

Markham Place School

NEWSLETTER



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Message from Mr. Pepe

Greetings Markham Warrior community,

Busy times for our students and staff here at Markham Place! Featured in this newsletter are highlights from some of our AMAZING school events that were held over the past few weeks. Our students and staff are doing some great things!

I also wanted to draw your attention once again to our **procedures for dropping students off in the morning** at Markham Place School, which are reviewed below.

As parents, I am really asking for your help here.

Despite the appreciation that I expressed in my fall newsletter, there has been an uptick in parents disregarding the safety procedures and dropping off on North Lovett - often stopping right in the lane of travel and/or blocking the entry to the staff parking lot at a critical time.

While I understand that waiting in the drop-off line might not be a great option for everyone, I ask that you find one of the other solutions outlined below that works for you. **If need be, I would be happy to help work with you on your individual situation to see what may work best for you.** Please email me (apepe@littlesilverschools.org) or call and we can brainstorm together. I kindly ask that you read the information below and please help us out!

Please attend to the information in the newsletter below. As always, thank you for sending us your children!

Respectfully,

Antonio Pepe
Principal

Morning Drop-Off

Parent Drop-Off – Markham Place, Lovett**NOT on North Lovett & Faculty Parking Lot**

Student drop off can occur safely in the following ways:

Lovett Ave - Pull alongside the curb line to drop off your student (not in the lane of travel, or where the curbline is painted yellow).

Markham Place - Drop off on northbound side of Markham Place, in the school dropoff line. Please wait until you are in one of the designated drop off spots (pictured below). Dropping off your child before this dropoff zone creates an unsafe situation for your child and other motorists. Also, when pulling away from the drop off zone, be mindful that there is thru traffic heading northbound on your left. Do not drop off on the southbound side of Markham Place (heading toward Prospect).



Please DO NOT drop off in the areas below:

North Lovett & Faculty Parking Lot - Please avoid dropping students off in the morning on North Lovett, or in the faculty parking lot off North Lovett. **It creates an unsafe situation for your child and other motorists.** In addition, a traffic backup on North Lovett can result in delayed staff arrival, which impacts our ability to properly prepare for and supervise student arrival.

Upcoming Dates & Events

DATE	EVENT	TIME & LOCATION
Wednesday, 03/25	End of Trimester 2	
Wednesday, 03/25	School Play Cast Walking Field Trip to RBR	During School Hours
Wednesday, 03/25	5th Grade LEAD Program	During AM School Hours
Wednesday, 03/25	Esports/Computer Club Meeting	3:05pm MPS Esports Lab
Wednesday, 03/25	Little Silver BOE Meeting <i>Student Recognition</i>	6:00pm Exec Session 7:00pm Public Meeting MPS Cafetorium
Thursday, 03/26	Extended AM Homeroom Converlation Program	During School Hours
Thursday, 03/26	6th Grade Parent Converlation Activity Sign-Up Here	8:15-9:15am MPS Cafetorium
Friday, 03/27	7th Grade Probability Day	During School Hours
Friday, 03/27	Markham's Got Talent	7:00pm MPS Cafetorium
Monday, 03/30	Project Write Now (8th)	During ELA Classes
Tuesday, 03/31	Project Write Now (8th)	During ELA Classes
Wednesday, 04/01	5th Grade LEAD Program	During AM School Hours
Wednesday, 04/01	Esports/Computer Club Meeting	3:05pm MPS Esports Lab
Wednesday, 04/01	Report Cards Available	4:00pm Via Genesis Parent Access
Friday, 04/03	Early Dismissal for Spring Break	12:30PM Dismissal
Saturday, 04/04 - Sunday 04/12	Spring Break	School Closed
Monday, 04/13	School Reopens	

March School Events Recap

Read Across America Week

During the first week in March, students and staff celebrated Read Across America Week with themed dress up days, along with a smattering of other schoolwide literacy activities. Notably, on March 11th (delayed by the weather 😊) our 8th grade students went back to their roots by visiting Point Road School to read to classes. They also went into our 5th grade classrooms the same afternoon, which made it a great day for all!

Here are some [pictures](#) from the walking trip day!

Scholastic Book Fair



Markham Place School Book Fair Celebrates a Successful Week of Reading!

Students found their next great read at the MPS book fair. Students visited the fair with their classes, explored award winning books, and discovered new titles to spark their curiosity and imagination. This year's book fair theme challenged readers to "Read Like A Champion!" and our students certainly rose to the challenge.

Families were encouraged to join us for a shopping event after school, creating a lively atmosphere in the media center. Many families supported teachers by purchasing items from classroom wishlists, helping to grow our shared collection of high interest books. Thanks to the enthusiasm of our students, parent volunteers, and staff, the fair was a great success.

All proceeds will help expand our media center and classroom collections. We are grateful for all of the support and thrilled to see our students embrace a life long love of reading!

Challenge Day (7th Grade)

In what has become a legacy event for our students and staff, our 7th grade students participated in Challenge Day last week. The Challenge Day experience for our students pairs nicely with the Camp Bernie trip from February. As our 7th graders are just a few months away from becoming our 8th graders, it is important that we build value in their leadership capacity within the building. Challenge Day this year was an amazing day once again – cultivating positive relationships, empathy for others, and prioritizing kind behavior were some of the common themes. **Thank you so much to the Little Silver PTO for making this happen for our students, and thank you to Mrs. Ponteri, our counselor, for bringing Challenge Day to Little Silver!**



School Play: The Addams Family

Kudos to all of our Markham superstars who shined brightly for last weekend's performance of The Addams Family! Special thanks to our amazing advisors - Ms. Files, Mrs. Bennett, and Mrs. Rowley - for all of their hard work in helping our students put this amazing performance together. We would also like to thank all of our parent volunteers who helped to chaperone during rehearsals leading up to the show.



Technology Spotlights

On Monday, March 9th, we hosted Eddie Cortes for an assembly on **digital citizenship** made possible by Mrs. Lynch and our PTO through a special subjects grant. Students learned about maintaining a responsible digital footprint inclusive of ethical usage of Artificial Intelligence.



Today (Friday, March 20th), we hosted a **Technology Career Day** in which several community members who work in the field of technology spent time teaching our students about their field. Students attended a carousel-style session in the gymnasium, getting to hear from each of our visitors about what they do for a living. Special thanks to our PTO for helping support this event, to Mrs. Lynch for organizing the presenters, and of course to our volunteers who so graciously gave our students their time - **Mr. Binaco, Mr. Cotis, Mr. Denworth, Mr. Manas, and Mr. Turner!**

Here are some [pictures](#) from the Technology Career Day!

This year, we have launched a new **Broadcast Studio Program** with a dedicated studio crew that meets during EIO. The long term goals of the program include spotlighting certain school events and creating content that we can push out to the community that provides some insight into some of the important happenings in our school. The program is still very much in the infant phases, but we are proud of the work our students are putting in! Below are a few of these videos that our students have worked on:

[Winter Pep Rally](#)

[Behind the Scenes of the MPS Play](#)

Black Women in History Assembly (PTO Cultural Arts)

Markham students began their week with a powerful journey through history, brought to life by acclaimed storyteller Tahira who was booked through Young Audiences in Princeton, NJ. Through poetry, music, and storytelling, Tahira illuminated moments of courage and conviction from the Civil Rights Movement, captivating students with both energy and purpose.

Seventh and eighth graders were introduced to the brave young college students—Ezell Blair Jr., Franklin McCain, Joseph McNeil, and David Richmond—whose quiet act of defiance at a segregated lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina helped ignite the Greensboro sit-ins. Their nonviolent stand became a catalyst for change, ultimately leading to the desegregation of the Woolworth’s lunch counter on July 25, 1960.

Fifth and sixth graders learned more about the remarkable courage of Ruby Bridges, who, at just six years old, became the first Black child to integrate William Frantz Elementary School. Escorted by federal marshals through crowds of protestors, her quiet bravery marked a defining moment in the fight for educational equality.

Tahira’s performance stirred deep reflection among students. Many were struck by how recent these events are in our nation’s history, while others shared feelings of inspiration, hope, and determination. Through these stories, students were reminded that courage—no matter how young or quiet—has the power to shape a better, more just world.



Spring Athletic Schedules



Warriors Softball 2026 Schedule

Location: 95 Markham Pl, Little Silver, NJ 07739

Date	Opponent	Location
Friday March 27	Shrewsbury	AWAY
Wednesday April 1	Fair Haven	AWAY
Wednesday April 15	Tinton Falls	Borough Field
Friday April 17	Rumson	Borough Field
Monday April 20	Oceanport	Borough Field
Wednesday April 22	Tinton Falls	AWAY
Monday April 27	Fair Haven	Borough Field
Friday May 1	Eatontown	Borough Field
Tuesday, May 5	Oceanport	AWAY
Thursday, May 7	West Long Branch	Borough Field



WARRIORS BASEBALL

2026 Schedule

Location: 200 Rumson Road, Little Silver NJ

Date	Opponent	Location
Wednesday, March 25th	Eatontown	AWAY
Wednesday, April 1st	Tinton Falls	Sickles Park
Tuesday, April 14th	Shrewsbury	Sickles Park
Thursday, April 16th	Oceanport	AWAY
Wednesday, April 22nd	Rumson	AWAY
Friday, April 24th	Fair Haven	Sickles Park
Tuesday, April 28th	Rumson	Sickles Park
Friday, May 1st	Monmouth Beach	Sickles Park
Tuesday, May 5th	Tinton Falls	AWAY
Thursday, May 7th	West Long Branch	Sickles Park

Little Silver Track Schedule

2026



Date	Opponent	Place
Thursday April 23	Ranney, Eatontown	Ranney
Friday April 24	Tinton Falls, Rumson	Monmouth Regional
Tuesday April 28	Ranney, Shrewsbury, Fair Haven	Ranney
Friday May 1	Tinton Falls	Monmouth Regional
Wednesday May 6	Ranney	Red Bank Regional
Friday May 8	Shrewsbury, Fair Haven	Red Bank Regional
Wednesday May 13	LS, Ranney, Rumson	Ranney
Thursday May 14	All- Star Meet	Asbury Park High School

** Meets start between 3:45pm and 4pm

8th Grade Tri-School Dance



Open to **any student** in grades 5-8
interested in computers & coding!



YOUNG COLT HACKATHON

at Christian Brothers Academy

Friday, April 24th

4:00 - 8:00 pm

**Registration is limited and on a
first-come basis.**

Pizza, snacks, and t-shirt provided

Scan QR code for more
information & to sign up!



CHRISTIAN
BROTHERS
ACADEMY



LITTLE SILVER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Cafeteria Menu for March 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



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**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 Corn Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Pasta Fagioli V	3 Waffle Sticks Hashbrown Sausage Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Pasta Fagioli V	4 Pasta with Homemade, Locally Sourced Marinara Green Beans Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Pasta Fagioli V	5 Hand Tossed Pizza Garden Salad Homemade Soup Fresh Fruit Milk or Water	6 All Beef Cheeseburgers Mixed Veggies Homemade Soup Fresh Fruit Milk or Water
9 NAE Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Potato Cheddar	10 French Toast Sticks Hashbrown Sausage Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Potato Cheddar	11 Pasta with Locally Sourced Marinara Grass Fed Beef Meat Sauce Butternut Squash Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Potato Cheddar	12 Hand Tossed Pizza Garden Salad Homemade Soup Fresh Fruit Milk or Water	13 Chicken Patty Sandwich Roasted Carrots Homemade Soup Fresh Fruit Milk or Water
16 NAE Chicken Nuggets Corn Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Farro, Spinach & White Bean V	17  Waffle Sticks Hashbrown Sausage Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Farro, Spinach & White Bean V	18 Pasta with Homemade, Locally Sourced Marinara Mixed Veggies Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Farro, Spinach & White Bean V	19 Hand Tossed Pizza Garden Salad Homemade Soup Fresh Fruit Milk or Water	20 Italian Grilled Cheese with Homemade Marina Brussels Sprouts Fresh Fruit Homemade Soup Milk or Water
23 NAE Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Roasted Red Pepper Bisque	24 Pancakes Hashbrown Sausage Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Roasted Red Pepper Bisque	25 Pasta with Locally Sourced Marinara Beef Meatballs Garden Salad Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Roasted Red Pepper Bisque	26 Hand Tossed Pizza Garden Salad Homemade Soup Fresh Fruit Milk or Water	27 Nachos with Grass Fed Beef and Cheese Homemade Soup Roasted Brussels Sprouts Fresh Fruit Milk or Water
30 NAE Chicken Nuggets Corn Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Cream of Broccoli with Cheddar	31 French Toast Sticks Hashbrown Sausage Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Cream of Broccoli with Cheddar			

v=Vegetarian NAE=No Antibiotics Ever

March [Gourmet Menu](#)

March [Vegetarian Gourmet Menu](#)