Markham Place School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr. Pepe

Greetings Markham Warrior community,

The final month of the 2025-26 school year is fast-approaching! With all of our upcoming schoolwide happenings (inclusive of testing starting next week), the next few weeks will most certainly fly by!

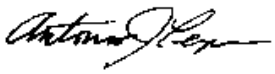
Students will continue to hear messages from me about finishing the school year strong, building upon the work they have done this school year, and setting a positive tone heading into the summer (and next school year).

Please mirror these messages at home! We will have more school days in June than usual, so it is super important for our kiddos to remain focused.

Please attend to the important information in the newsletter below.

As always, thank you for sending us your children!

Respectfully,



Antonio Pepe
Principal

Upcoming Dates & Events

DATE	EVENT	TIME & LOCATION
Monday, 05/18 - Friday, 05/22	NJSLA-Adaptive Testing (See Info Below)	During AM School Hours
Wednesday, 05/20	Spring Band Concert	7:00pm MPS Cafetorium
Wednesday, 05/20	Esports/Computer Club Meeting	3:05pm MPS Esports Lab
Friday, 05/22	LSEA Pretzel Day Click Here to Order!	During School Hours
Friday, 05/22	Early Dismissal for Memorial Day	12:30pm Dismissal PM Staff PD Day
Monday, 05/25	School Closed for Memorial Day 	MPS Band Performing at Little Silver Memorial Day Parade 9:00am
Tuesday, 05/26	Red Bank Regional Athletics Meeting (Current Interested 8th Graders)	During PM School Hours
Tuesday, 05/26	Little Silver PTO Meeting	8:00pm Via Zoom
Wednesday, 05/27 & Thursday, 05/28	iReady Spring Benchmark for MATH (6th-8th Grades)	During AM School Hours
Wednesday, 05/27	Evening of the Arts Volunteers Needed!	5:00-7:00pm MPS Cafetorium & Main Hallways

Wednesday, 05/27	**Schoolwide Spring Concert**	**During School Hours**
Wednesday, 05/27	**Spring Chorus & Orchestra Concert**	**7:00pm** **MPS Cafetorium**
Wednesday, 05/27	**Esports/Computer Club Meeting**	**3:05pm** **MPS Esports Lab**
Thursday, 05/28	**Tech/STEM Day at RBR** **(Select 7th Grade Students)**	**During School Hours**
Thursday, 05/28	**Washington DC Trip Student Expectations Meeting (8th Grade)**	**During School Hours**
Friday, 05/29	**Trills & Thrills Music Trip**	**During School Hours**
Monday, 06/01 - Wednesday, 06/10	**Collection Drive for Lunch Break**	
Monday, 06/01	**RBR Math Final Exam** **(Select 8th Grade Students)**	**During School Hours**
Tuesday, 06/02	**Project Write Now (7th)**	**During ELA Classes**
Wednesday, 06/03 - Friday, 06/05	**Washington DC Trip (8th Grade)** 	
Wednesday, 06/03	**Project Write Now (6th)**	**During ELA Classes**
Wednesday, 06/03	**Esports/Computer Club Meeting**	**3:05pm** **MPS Esports Lab**
Thursday, 06/04	**Project Write Now (7th)**	**During ELA Classes**
Thursday, 06/04	**Ice Cream with A Cop**	**4:00-5:30pm** **Little Silver Carvel**
Friday, 06/05	**Project Write Now (6th)**	**During ELA Classes**

NJSLA-A Testing **SAME INFORMATION FROM May 1st Principal's Newsletter**

NJSLA-A and NJSLA Testing will be occurring districtwide during the 3rd week in May (May 18th-22). As you know from previous district and school communications, students in all grades will be taking the state's new adaptive assessment for English Language Arts and Mathematics.

Testing Dates & Times

- Students in all grades will be taking NJSLA-A for ELA and Mathematics on **Monday, May 18th thru Wednesday, May 20th** in the morning.
- Students in 5th and 8th grades will also be taking the NJSLA Science assessment on **Thursday, May 21st and Friday, May 22nd**.
- We anticipate that testing will conclude by 12:00 or earlier, each day.

Important Tips & Reminders

- **Get Some Rest!** On the dates of testing, it is a good idea for all of our students to get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast prior to arriving at school.
- **Be On Time!** It is very important for students to arrive on time each day in order to avoid missing the test. *Once testing has begun students will not be able to join their testing site.*
- **Charge Your Chromebook!** Ensure that your child has a fully charged Chromebook each day.
    - *If your child has a damaged or partially damaged Chromebook, please encourage them to see the technology department ASAP so it can be repaired prior to testing.*
- **Bring In Headphones!** Students will need a set of wired headphones. These should be sent in to your child's homeroom. Our teachers will coordinate this with students.

You may notice your child experiencing some test anxiety. It is a good practice to encourage your child to do their very best, while also reminding them that one test does not define them. If your child is experiencing test anxiety, and you need additional support from school, please reach out to Mrs. Ponterio at aponterio@littlesilverschools.org for support.

Teacher Appreciation Week

We wanted to give a huge thank you to the Little Silver PTO for all that they did to shower our teachers and staff with love last week during Teacher Appreciation Week. Our school was buzzing with cheer from all of the daily themes and generous celebrations that the PTO and parent volunteers organized for our staff. Thank you so much!

Spring Track

Congratulations to our spring Track & Field athletes who enjoyed a great season! We had several student-athletes who competed in the all-start meet, which was held on Thursday, May 14th. Here is a shot of our athletes who competed. Great job Warriors!



Baseball & Softball

The Markham Place baseball and softball teams have each enjoyed a stellar season that has culminated in a run to the championship game in their respective leagues!

Both championship games will be held on Tuesday, May 19th at visiting sites. The information on each game is below:

Softball Championship vs. Tinton Falls
Tuesday, May 19th
3:45pm Tinton Falls Middle School

Baseball Championship vs. Shrewsbury
Tuesday, May 19th
3:45pm Shrewsbury Borough School

Pulsera Project Recap

We are thrilled to announce that the students and staff of Markham Place raised a total of **$1,802** for this year's Pulsera Project sale. Combined with last year's total, our school has raised an incredible $4,283 in only 2 years for the artisans and communities of Nicaragua and Guatemala. Thank you so much for your enthusiasm in helping us to "Color the World!"

Please enjoy this very special feature from our Broadcast Studio about this year's Pulsera Project!

Pulsera Project Feature



MARKHAM
PLACE SCHOOL



Last chance to reserve a copy of the Markham yearbook!

2026

Only a few copies left - reserve yours today!
Yearbook distribution and signing will take place during the last week of school.

www.jostens.com

Questions? Email
yearbook.markham@gmail.com

PRETZEL DAY 5/22

BUY A PHILLY PRETZEL FOR $3

PRETZEL & A DIP FOR $5

ENJOY ON THE HALF DAY MAY 22 AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

ORDER BY 5/20

ORDER ONLINE HERE

HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/LSPRETZELSALE



CHEDDAR CHEESE DIP



CINNAMON SUGAR DIP



YELLOW MUSTARD DIP

At Checkout on Zeffy, you can elect to purchase without making an additional donation
nutritional information on the philly pretzel website


Markham
Evening of the Arts
May 28th
ART SHOW, STEM SHOWCASE &
BROADCAST STUDIO OPEN HOUSE
5:00PM - 7:00PM
CHORUS & ORCHESTRA CONCERT
7:00PM


Markham
Art Show
volunteers needed
MAY 27TH & 28TH
DURING THE SCHOOL DAY
CLICK HERE TO VOLUNTEER

Cereal/Oatmeal Collection to benefit Lunch Break June 1st-10th

Bring in healthy cereal or oatmeal to stock the shelves at Lunch Break




ICE CREAM WITH A COP
LITTLE SILVER POLICE NJ
JUNE 4TH 2026
4:00PM TO 5:30PM
Carvel
523 PROSPECT AVE
LITTLE SILVER NJ 07739
KIDS ENJOY A FREE SMALL SOFT SERVE CUP/CONE

Summer Music Program



July 6th - July 9th - Ukulele & Guitar Enrichment Camp

Registration Link for Ukulele/ Guitar Session

Students will learn the basic foundation of how to play chords and strum patterns on both the ukulele and the guitar. All instruments and music will be provided. Students will perform a variety of styles of music including folk, blues, rock and pop. Camp will conclude with a short recital for parents on Thursday, July 9th during the last 15 minutes of the session.

8:00 - 9:00 - Incoming 4th Grade
9:00 - 10:00 - Incoming 5th Grade
10:00 - 11:00 - Incoming 6th Grade
11:00 - 12:00 - Incoming 7th & 8th Grades

July 13th - July 16th - Band (Woodwind, Brass & Percussion) Enrichment Camp)

Registration Link for Band Session

Students will receive instruction on music literacy, tone and technique on how to play a woodwind or brass instrument. All students will need their own instrument with the exception of students enrolled in the beginner band instrument exploration class. Sanitized woodwind and brass instruments will be provided for that class only. There will be a short recital for family and friends on Thursday, July 16th during the last 15 minutes of the session.

8:00 - 8:30 - Percussion - Incoming grades 5 & 6 only
8:30 - 9:00 - Beginner Band Instrument Exploration- Never had a lesson before, instruments will be provided
9:00 - 10:00 - Incoming 5th Grade
10:00 - 11:00 - Incoming 6th Grade
11:00 - 12:00- Incoming 7th & 8th Grades (All Shore Band Audition Prep)

July 20th - July 23rd - Voice & Ensemble Singing Enrichment Camp

Registration for Vocal Music Session

Students will receive instruction on aural listening skills, vocal tone production, and technique. Students will sing a variety of music ranging from folk, Broadway and pop styles. Solo opportunities will be available. All music and materials will be provided. There will be a short recital for family and friends during the last 15 minutes of the session on July 23rd.

8:00 - 9:00 - Incoming 4th Grade
9:00 - 10:00 - Incoming 5th Grade
10:00 - 11:00 - Incoming 6th Grade
11:00 - 12:00 - Incoming 7th & 8th Grades

July 27th - July 30th - Orchestra Enrichment Camp

Registration for orchestra session

Students will receive instruction on music literacy, tone and technique on a string instrument including violin, viola, cello and bass. All students will need their own instrument with the exception of students enrolled in the beginner violin exploration class. Violins will be provided for that class only. There will be a short recital for parents on Thursday, July 30th during the last 15 minutes of the session.

8:00 - 9:00 - Beginner Exploration Violin for incoming 4th Graders - Violins will be provided
9:00 - 10:00 - Incoming 5th Grade
10:00 - 11:00 - Incoming 6th Grade
11:00 - 12:00 - Incoming 7th & 8th Grades

Questions?
Please contact Stephanie Bennett at sbennett@littlesilverschools.org

Register Here for Summer Music Programs

REGISTER HERE (All Sessions)

Community Flyers



TRINITY HALL INVITES ALL 5TH, 6TH AND 7TH GRADE GIRLS

TO TAKE AN EXCLUSIVE LOOK

BEHIND THE HALLS

Friday, May 29, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

AND LEARN MORE ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES TO BE A MONARCH THIS SUMMER!

REGISTER HERE:

QUESTIONS? EMAIL CECILIA PETERS: CPETERS@TRINITYHALLNJ.ORG

REGISTER HERE


2026 FALL SEASON
NFL FLAG
of OCEAN
FOOTBALL
LEAGUE
AGES 7 - 14
(7-9) (10-12) (13-14) AGE DIVISIONS
LEAGUE INFORMATION
All games are played on Sunday mornings at the Municipal Gym Fields on West Park Ave. in Ocean Township.
REGISTER AS A TEAM OR INDIVIDUAL
$250/player includes jersey and flag belt
More info & registration form:
www.nflflagofocean.com
Call Jenna for more info:
(732) 539-9038
This is not a school sponsored event and does not have the approval of the Board of Education, is not the responsibility of the Board of Education, and is solely the responsibility of the mailer. That the material is distributed through the School District should not be taken as an endorsement of the event by the Board of Education.

LITTLE SILVER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Cafeteria Menu for May 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
Simplified Culinary Services				1 Cheeseburgers Mashed Sweet Potato Fresh Fruit Milk or Water
4 NAE Chicken Nuggets Corn Fresh Fruit Milk or Water **Farro & Spinach** V	5 Pancakes Hashbrown Sausage Fresh Fruit Milk or Water **Farro & Spinach** V	6 Pasta with Locally Sourced Marinara Meatballs Garden Salad Fresh Fruit Milk or Water **Farro & Spinach** V	7 Hand Tossed Pizza Garden Salad Homemade Soup Fresh Fruit Milk or Water	8 Nachos with Grass Fed Beef and Cheese lettuce, salsa, sour cream Edamame Fresh Fruit Milk or Water
11 NAE Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Fresh Fruit Milk or Water **Corn Chowder**	12 Waffle Sticks Hashbrown Sausage Fresh Fruit Milk or Water **Corn Chowder**	13 Pasta with Locally Sourced Marinara Green Beans Fresh Fruit Milk or Water **Corn Chowder**	14 Hand Tossed Pizza Garden Salad Homemade Soup Fresh Fruit Milk or Water	15 Italian Grilled Cheese with Homemade Marinara Garden Salad Fresh Fruit Milk or Water
18 NAE Chicken Nuggets Corn Fresh Fruit Milk or Water **Pasta Fagiola** V	19 French Toast Sticks Hashbrown Sausage Fresh Fruit Milk or Water **Pasta Fagiola** V	20 Pasta with Grass-Fed Bolognese Garden Salad Fresh Fruit Milk or Water **Pasta Fagiola** V	21 Hand Tossed Pizza Garden Salad Homemade Soup Fresh Fruit Milk or Water	22 Early Dismissal No Lunch Served
25 Memorial Day School Closed	26 Pancakes Hashbrown Sausage Fresh Fruit Milk or Water **Potato Cheddar**	27 Pasta with Locally Sourced Marinara Roasted Butternut Squash Fresh Fruit Milk or Water **Potato Cheddar**	28 Hand Tossed Pizza Garden Salad Homemade Soup Fresh Fruit Milk or Water	29 Crispy Chicken Patty Sandwich Green Beans Homemade Soup Fresh Fruit Milk or Water

May Gourmet Menu

May Vegetarian Gourmet Menu