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# The Olympian

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Principal

Ronnie Frazier  
Assistant Principal

## WELCOME FROM YOUR PASSIONATE PRINCIPAL



Dear Markham Families,

As we enter the month of May, our students are in the final stretch of an exciting and productive academic year. This is a critical time, as we are now in the heart of Testing Season. We are incredibly proud of the dedication and effort our Mockingbirds have shown, and we are confident they are ready to "Go for the Gold!" on their upcoming assessments. Your partnership is key to their success, and we'd like to offer a few Reminders and Tips to help your child perform at their very best.

Please make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast each morning. A well-rested and well-nourished mind performs at a higher level. A few words of encouragement before school can also go a long way in building your child's confidence. Make sure your child arrives to school on time each day — testing begins promptly in the morning and uninterrupted time is essential. We also ask that all appointments be scheduled outside of testing days whenever possible.

We continue to promote respectful, responsible, and ready behavior. Please take a moment to remind your child of the importance of listening, staying focused, and being kind to others. These positive behaviors help to maintain a calm and focused environment. Additionally, students should continue to follow the Broward County Public Schools dress code — no crocs, no crop tops, ripped clothing, or inappropriate graphics. Closed toe and closed heel shoes are required. Encouraging your child to "dress for success" reinforces a positive and purposeful mindset.

As testing wraps up, we are excited to celebrate the achievements and growth with end-of-year celebrations such as: **Honor Roll Assemblies, Testing Pep Rallies, Classroom Celebrations, 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony, and the Kindergarten Promotion Ceremony.**

Thank you for your continued support throughout this school year. Together, we have accomplished so much and together we will finish strong. Let's continue to "Go for the Gold."

With appreciation,

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

## Calendar of Events

Asian-American and Pacific Islander Month  
American Muslim Heritage Month  
Jewish American Heritage Month  
5/1 Testing Season Begins  
5/11-5/17 National Prevention Week  
5/18 Haitian Flag Day  
5/21 SAC/SAF/PTO @ 5pm, Media Center  
5/26 Memorial Day-No School  
5/27 School Resumes



Greetings Markham Families and Happy May!

It is hard to believe that we are in the final quarter of our school year. We want to thank each of you for persevering through the uniqueness and challenges of this school year. We are so proud of the dedication and diligence of our students, staff, parents and community.

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. 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. We ask for your continued support in our school-wide effort to increase proficiency for all students.

Finally, please join us for our upcoming Award Ceremonies that will be held the last two weeks of school. We will be having certificates, medals, and trophies to celebrate our students. Please continue to support your child's education by ensuring they complete their homework each evening, read for at least 30 minutes and access our extra electronic support programs. Educationally Yours,

**Ronnie Frazier, Proud Intern Principal**

## Principal's Message Spanish Continues.....

Al comenzar mayo, nuestros estudiantes se encuentran en la recta final de un año académico emocionante y productivo. Este es un momento crucial, ya que nos encontramos en plena temporada de exámenes. Estamos sumamente orgullosos de la dedicación y el esfuerzo que han demostrado nuestros Sinsontes, y confiamos en que están listos para "¡A por el Oro!" en sus próximas evaluaciones. Su colaboración es clave para su éxito, y nos gustaría ofrecerles algunos recordatorios y consejos para ayudar a su hijo a rendir al máximo.

Por favor, asegúrense de que su hijo duerma bien y desayune saludable cada mañana. Una mente bien descansada y bien nutrida rinde a un nivel superior. Unas palabras de aliento antes de la escuela también pueden contribuir enormemente a fortalecer la confianza de su hijo. Asegúrese de que su hijo llegue puntualmente a la escuela todos los días; los exámenes comienzan puntualmente por la mañana y es esencial que no haya interrupciones. También solicitamos que todas las citas se programen fuera de los días de exámenes, siempre que sea posible.

Seguimos promoviendo un comportamiento respetuoso, responsable y dispuesto. Por favor, tómese un momento para recordarle a su hijo/a la importancia de escuchar, mantenerse concentrado/a y ser amable con los demás. Estos comportamientos positivos ayudan a mantener un ambiente tranquilo y centrado. Además, los estudiantes deben seguir el código de vestimenta de las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Broward: no se permiten crocs, blusas cortas, ropa rota ni estampados inapropiados. Se requiere calzado cerrado. Animar a su hijo/a a "vestirse para el éxito" refuerza una mentalidad positiva y con propósito.

¡Gracias por su continuo apoyo para hacer de la Escuela Primaria  
Con la finalización de las pruebas, nos entusiasma celebrar los logros y el crecimiento con celebraciones de fin de año como: Asambleas del Cuadro de Honor, Jornadas de Apoyo a las Pruebas, Celebraciones en el Aula, Ceremonia de Promoción de 5.º Grado y Ceremonia de Promoción de Kínder.  
Gracias por su continuo apoyo durante este año escolar. Juntos, hemos logrado mucho y juntos terminaremos con fuerza. ¡Sigamos luchando por el Oro!

C. Robert Markham un lugar de excelencia en todo lo que hacemos!

**Junoisier Jurea Allen Directora,**

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

Pandan n ap antre nan mwa me a, elèv nou yo nan dènye ane akademik ki enteresan e ki pwodiktif. Sa a se yon moman kritik, paske nou kounye a nan kè Sezon Tès la. Nou ekstrèmman fyè de devouman ak efò Mockingbirds nou yo te montre, e nou gen konfyans ke yo pare pou "Ale pou lò a!" sou evalyasyon k ap vini yo. Patenarya ou a se kle nan siksè yo, epi nou ta renmen ofri kèk Rapèl ak Konsèy pou ede pitit ou a fè pi byen.

Tanpri asire w ke pitit ou a jwenn yon bon nwit epi li manje yon dejene ki an sante chak maten. Yon lespri ki byen repoze ak byen nourri pèfòme nan yon nivo ki pi wo. Kèk mo ankourajman anvan lekòl la ka ede pitit ou a gen konfyans tou. Asire w ke pitit ou a rive lekòl alè chak jou — tès la kòmanse san pèdi tan nan maten epi lè san enteripsyon esansyèl. Nou mande tou pou tout randevou yo pwograme andeyò jou tès yo chak fwa sa posib.

Nou kontinye ankouraje konpòtman respè, responsab e pare. Tanpri pran yon ti moman pou fè pitit ou a sonje enpòtans pou l koute, rete konsantre, ak jantiyès ak lòt moun. Konpòtman pozitif sa yo ede kenbe yon anviwònman kalm ak konsantre. Anplis de sa, elèv yo ta dwe kontinye suiv kòd abiman Lekòl Leta Broward County a — pa gen crocs, pa gen crop top, rad chire, oswa grafik ki pa apwopriye. Fèmèn zòtèy ak soulye talon fèmèn yo obligatwa. Ankouraje pitit ou a "abiye pou siksè" ranfòse yon mantalite pozitif ak objektif.

Pandan tès la fini, nou kontan selebre reyalizasyon yo ak kwasans ak selebrasyon fen ane tankou: Asanble Woulo Onè, Rasanbleman Tès Pep, Selebrasyon Salklas, Seremoni pwomosyon 5yèm ane, ak seremoni pwomosyon jadendanfan.

Mèsi pou sipò ou kontinye pandan ane lekòl sa a. Ansanm, nou te akonpli anpil e ansanm nou pral fini fò. Ann kontinye "Ale pou lò a."

C. Robert Markham Elementary yon kote ekselans nan tout sa nou fè!  
*Junoisier J. Allen, Fyè Direktè*



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

Ao entrarmos no mês de maio, nossos alunos estão na reta final de um ano letivo empolgante e produtivo. Este é um momento crucial, pois estamos no auge da Temporada de Testes. Estamos extremamente orgulhosos da dedicação e do esforço demonstrados por nossos Mockingbirds e confiantes de que eles estão prontos para "Ir em Busca do Ouro!" nas próximas avaliações. Sua parceria é fundamental para o sucesso deles, e gostaríamos de oferecer alguns Lembretes e Dicas para ajudar seu filho a ter o melhor desempenho.

Certifique-se de que seu filho tenha uma boa noite de sono e tome um café da manhã saudável todas as manhãs. Uma mente bem descansada e bem nutrida proporciona um desempenho superior. Algumas palavras de incentivo antes da escola também podem contribuir muito para a confiança do seu filho. Certifique-se de que seu filho chegue à escola no horário todos os dias — os testes começam pontualmente pela manhã e o tempo ininterrupto é essencial. Também pedimos que todos os compromissos sejam agendados fora dos dias de teste, sempre que possível.

Continuamos a promover um comportamento respeitoso, responsável e de prontidão. Reserve um momento para lembrar seu filho da importância de ouvir, manter o foco e ser gentil com os outros. Esses comportamentos positivos ajudam a manter um ambiente calmo e focado. Além disso, os alunos devem continuar a seguir o código de vestimenta das Escolas Públicas do Condado de Broward — sem crocs, tops curtos, roupas rasgadas ou estampas inapropriadas. Sapatos fechados e de salto são obrigatórios. Incentivar seu filho a "se vestir para o sucesso" reforça uma mentalidade positiva e proposital.

Com o fim dos testes, estamos animados para celebrar as conquistas e o crescimento com celebrações de fim de ano, como: Assembleias do Quadro de Honra, Mobilizações de Motivação para os Testes, Celebrações em Sala de Aula, Cerimônia de Promoção do 5º Ano e Cerimônia de Promoção do Jardim de Infância.

Agradecemos o seu apoio contínuo ao longo deste ano letivo. Juntos, conquistamos muito e juntos terminaremos com força total. Vamos continuar "Buscando o Ouro". Obrigado por sua parceria contínua em fazer da C. Robert Markham Elementary um lugar de excelência em tudo o que fazemos!

FeedbaCom apreço,

**Junoisier Jurea Allen Diretora: 754-322-6950**

# THE TORCH HAS BEEN LIT

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

BOOM! Just like that 5<sup>th</sup> grade is going to knock the FAST PM3 testing out the park!!! In the home stretch for Graduation on May 30<sup>th</sup> at Blanche Ely High School. Students must "LOCK IN" for these 3s, 4s and 5s. LET'S GO!!!

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

The month of May is a very important time for our Markham Scholars! We are currently working diligently to help our students finish the academic year strong. We are officially in "Crunch Time" as we prepare our fourth-grade scholars for the PM3 assessment. This is a crucial test, and everyday counts. Please ensure your child is present and on time each day to make the most of their learning opportunities.

As always, feel free to reach out to your child's teacher with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support!

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



May is testing month for our 3rd Grade scholars.

PM3 – this last administration will provide a summative score that will accurately measure student mastery of the B.E.S.T. Standards at the end of the school year.



We would like all our students to succeed and move forward to the next level in our quest for gold - A.

Testing, testing 1,2,3...

1. It is important for students to be well-rested. Go to bed early.
2. Eat a healthy breakfast.
3. Be on time.

## ☀ Hi dearest parents!!

Yaahooo!! We are almost at the finish line! As we move into the next few weeks, we wanted to share some important tips to prepare our 2nd Grade Scholars for their PM3.

Encourage daily reading & Math practice at home.  
(Homework is a big help!)

Build a positive mindset and encourage them to do their BEST.

Ensure that they get a good sleep.

Celebrate their hard work.

We are a TEAM & together, we can do this!

# THE TORCH HAS BEEN LIT

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

" "Hello May. 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.



# THE TORCH HAS BEEN LIT

## 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.

# THE TORCH HAS BEEN LIT

## ELA Department

### How to Help Your Scholar Prepare for Testing

Get a good night's sleep: Encourage your child(ren) to get sufficient rest before the test.

Eat a nutritious breakfast: A healthy breakfast can help child(ren) stay focused and alert.

Practice positive self-talk: Encourage child(ren) to practice positive self-talk to boost confidence and reduce anxiety.

Rest and relaxation: Teach child(ren) relaxation techniques like deep breathing to help them manage stress during the test.

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

## All Things Math

Parents, we would like to thank you for assisting us with improving your child's performance in Math. Studies have shown that students whose parents are actively involved in their child's educational experience produce students who do well in school. Your partnership with us is greatly appreciated.

The 2025 Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (F.A.S.T.) testing window for students in Grades K-5 is May 1-30, 2025. Our teachers are continuing laser-focused, standards/benchmark-based instruction up until testing so that all areas are covered, and our students are prepared to do their best on this year's assessment. Students struggling with certain standards are receiving small group instruction to address and strengthen these skills. It is our hope that the hard work of our teachers and students, along with your help at home, will render the desired results.

We want to make sure our students are arriving at school ready to do their best on the assessments. On testing days, please make sure your child is going to bed no later than 9:00 PM the night before testing, arriving at school on time, and getting a hearty breakfast at home or at school. .

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.



# 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  
Food and Nutrition Services



# 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

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



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# **APLIKE SOU SIT ENTÈNÈT!**

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

Manje midi gratis oswa pi bon mache disponib pou tout  
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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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ENERGÍA!**

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



# **¡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.



**MYSCHOOLAPPS.COM**

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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**MERENDA GRATUITA OU A PREÇO REDUZIDO**

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em contato com o Departamento de Alimentação e Nutrição pelo telefone

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# Mental Health Awareness Month

## #dare2selfcare2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Check your feelings: It is ok, to not be ok.	2 Take time to self-care.	3 Breathe in 4, hold 4, exhale 6. Repeat 3 times.
4 Listen to the waves. 	5 Write down your thoughts, feelings, or goals. 	6 You're never, alone!!	7 Make a playlist of songs that lift your mood	8 Wear green! It's Children's Mental Health Awareness Day.	9 Get out of your head and into the moment!	10 Be hopeful! There's help for you!!
11 List 3 strengths. How can you use them to help someone?	12 Identify three things you appreciate today.	13 Sleep Well...zzz 	14 Say one kind thing to three other people	15 Listen to your favorite music and dance.	16 You're amazing! List 5 positive things about you.	17 Join Walk in My Shoes 
18 Mental Health Action Day! 	19 Do something fun today! 	20 Write a letter to future you and what you hope for yourself.	21 Say one kind thing to yourself.	22 Build a connection! Youth desire to feel cared for.	23 Contact a friend you haven't spoken to in some time.	24 Imagine a negative thought "pop" in a bubble.
25 Get creative! Draw, color,	26 Imagine your peaceful	27 Try something new today.	28 You're allowed to set	29 Love, Educate, Advocate,	30 Be kind to yourself!	



## **Title I News**

Parents and Guardians, we would like to thank you for your participation in all our Title I events this year. We hope we have provided you with skills and strategies to use at home with your child. Studies have shown that students perform better when their parents are actively involved in their education. Hats off to you for pushing, pressing, and showing up for your child!

Please continue to engage your child in learning opportunities and activities during the summer so they are ready for the next grade level.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Title I resources, programs, or activities, please contact Veronica Jackson, Title I Liaison at (754) 322-6950 or you may stop by the front office.

Thanks again for your involvement in your child's educational experience.

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