students in the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 as 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.

## 4<sup>th</sup> 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!

## ☀ Hi dearest parents!!

We would like to give a SHOUT-OUT to all of you!

Your unwavering support and partnership in your child's education, your encouragement, involvement, and dedication play a vital role in their learning journey, and we Second Grade Team truly appreciate all that you do. From helping with homework to attending school events and fostering a love for learning at home, your efforts make a tremendous difference. Thank you for being such wonderful partners in education. We look forward to continuing this journey together!

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

" Hello March. 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.

## 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.

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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

Thank you for joining us for our Family Math Night last month. We hope you found the strategies and information regarding Math benchmarks helpful. Please continue to encourage your child to log onto [CoolMath4Kids.com](http://CoolMath4Kids.com) to improve their fact fluency and boost their performance in Math.

Math can be easy and fun for you and your child. Math games are fun and inexpensive. Math Games are a wonderful way to help your child enjoy working with numbers, as well as improve their Math skills. Have a Family Math Night at Home. Enjoy friendly competition with math problems, make it a Pizza Night or Ice-Cream Night, and give prizes to the winning team. Making math fun can ease the anxiety that some kids have when it comes to Math.

If you or your child need help with understanding Math concepts and standards, please log onto [MrMathBlog.com](http://MrMathBlog.com). Videos are available by standards and will provide you and your child with step-by-step explanations on how to solve Math problems.

If you have any questions or concerns about Math or need assistance, please feel free to contact Veronica Jackson, Math Coach at (754) 322-6950.

**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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Broward County Public Schools  
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# APPLY ONLINE! FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH

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## 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

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## **Manje midi gratis oswa pi bon mache**

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### **MYSCHOOLAPPS.COM**

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

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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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# SOLICITE ON-LINE!

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



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## Title I News

We appreciate your attendance at the *School Advisory Council* meeting Wednesday February 26. Your concerns, suggestions, and input with developing, evaluating, and revising our *2024-2025 School Improvement Plan, Title I Parent Involvement Plan, and School-Parent Compact* were well-received and appreciated. A copy of each of these documents will be made available for you to review next school year.

Thank you so much for participating in *The Annual Title I School Parent Engagement Survey*. The results are in, and we have reviewed and discussed the results with you at our February 26, 2025 SAC meeting. We appreciate and value your input. We will take your suggestions and adjust to maintain and improve our home-school connection and our service to you and your family.

If you have questions about Title I and the services we provide, please contact **Veronica Jackson, Title I Liaison** at (754) 322-6950.

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