

Markham Place School

NEWSLETTER



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Message from Mr. Pepe

Greetings Markham Warrior community,

As usual around this time of year, there are a lot of exciting happenings in our schools over the next few weeks!

Our **Girls Basketball** team is playing this afternoon against Tinton Falls in the league championship game! The game will be at 3:45pm at Tinton Falls Middle School. Let's show up to support our girls. Go Warriors!

During **Read Across America Week**, there will be assorted schoolwide activities within the classrooms. As has now become a yearly tradition, our 8th grade students will be "returning to their roots" by walking over to Point Road School to read to our elementary students.

It is that time of year where our talents at Markham are on full display! Our school musical, **The Addams Family** debuts March 12th and runs through that weekend. Ticketing information can be found below. Lastly, the Little Silver PTO's **Markham's Got Talent Show** will be held on Friday, March 27th! There is a lot of excitement about this year's show! We have several acts registered already. Please see the newsletter flyer below for more details on registering.

Information about all of the above, and much more, can be found in this newsletter.

As always, thank you for sending us your children!

Respectfully,

Antonio Pepe
Principal

Upcoming Dates & Events

DATE	EVENT	TIME & LOCATION
Monday, 02/23 thru Friday, 02/27	Scholastic Book Fair	During School Hours MPS Media Center
Tuesday, 02/24	Little Silver PTO Meeting	8:00pm Via Zoom
Wednesday, 02/25	Markham Alliance Breakfast	7:45am Art Room
Wednesday, 02/25	PTO Cultural Arts Assembly Black Women in History	During School Hours
Wednesday, 02/25	Esports/Computer Club Meeting	3:05pm MPS Esports Lab
Wednesday, 02/25	Red Bank Regional Parent Program Protect Your Kids From Vaping	6:30pm RBR Auditorium
Thursday, 02/26	5th Grade LEAD Program	During AM School Hours
Thursday, 02/26	Scholastic Book Fair After School Shopping Event	3:05pm MPS Media Center
Friday, 02/27	PTO/EFLS Gala “ Moon & Stars Soiree ”	7:00pm Avenue Long Branch
Monday, 03/02 thru Friday, 03/06	Read Across America Week	
Monday, 03/02	8th Grade Visiting Point Road School for Read Across America Day	During School Hours
Wednesday, 03/04	Peer Leader Trip to Point Road	During School Hours
Wednesday, 03/04	5th Grade LEAD Program	During AM School Hours
Wednesday, 03/04	Esports/Computer Club Meeting	3:05pm MPS Esports Lab
Monday, 03/09	PTO Warrior Grant Assembly Eddie Cortes Digital Citizenship	During School Hours

Tuesday, 03/10	<u>Challenge Day</u> (7th Grade)	During School Hours
Wednesday, 03/11	5th Grade LEAD Program	During AM School Hours
Wednesday, 03/11	Esports/Computer Club Meeting	3:05pm MPS Esports Lab
Thursday, 03/12 - Saturday, 03/14	School Play Performances The Addams Family Musical	<i>*See flyer below for ticketing information</i>



READ LIKE A CHAMPION!

**DISCOVER YOUR NEXT GREAT
READ AT THE
MARKHAM PLACE SCHOOL**

BOOK FAIR



FEBRUARY 24TH-26TH

MPS MEDIA CENTER

ALL STUDENTS WILL HAVE A
CHANCE TO ATTEND THE FAIR
DURING LANGUAGE ARTS

CREATE AN
EWALLET FOR
YOUR STUDENT
AND LEARN
MORE 

**TEAM UP FOR
FAMILY SHOPPING
AFTER SCHOOL ON
THURSDAY 2/26
3:15-4:15**

**WANT TO
VOLUNTEER? EMAIL
DPETRONE@LITTLES
ILVERSCHOOLS.ORG**



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Link to Create an [EWallet](#) for your Child



Everyone is welcome

Markham Alliance

FEBURARY 25TH

7:45AM IN THE ART ROOM

BRING YOUR BREAKFAST
ENJOY A DRINK & CRAFT



**The
Addams
Family
MUSICAL
young@part®**

**Thursday, March 12th
4:30 PM**

**Friday, March 13th
7:00 PM**

**Saturday, March 14th
7:00 PM**

Ticketing Information

All tickets will be sold online by visiting: <https://cur8.com/> and search "Little Silver".

Public Ticket Sales

Ticket sales will begin on **Wednesday, March 4th** and will be available for anyone in the community to purchase tickets.

Ticket Pricing

Thursday, March 12th at 4:30 PM

Ticket price: \$10 per person plus processing fees

Senior citizens can receive 1 complimentary ticket per person for the **THURSDAY performance by contacting Ms. Files at afiles@littlesilverschools.org.**

Friday, March 13th at 7:00 PM

Ticket price: \$10 per person plus processing fees

Saturday, March 14th at 7:00 PM

Ticket price: \$10 per person plus processing fees

****FOUR(4) Front-Row tickets for the Friday 3/13 and Saturday 3/14 performances will be auctioned off at the [PTO/EFLS Gala](#) on Friday, 2/27.****



Register today!
Help us reach our school goals!



MARKHAM PLACE SCHOOL AMERICAN HEART CHALLENGE UPDATE!

Our school's **American Heart Challenge** is in full swing! The focus of this program is to encourage students and staff to care for their hearts and minds, help kids with special hearts and learn lifesaving Hands-Only CPR by completing Finn's Mission!

We need your help to reach our Principals Challenge goal of having half of our school enrollment sign up today!

Join our school team today!

- **Sign Up:** Scan the QR code and download the **"AHA Schools" App** or go to www.heart.org/schools
- **Collect donations to help kids with special hearts.**
- **Complete Finn's Mission:** Learn Hands-Only CPR, the warning signs of a stroke, and earn your lifesavers socks and be entered to win 2 tickets to Super Bowl LXI!
- **Share with Family & Friends:** Post on social media and **send 10** emails and texts. *There are messages already written for you in the app and in your online headquarters!*
- **Check to see** if your employer has a matching gift program—it could double your donation! Follow the steps and forward the confirmation to MatchingGifts@heart.org.

Once half the students in our school register and we raise at least \$1,000 for the AHA, we will earn an **EXTRA \$500 to shop for wellness and PE equipment for our students!** All students will receive a wristband just for registering. By registering, you can also help your class win the classroom challenge! The top class overall with highest % of students registering and raising the most donations will earn Extra Recess, and the Teacher will earn an Extra Prep!



Students that complete Finn's Mission will be entered into a drawing for a HIPPO WARMIE!



When we reach our Principal's Challenge goal, the first class to have 100% of its students registering can Silly String Mr. Pepe!
When we reach our impact goal of raising \$3,000 for kids with special hearts, 5 random students raising \$50 or more + students completing Finn's Mission can also Silly String Mr. Pepe!

REGISTER [HERE!](#)

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RED BANK REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

OUR MISSION: TO ENSURE THE ACADEMIC SUCCESS & PERSONAL GROWTH OF ALL STUDENTS WHILE DEVELOPING IN THEM A PASSION FOR LEARNING.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Red Bank Regional High School District would like to invite parents and guardians from our sending districts to attend an upcoming Parent Information Night focused on teen vaping and nicotine use. The presentation will feature Timothy Shoemaker, a nationally recognized speaker who works closely with schools and families across the country.

The event will take place on Tuesday, February 25 at 6:30 PM in the Red Bank Regional Auditorium.

While this presentation is hosted by the high school, the information shared is highly relevant for parents of middle school students. Research shows that early awareness, open communication, and clear expectations play a critical role in prevention, making this an ideal opportunity for families to engage before students transition to high school.

This parent-focused session will:

- Share current trends related to teen vaping, nicotine, and substance use
- Help parents understand why these products can be appealing to adolescents
- Offer realistic, effective strategies for talking with children in a positive, non-confrontational way
- Provide practical tools families can use to support healthy decision-making

To get a preview of the evening, please take a moment to view these materials:

- Event Flyer: [Save Your Breath](#)
- Short Video: [Save Your Breath](#)

We truly believe this will be a valuable and empowering evening for parents and guardians, and we hope you will consider attending. Please register [HERE](#).

We hope to see you on February 25 at 6:30 PM. The presentation will include Spanish subtitles and audio translation options.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Timpone

Principal, Red Bank Regional High School

EVENT FLYER: [Save Your Breath](#)

SHORT VIDEO: [Save Your Breath](#)

REGISTRATION [LINK!](#)

2026 Summer Slam – Red Bank Regional

8th Grade Parents



Below you will find links for Red Bank Regional High School's 2025 Summer Slam brochures as well as a Google Survey link for sign-up.

Program Details

Dates: July 6th - July 30th

Time: 8am - 1pm

Lunch will be provided

Transportation will be provided

Students who attend all 4 weeks of the program receive 2.5 credits towards graduation

[Summer Slam Brochure 2026](#)

[Google Form](#) for signing up electronically

MGT 2026

Performance is Friday March 27th

Please submit the form to the front office or email it
to markhamsgottalent@gmail.com

Include all information and participants in your act

NAME _____

GRADE _____

ACT (if interested in MC - 8th grade only, write MC)

If you are a group, please list ALL members:

Parent email: _____

Parents Name _____

Parent Cell # _____

****Students must attend at least 2 if not ALL rehearsals.**
Rehearsal Schedule: **Tues. 24th, Wed. 25th, Thurs. 26th 3:15-5pm**

RETURN FORM NO LATER THAN **FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH**
Return Form to Lindsay Johnson at markhamsgottalent@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing all of your greatness!!



IMMEDIATE SUPPORT FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES

1-877-652-7624

SERVICES ARE FREE & CONFIDENTIAL

A caring professional from CPC Integrated Health will arrive in one hour at your home, or a location of your choice, to provide support & assistance with your family's mental health needs.

Let's respond together.

When you and your child need support, we're here for you - every step of the way. We can help with:

- Stress, anxiety, depression, overwhelming or suicidal thoughts
- Aggression, school refusal, running away
- Substance use
- Bullying, family conflict, or the death of a loved one
- Self harm, cutting and other challenges

Call today, help is available 24/7/365.

Children's Mobile Response uses a family focused approach to help children ages 5-21 experiencing a behavioral or emotional crisis. Immediate, in-home stabilization services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year in Monmouth County. Services are designed to defuse an immediate crisis, maintain a safe living environment for the child and family, prevent unnecessary hospitalizations and reduce the need for out-of-home placements. Services include: crisis evaluation and intervention, treatment planning, linkage to in-home or outpatient therapy, safety planning, linkage to behavioral assistance/supports, access to community resources, referral to follow-up services and stabilization services for up to 8 weeks.

To access services, call PerformCare 1-877-652-7624 and you will be connected to CPC Integrated Health.



Children's Mobile Response Team

Rapid Response
Resource Connection
Ongoing Counseling
Always Free



ATTN: 7th Grade Parents



Dear Parents/Guardians,

On Tuesday, March 10th all 7th grade students will participate in Challenge Day. Challenge day is a full day SEL program designed to break down walls, create connections and improve the overall culture and climate of the school.

Challenge Day leaders begin the morning by helping students step out of their comfort zones through music and games. When the kids begin to feel safe in the group, they are then willing to be vulnerable with one another and connect as human beings and no longer from stereotypes and labels that have been placed upon them. Leaders also spend a portion of the morning talking about the healthy expression of emotions, and the negative effects of keeping feelings inside.

During the afternoon, participants dive into deeper issues and examine the impact various events have had on their lives and the lives of people around them. By the end of the afternoon, participants have an opportunity to take a stand, make amends for hurts they have caused each other, and state their commitment to creating change on their campus and in their community. The day is both inspiring and awakening for students and adults.

Challenge Day programs increase self-esteem, help shift peer pressure to positive peer support, and reduce the acceptability of teasing. The program inspires youth and communities to Be the Change they wish to see in the world, and challenge others to do the same.

This is an opt out only event, if you have any questions or concerns please reach out to Mrs. Ponterio or Mr. Pepe.

Please check out the Challenge Day website for more information.

Website link: <https://www.challengeday.org/>

Thank you to the LS PTO and LS Board of Education for making this event possible!



LITTLE SILVER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Cafeteria Menu for February 2026

Student Lunch \$6.00 Adult lunch \$6.00

GOURMET SANDWICH OF THE WEEK \$ 7.00

GOURMET SALAD OF THE WEEK \$7.00

FRESH FRUIT AND YOGURT PARFAIT \$4.50

HOMEMADE SOUP \$3.25

Two Complete Lunch Choices Daily

Hot Entree Lunch

Bagel Lunch (with Yogurt and String Cheese)

All Lunches are served with homemade soup, fresh Fruit, fresh veggies and Choice of milk or water

Follow this link for Nutritional Information and Pricing of Snacks



www.simplifiedculinaryservices.com

**Please note menu items are subject to change depending upon availability **

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Soup of the Day Chicken Noodle	Soup of the Day Chicken Noodle	Soup of the Day Chicken Noodle	Soup of the Day Chicken Noodle	Soup of the Day Chicken Noodle
2 NAE Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Cream of Broccoli with Cheddar Soup	3 Waffle Sticks Hashbrown Sausage Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Cream of Broccoli with Cheddar Soup	4 Pasta with Homemade, Locally Sourced Marinara Mixed Vegetables Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Cream of Broccoli with Cheddar Soup	5 Hand Tossed Pizza Garden Salad Homemade Soup Fresh Fruit Milk or Water	6 Chicken Patty Sandwich Roasted Carrots Homemade Soup Fresh Fruit Milk or Water
9 NAE Chicken Nuggets Corn Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Tomato Basil Soup	10 Pancakes Hashbrown Sausage Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Tomato Basil Soup	11 Pasta with Homemade, Locally Sourced Marinara Garden Salad Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Tomato Basil Soup	12 Early Dismissal No lunch Served	13 Staff PD Day School Closed
16 Presidents Day School Closed	17 French Toast Sticks Hashbrown Sausage Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Cream of Tortellini	18 Asian Sesame Chicken Lo Mein Bowl Edamame Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Cream of Tortellini	19 Hand Tossed Pizza Garden Salad Homemade Soup Fresh Fruit Milk or Water	20 Lemon Butter Chicken with Orzo Steamed Broccoli Fresh Fruit Homemade Soup Milk or Water
23 NAE Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Cream of Potato and Cheddar	24 Waffle Sticks Hashbrown Sausage Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Cream of Potato and Cheddar	25 Pasta with Homemade Meat Sauce Green Beans Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Cream of Potato and Cheddar	26 Hand Tossed Pizza Garden Salad Homemade Soup Fresh Fruit Milk or Water	27 Chicken Stir Fry Bowl with Basmati Rice Homemade Soup Fresh Fruit Milk or Water
				
Simplified Culinary Services is proud to say we CAN and DO accommodate many dietary needs and requests. Contact the Cafe Manager, Colleen Kolacki (cafe@littlesilverschools.org) with any questions.				

February [Gourmet Menu](#)

February [Vegetarian Gourmet Menu](#)