

June 9, 2020

Hello Markham Community,

I was hoping to be able to make my own introduction to Markham's next principal. A decision has not been made as of yet, but I am told it is just on the horizon. I want to thank all of you who have participated in the interviewing process.

This has been a most unusual school year; one I could not have even imagined. Yet, everyone has risen to the occasion.

Yesterday was our Students' Belongings Pick-up. I want to thank the staff who assisted in this event and to the parents who brought refreshments. Our custodial staff will store belongings that have not been picked up. You can call the school next week if you would like to retrieve your child's belongings or wait until fall.

I am excited for tomorrow. We will be celebrating our 5th graders with a virtual promotion and then a staff clap out. They have been resilient through this all, and I want them to know how proud I am of them. Middle school awaits, and I know they are ready. Congratulations 5th Grade Markham Eagles!

Speaking of 5th graders, our very own 5th grader, Andrew S. will have his artwork of Mt. St. Helens displayed in the Artslandia Virtual Showcase taking place today at 6:00 pm. It will be live-streamed at bit.ly/PPSARTS2020. Nice job, Andrew!

The district has asked families to keep PPS issued computers and/or hotspots over the summer unless you know you are not returning to PPS in the fall. If you are not returning, please bring your computer and/or hotspot

to Markham next week between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm Monday through Thursday.

In closing, I want to say thank you, though I feel it is just not enough for all the wonderful gifts, flowers, cards and emails I have received. You really have filled me up to overflowing. My family has felt and deeply appreciated the love, care and support as well.

Markham, you truly are a special school community. And it has been a pleasure and a blessing to have spent nine years with you, all for the sake of our children. I know without a doubt your commitment to children lives on, for without a doubt they are worth it all.

Forever in my heart,
Shawn Garnett
Principal