October 5, 2018

Welcome to Fall and the Month of October

Markham Families,

The Picasso Chickens are lining the halls assisting us in celebrating the new season. Students are learning about cubism along with warm and cool colors using pastels.

Thank you to all who were able to attend Back to School Night. If you were not able to attend and sign up for a parent/teacher conference, please be sure to contact your child’s teacher to secure a date and time that will work for your family. Conferences are scheduled to run from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM on Monday and Tuesday of November 19th and 20th. There is also no school on November 21st, 22nd and 23rd in celebration of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Thank you PTA for supplying the staff with delicious pizzas and salads on Back to School Night.

Our Parent TAG Information Night and Parent ESL Information Night will be Thursday, November 1st. Both meetings will be held in the library. The ESL meeting will be from 5:30 to 6:15 PM. The TAG meeting will be from 6:30 to 7:15 PM. If you need information regarding Markham’s Talented and Gifted Program please contact Ms. Jolinda Miller, our TAG Coordinator. Her email is jsmiller@pps.net. You can also get information from our TAG Board located in center hall diagonally from the office.

Please follow the link below to our district TAG webpage: http://www.pps.net/Domain/196. If you have questions regarding ESL, please contact Ms. Sheree LeDoux-Leos or Ms. Muna Arafat. Their emails are: sledoux@pps.net and marafat@pps.net.

October Sharing with Shawn is Friday, October 19th from 9:00 to 10:00 in the Neighborhood House Head Start classroom, Rm. 113. This is an informal get together where school information is shared, questions answered, as well as ways to get involved at school. Come and get important information about your school while meeting other Markham parents. Childcare is sponsored by our SUN School Staff for this monthly event. Thank you Markham SUN School!

The Markham Carnival is this month! Mark your calendar for Friday, October 26th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM! This is one of our top attended PTA sponsored events. Each year is filled with memorable fun. Students and adults are able to wear costumes to the night of the carnival, so costumes should not be worn during the school day. Please no weapons, masks or gore.

Reminder: State Wide In-service Day on Friday, October 12th – No School.

Reminder: Correction for our October School Calendar
Sunday the 28th was left out making the last week off by a day. Monday, October 29th is Teacher Planning Day; no school for students. Tuesday, October 30th is Picture Retake Day and Wednesday is October 31st.
Reminder below regarding our SafeOregon Initiative and its purpose and how to access it:

**The SafeOregon Tipline aims to increase student safety**

In keeping with our commitment to student safety, last October PPS joined school districts across the state in using the SafeOregon Tip Line. We want to remind you about this important resource.

SafeOregon was funded by the Oregon Legislature as part of a statewide effort to improve school safety. It provides a secure means for anyone to anonymously report suspicious or imminently unsafe situations, such as threats of violence, fights, drugs and alcohol, weapons, bullying, harassment, intimidation or self-harm.

Anyone, from students to parents to community members, can access the system in a variety of ways, including:
- The “Report unsafe behavior” button found on every PPS school’s website
- The SafeOregon website www.safeoregon.com
- A live call/text (844-472-3367)
- An email to tip@safeoregon.com
- The mobile app that can be downloaded from your Smart Phone via iTunes or Google Play

Trained staff are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to respond. Please be sure to share this information with your friends and family. Remind your student/s: **If you see or hear something, say something - immediately.**

Let’s work together to keep our community safe.

The weather is changing and wearing layers is always a good idea for in the classroom and outside.

Again, we are off to a great start, and I want to thank you for partnering with each of us at Markham to do our best for each student.

Sincerely,

Shawn Garnett
Principal