### **Welcome to**

# Connect to Kindergarten

For parents/guardians with students starting kindergarten in the Fall of 2022.

Thursday, April 28, 2022







#### **Office Staff**



- Principal Lydia P. Smith
- Admin. Assist. Leah Harrison (Subs, Budget)
- Admin. Assist. Colleen Smith (Families, Registrations)





#### Markham PTA







Scan to receive Markham PTA Enews, including information about joining!

#### **PTA School-Wide Events and Activities**

Fall Fun Run - Back to School Night - Grandparents/Special Friends
Day - Carnival - Book Fair - Garden Club - 5th Grade Promotion Yearbook - Talent Show - Field Day - Global Village
Staff Appreciation - Classroom Resources - Virtual Resource Closet

MarkhamPTA@gmail.com - Iris Ringer, president

Markham Elementary School PTA strives to create an atmosphere where every child can succeed and thrive.

The most important contribution you can give is your ENGAGEMENT.



#### MARKHAM CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION (MCCA)





Offering beforeand after-school child care for Markham students



### **THE KINDERGARTEN TEAM - General Education**

Janelle Nelson

**Nicole Kiriazis** 

Mag Savage





#### **SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS**





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- 1. What are you hoping for your child and their time at Markham Elementary?
- 2. What worries you, if anything, about your child starting kindergarten?

Please click on the link in the chat to visit the virtual bulletin board and share your thoughts about your child starting kindergarten. We will address your comments at the end of this presentation.





This is your first child to enter Kindergarten at Markham.





Your incoming kindergartener has been singing, We Don't Talk About Bruno, incessantly in recent weeks.





Your incoming kindergartener loves to build things.





Your child loves to draw or paint.





Your child loves to play sports.





Your child loves to play pretend.

#### MARKHAM VISION STATEMENT



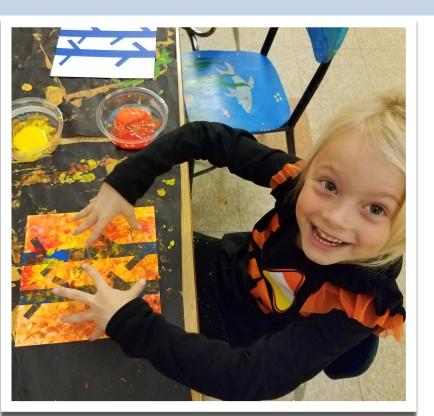


Markham School will provide a compassionate, caring environment where all students, staff and the community are challenged and motivated to achieve their personal, academic and creative best.



#### MARKHAM MISSION STATEMENT





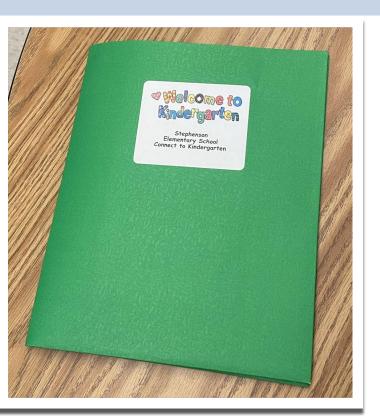
To prepare students to become responsible world citizens and life-long learners, Markham is committed to becoming a professional learning community. We recognize art, music and second language as avenues to self expression and communication and essential to the educational experience of all students.

Markham Elementary School is at its best when all individuals honor each student by name, value their individual contributions and recognize that all students have the ability to strive, shine and succeed. The Markham learning community is at its best with a continued collaborative partnership between school and a highly involved community.



#### **MATERIALS FOR FAMILIES**





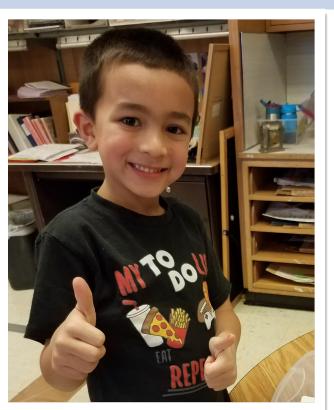
#### **Connect to Kindergarten Packets**

- This <u>DIGITAL VERSION HERE</u> has paper registration forms, information about kindergarten readiness and a book about kindergarten for children.
- If you need a hard copy, call the officel between the hours of 8AM and 4PM.
- 503-916-5681



#### **HOW TO REGISTER YOUR STUDENT**





#### **Register Online**

Visit **pps.net/kinderenroll** 

#### **Prefer Paper?**

Get the Connect to Kindergarten packet from the school office (green folder)

#### **Have Questions?**

Call the school office 503-916-5681, or

**PPS Enrollment & Transfer** 

503-916-3205



#### OTHER STAFF TO BE AWARE OF

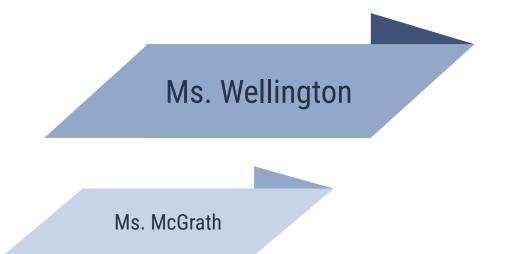


- School Nurse (once a week)
- School Health Assistant (daily)
- School Counselors (1.6)
- 2 English Language Service Teachers (daily)
- 2 Learning Center Teachers (Special Education)
- Speech and Language Pathologist
- School Psychologist (once a week)



#### THE KINDERGARTEN TEAM - Special Education





Learning Center - <a href="mailto:hwellington@pps.net">hwellington@pps.net</a>

Speech Teacher - <a href="mailto:cmcgrath@pps.net">cmcgrath@pps.net</a>

#### K-2 Communication/Behavior Classroom



#### THE KINDERGARTEN TEAM - School Counselors







**Baylee Duncan** 

### **KINDERGARTEN AT MARKHAM**





#### **EDUCATING THE WHOLE CHILD**

- Reading
- Writing
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies

- Library
- Technology
- Dance
- Music
- Social & Emotional Learning

- Art
- Health
- Physical Education



#### KINDERGARTEN AT MARKHAM



#### **SAMPLE SCHEDULE**







- During the 2021-22 school year, all PPS students can have school breakfast and lunch for FREE.
- Lunches include milk (1% or chocolate.)
- Some students choose to bring a sack lunch. Should include a drink.
- There is a nut-free table at lunch.

Visit the <u>PPS Nutrition Services</u> website for menus and other resources.



#### **TRANSPORTATION**



- School buses run in the morning and afternoon.
- Students can be picked up at the school, guardians park and pick up at a designated spot.
- Some students attend the aftercare program, MCCA.
- Teachers or other school staff escort kindergarten students to all after-school destinations.

**Visit the PPS Transportation website for more information.** 



### COMMUNICATIONS



- Monthly newsletter from the teacher
- Remind App
- Markham Family Newsletter from the principal
- PPS news emails occasionally from PPS Communications Department
- Parent Vue\*(access to grades, attendance records, etc.)
  - \* You will get an activation letter after registration.



### **CAN WE REQUEST A TEACHER?**



No. You may, however, send an email to Ms. Smith telling her of your child's specific learning style or special needs. We will take this information into consideration when forming classes.



### **FUTURE EVENTS FOR INCOMING FAMILIES**



# **Global Village** May 13, 5-7 PM

For incoming kindergarten students and an accompanying adult virtually/in-person

# **Connect to Kindergarten & School Tour**

May 11, 3:30-5:00, Markham

Tour begins at 4:30pm

# **Classroom Visit (1:1) Right before school starts**

Families make appointments to meet 1:1 with your child's kindergarten teacher.

Teachers will take a photo of your student that will help in labeling materials in the classroom.



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### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**





### Thank you for joining us!

Please feel free to contact us with any additional questions you may have.

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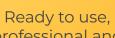
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