

January 10, 2020

Happy New Year and Welcome Back Markham Families,

I am hoping you all had a wonderful winter break. Although I enjoyed my time with family and friends, it is certainly nice to be back into a routine.

Many of our students chose to take part in our Winter Break Reading and Writing Challenge by completing some or all of the packet sent home. Students were acknowledged at today's Writing and High Five Awards Assembly and each received a token of appreciation for their effort.

A big thank you to the Cusack Family, Markham grandparents, who gave a donation to our Chromebook fund. Six more carts to go before all 19 classrooms have this resource.

Let's get ready to honor and celebrate our 5th graders with our Chinese New Year Dragon Parade. This signifies a rite of passage for our 5th graders as they are preparing to enter middle school next year. This is a time honored tradition at Markham. **It is Friday, January 24th.** All Markham families are encouraged to come as staff and students line the halls **starting at 2:20** to cheer them on. We are very proud of each one of them!

Spread the Word! Our first Connect to Kindergarten event will be **Thursday, February 20th from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in our auditorium.** The second Connect to Kindergarten event is **Thursday, April 30th from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in our library.** These are both parent only events. During our time together parents gain insight into our kindergarten program and other offerings as to how we support and nurture students' learning. There will be light refreshments sponsored by our PTA and PTA representatives will be available to answer questions. **School Tours for prospective families** will take place on Tuesdays, February 25th, March 3rd, 10th and 17th 9:00 to 10:00 AM. **Please call the office to schedule a tour.**



Markham's Great Northwest Glamp-Out Auction is February 22, 2020. You do not want to miss this fun and worthwhile event! It will take place at Columbia Edgewater Country Club. The address is 2220 NE Marine Drive Portland, OR. Please follow the link for more information and to purchase tickets: markham.schoolauction.net/markham20/.

Markham's Global Village Family Night is coming Thursday, January 30th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. There will be a global spotlight where students share something from a culture of their choosing. There will be treats at some of our country booths. Markham spirit wear will be for sale and much more. Come on out and enjoy the fun.

TAG Enrichment Classes for winter with Mr. Kertay will begin on January 16th through March 19th for 5th and 2nd graders. Fifth grade will choose to do movie making with green screens or coding. Second grade will do Choose-Your-Adventure slide shows.

January **Sharing with Shawn** is Friday the 17th 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 Markham. Come and get important information about your school while meeting other Markham parents. SUN School sponsors childcare for this event. Thank you Markham SUN School!

Sincerely,

Shawn Garnett
Principal