

October 23, 2026

Markham Place School

NEWSLETTER



Message from Mr. Pepe

Greetings Markham Warrior community,

We are almost to the end of October and Halloween!

There remains a great energy in the building as our students and staff are working so hard each and every day. The tone and tempo set by all has been great, and we are looking forward to continuing this momentum into the late fall and winter months.

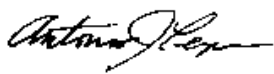
Halloween is coming! As described in my previous newsletter, we are expecting that students may choose to wear their costumes to school on Friday, October 30th. Please review the **Halloween Costume Guidelines** below. Our Student Council is hosting a Halloween Spirit Week next week. See the [flyer](#) for details!

Although **Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences** are slated for later in the month of November, the scheduling portal will be opening soon. Please read this [letter](#) carefully regarding conferences.

November is a short month, and Thanksgiving will be here before we know it!

Please attend to the information and upcoming important dates that are included in this newsletter, and as always....thank you for sending us your children!

Respectfully,



Antonio Pepe
Principal

Upcoming Dates & Events

DATE	EVENT	TIME & LOCATION
Friday, 10/23	Halloween Dance <i>7th & 8th Grade Students</i>	7:00pm MPS Cafetorium
Monday, 10/26	Birding Club Interest Meeting	3:05pm Rm 12 (Ms. Maggio's Room)
Tuesday, 10/27	AM Extended HR – Converlation <i>All grades</i> 5th Grade Converlation Parent Activity	During School Hours
Tuesday, 10/27	Girls Soccer Playoff Game <i>Opponent TBD</i>	3:45pm MPS Soccer Field
Tuesday, 10/27	CyberPatriot Club Meeting	3:05pm MPS Technology Lab
Tuesday, 10/27	Esports / Computer Club Meeting <i>“Rocket League” Students</i>	3:05pm MPS Esports Lab
Wednesday, 10/28	Esports / Computer Club Meeting <i>“Super Smash Bros” Students</i>	3:05pm MPS Esports Lab
Wednesday, 10/28	Fall Conference Scheduling Portal Opens	4:00pm Genesis Parent Portal
Thursday, 10/29	NJ Transit Rail Safety Assembly	During School Hours
Thursday, 10/29	Little Silver BOE Meeting	7:00pm MPS Cafetorium
Friday, 10/30	Halloween Eve <i>Students may wear costumes to school.</i>	During School Hours *See “ Halloween Guidelines below*
Monday, 11/2	Kickball with LSPD	7:30am MPS Gymnasium
Tuesday, 11/3	CyberPatriot Club Meeting	3:05pm MPS Technology Lab

Tuesday, 11/3	Esports / Computer Club Meeting <i>“Rocket League” Students</i>	3:05pm MPS Esports Lab
Tuesday, 11/3	Winter Sports Interest Meeting <i>Boys/Girls Basketball & Cheer</i>	3:05pm MPS Gymnasium
Wednesday, 11/4	Esports / Computer Club Meeting <i>“Super Smash Bros” Students</i>	3:05pm MPS Esports Lab
Wednesday, 11/4	YMCA Model UN Meeting	3:15 - 4:00pm MPS Conference Room
Thursday, 11/5 & Friday, 11/6	School Closed for NJEA Convention	School Closed
Monday, 11/9	School Reopens	
Tuesday, 11/10	CyberPatriot Club Meeting	3:05pm MPS Technology Lab
Tuesday, 11/10	Esports / Computer Club Meeting <i>“Rocket League” Students</i>	3:05pm MPS Esports Lab
Tuesday, 11/10 - Thursday, 11/12	Winter Sports Tryout Dates Cheerleading 11/10 & 11/11 <i>Basketball 11/10, 11/11, & 11/12</i>	Further details provided at the Interest Meeting on Tuesday, 11/3.
Wednesday, 11/11	Esports / Computer Club Meeting <i>“Super Smash Bros” Students</i>	3:05pm MPS Esports Lab
Friday, 11/13	End of Marking Period 1 <i>Encore Classes Switch to MP2</i>	

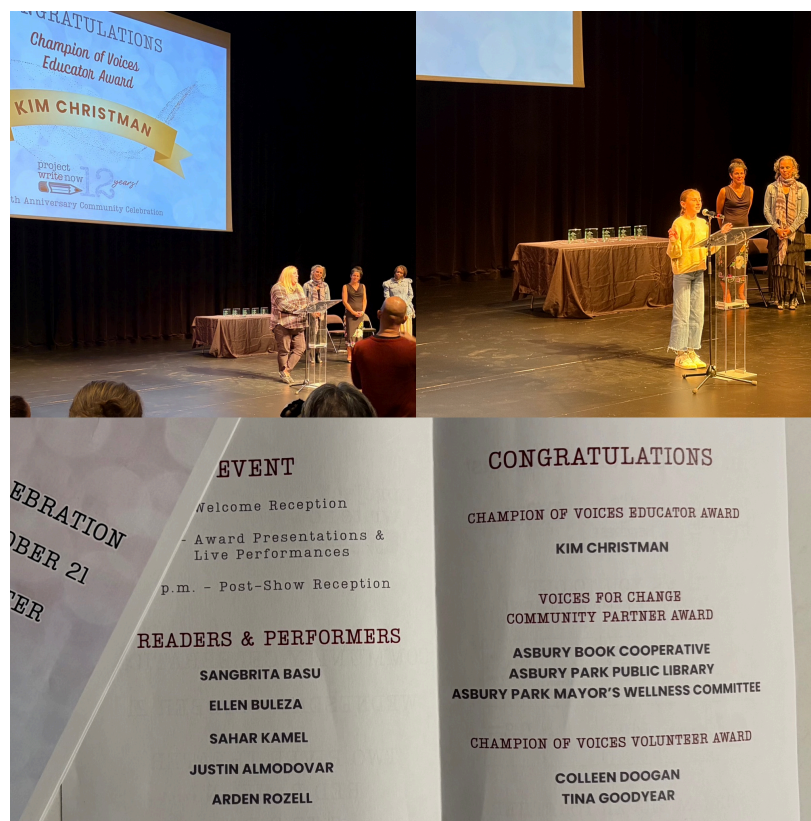
Project Write Now

One of the many programs provided by the Little Silver PTO for our students is [Project Write Now](#). Throughout the school year, PWN staff visit our ELA classrooms to provide an engaging, enriching experience for writers to explore their imagination, build confidence, and strengthen their literacy skills. This past week, two of our own were recognized by Project Write Now in an event at Count Basie.

Our ELA teacher, **Ms. Kim Christman**, received recognition with the Champion of Voices Educator Award.

One of our 8th grade students, **Ellen Bulleza** was invited to read her poem from last June's Poetry Slam as a performer at the recognition event.

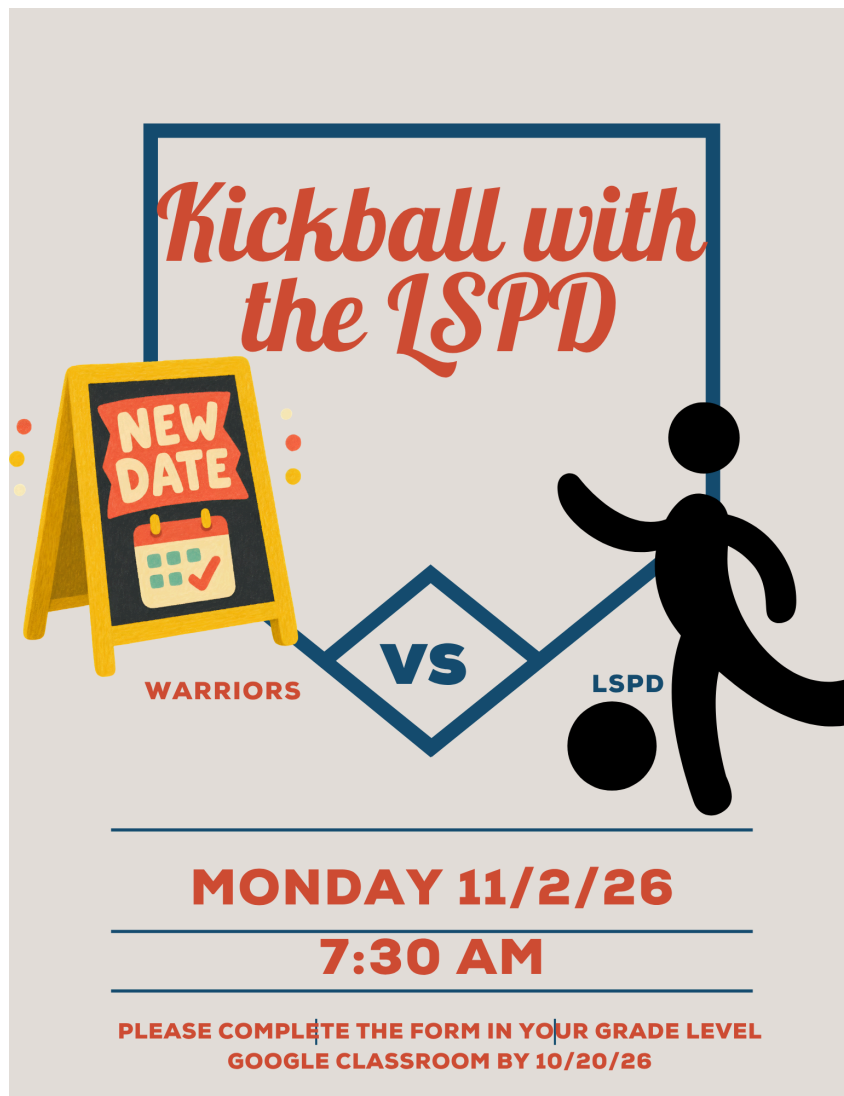
Below are some pictures from the evening. Congratulation to Ellen & Ms. Christman!



Kickball with LSPD

NEW DATE

Students will have the opportunity to play kickball with the LSPD before school on **Monday 11/2** at 7:30 am. Please note the new date! There is a form in their grade level Google Classroom to fill out if interested.



Parenting in the Digital World Pre-Recorded Presentation

For any parents who were unable to attend the October 7th presentation, we have access to a recorded version of the presentation for the next month, using the information below:

Parenting in the Digital World

<https://cybersafetycop.com/video/parenting-in-the-digital-world/>

Coupon code: 9RKh3m

Viewers will be prompted to register. They will put in their email and create a username and password. This enables access to the video and a free 30 day membership.

The video will expire on November 9, 2026 @ 11:59 PM.

Governor's Educator of the Year

Do you know a Little Silver teacher or educational services professional who is dedicated, inspiring, and making a difference? If so, please take the time to recommend this person for the **Governor's Educator of the Year Program by Friday, October 30, 2026 at 4:00 PM**. Administrators, staff members, students, parents and community members are encouraged to participate.

Click [Here](#) to Nominate an Educator!

Converlation 5th Grade Parent Activity

ATTN 5th Grade Parents: You are invited to join your 5th grade student(s) and their classmates and teachers as they participate in a Converlation Conversation on **Tuesday, 10/27/26 from 8:15-9:00 am in the MPS cafetorium**. Please respond by completing this [form](#) by today (Friday, 10/23/26).

Halloween Guidelines

As Halloween fast approaches, we are anticipating that some students will be dressing in costume on Friday, October 30th. Please understand that while we want students to enjoy this day, it is also important to focus on academics and school safety. With that in mind, please review the following guidelines:

- Costumes must be appropriate for school and must adhere to the school [dress code](#).
- No inflatable costumes will be permitted.
- No masks, full face paint, or facial coverings of any kind. Students' identities must not be concealed.
- No props or objects of any kind are allowed to be brought to school.
- Nothing that may disrupt instruction or the operation of the school building will be permitted.

Thank you for your support, cooperation, and understanding. The above guidelines allow us to maintain a safe environment while still enjoying the fun that Halloween brings.

Food Services Information



LITTLE SILVER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Cafeteria Menu for NOVEMBER

Student Lunch \$6.50 Adult lunch \$6.50

GOURMET SANDWICH OF THE WEEK \$ 7.25

GOURMET SALAD OF THE WEEK \$7.25

FRESH FRUIT AND YOGURT PARFAIT \$5.00

HOMEMADE SOUP \$3.50

THREE Complete Lunch Choices Daily

Hot Entree Lunch

Bagel Lunch (with Yogurt and String Cheese)

Soup Lunch (large soup with fresh roll)

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 Chicken Bites Corn Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Cream of Potato Soup	3 Pancakes Hashbrown Sausage Patty Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Cream of Potato Soup	4 Pasta with Locally Sourced Marinara Meatballs Roasted Veggies Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Cream of Potato Soup	5 NJEA Convention 	6 NJEA Convention 
9 Chicken Bites Mashed Potatoes Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Cream of Mushroom Soup	10 Waffle Sticks Hashbrown Sausage Patty Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Cream of Mushroom Soup	11 Pasta with Locally Sourced Marinara Roasted Veggies Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Cream of Mushroom Soup	12 Hand Tossed Pizza Garden Salad Fresh Fruit Milk or Water	13 Crispy Chicken Sandwich Roasted Carrots Fresh Fruit Milk or Water
16 Chicken Bites Corn Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Cream of Turkey Soup	17 Pancakes Hashbrown Sausage Patty Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Cream of Turkey Soup	18 Pasta with Locally Sourced Marinara Roasted Veggies Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Cream of Mushroom Soup	19 Early Dismissal No lunch served	20 Early Dismissal No lunch served
23 Early Dismissal No lunch served	24 Early Dismissal No lunch served	25 Early Dismissal No lunch served	26 Happy Thanksgiving 	27 Thanksgiving Break 
30 Chicken Bites Mashed Potatoes Fresh Fruit Milk or Water Chicken Tortilla Soup				

2026-27 Markham Place School Price List

Vegetarian Menu

Gourmet Menu

School & Community Flyers



Halloween Spirit

10/26 - 10/30 Week

Monday	College Day - Rep your favorite college by wearing its gear or colors.	
Tuesday	Rhymes Without Reason - Pair up with a friend and dress as two things that rhyme.	
Wednesday	Jersey Day - Rep your favorite sports team.	
Thursday	Color Wars - Each grade wears a different assigned color.	
Friday	Halloween Colors & Costume Day - Wear Halloween colors or dress up in a costume.	



MARKHAM PLACE WARRIORS CHEER TRYOUTS

CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS

**NOVEMBER 10TH
AND 11TH**

Tryouts Location & Time:
Markham Place Cafe 3:05



**SHOW US
YOUR SPIRIT!**

**Information Meeting on November 3rd at 3:05
in the gym**

For more info, please contact Ms. Ganz
gganz@littleschools.org

Tryouts are open to all eligible 6th, 7th, and 8th
graders and adhere to the school's guidelines

Green Team Meetings

The green team will meet once a month. However, because of the new WIN structure, the same topic will occur three times each month. This will give everyone a chance to attend at least one meeting. If Green Team members want to come to multiple meetings a month they can. Members must come to one meeting a month to be on Green Team.



Meeting Dates

October 22 October 26 October 28	November 9 November 11 November 13	December 10 December 14 December 16
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Each meeting will feature an activity for students to participate in. Activities may include things like: propagating plants, planting trees, designing flower beds, trash pick up around Markham.



Help Wanted!

Little Silver Shovelers is looking for volunteers to help those in need with driveway shoveling! Earn volunteer hours! Must be 6th grade or older and Adult assistance is ok.

If you are interested in helping out please email:

LSshovelers@gmail.com

mps music



Welcome back to School!

Hi! We are Mrs. Rowley and Mrs. Bennett and we are so excited to start making music. We have had a great start to the year already. Students in band, orchestra, and chorus have met for their first few rehearsals. We would like to remind families that all students are welcome to participate in music! Please reach out to us if you need to rent an instrument or to find out how to join one of our many ensembles!

Goals of the LS Music Program

- Develop music literacy, musicianship, technique and listening skills
- Create a sense of community, companionship, and pride within student ensembles
- Instill a lifelong appreciation and love for music and the arts
- Empower students to develop creative and critical thinking, social-emotional competencies, and intellectual and expressive abilities that will allow them to become active, contributing members of a global society

Jazz Band, Chamber Choir, & Advanced A Cappella meet before school at 7:30am. More information to follow!

Performing Ensembles

- 5th-8th Grade Chorus - Days 5 & 6
- 7/8 Band & Orchestra - Days 3 & 4
- 5/6 Band & Orchestra - Days 1 & 2

All ensembles meet from 2:24-3:05 during Warrior WIN period

Instrumental students will be meeting for a group lesson once a cycle. Lesson schedules are posted in the google classroom.

Upcoming Dates

- **10/23** - 6th-8th Grade Band ONLY - Red Bank Regional Band Night
- **11/14** - All Shore Band Auditions for 6-8th Grade (OPTIONAL)
- **12/6** - Chorus Performance for LS Tree Lighting Ceremony at 4pm at Borough Hall
- **12/15** - Winter Concert, band, orchestra, chorus, at 7pm at Red Bank Regional HS

Contact Us

Mrs. Jennifer Rowley, Orchestra & Chorus - jrowley@littlesilverschools.org
Mrs. Stephanie Bennett, Band & Chorus- sbennett@littlesilverschools.org



MARKHAM PLACE WINTER CONCERT INFORMATION



DECEMBER 6TH AT 4 PM

LITTLE SILVER TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY
CHORUS PERFORMANCE AT THE BOROUGH HALL

DECEMBER 15TH AT 7 PM

WINTER CONCERT FOR ORCHESTRA, BAND, & CHORUS
RED BANK REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

