

# WOOD POST



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Middle School**

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## ***Message from the Principal***

Hello Mustangs and welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! We hope you've had an incredible summer and are now ready to get the year started. Summer is so valuable in helping us refresh and reflect on the previous year as well as plan personal records and goals for the new one. Our hard working students, teachers and staff, combined with supportive parents and community creates a powerful team! Strong student success is a combined effort and your contributions to that team are appreciated and noted.

The turnout at our Welcome 6th grade Celebration was beyond impressive! The gym was abounding with eager students and parents chomping at the bit to learn more about Markham and get the year started. Schedule pickup/Open house then started at 4:00PM and students and families got to walk around to practice their schedules and meet with their teachers. We tried something new by combining Schedule Pickup and Open House events and it seemed to be very successful. We had an amazing turn out and I've received lots of positive feedback about the evening. We will continue to make schedules for new enrollees and fix gaps in other schedules. We ask that you please be patient with scheduling as we continue to balance and shift things during the first several weeks. We want to make sure all student needs are met and sometimes that means shifting schedules a bit.

ID's are an important safety component for any organization and all staff members and students at Markham are expected to wear their ID at all times. Any visitors to campus are also given a temporary photo ID. We need to know who is on campus at all times and know that they belong on our campus. The ID cards are one great way to ensure your student safety. All students will start the year with a personal, temporary ID. Once we have school picture day on 8/23, the ID's will be updated with their photo. Since students are expected to wear

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## *Message from the Assistant Principal*

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their ID visible at all times, there will be consequences for lack of adherence. We provide the first ID, but if it becomes lost or damaged, it is the responsibility of the student to pay to have it replaced. Students can use HERO points to get a new ID or pay \$4.00. Students may wear their ID on a lanyard of their choosing or an ID clip/magnet. The expectation is that it must be visible above the waist.

We will be continuing our Tuesday and Thursday after school activity busses. We have a large population of students that live on the other side of I-4 and transportation can be difficult. We will have two busses, every Tuesday and Thursday that will leave campus at 5:30 and bring students to the Boys/Girls club on Persimmon, Celery Avenue/Douglas, Stratford Apartments and Hatteras Apartments. This means that we are going to have lots of clubs/sports/activities/tutoring/ etc after school from 4 – 5:30 on every Tuesday and Thursday of the year. We will start announcing our sports/clubs during the first week of school and busses start on Tuesday, August 20.

This is going to be a phenomenal year and together we will be LIFTing #TeamMarkham. Together, we are going to Lead positive change and get positive results with a growth mindset. Together we will be Innovative and use new and inspiring ways to grow and prepare all students for the future. Together we will Foster relationships that build each other up and enhance and strengthen learning and together we will build a community of Team all striving for the pinnacle of success.

Here's to 2019-20!

Linda J. Mumey



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## A Word from Discipline

Welcome back to what is sure to be a productive year, both academically and developmentally, for our students. We are excited to continue to build on the progress that was made last year in the discipline department. Some carry-overs from last year include:

- Ms. Estes is dean for 6th grade and 7th grade A-L
- Dr. Tinsley is dean for 8th grade and 7th grade M-Z
- The discipline department is still downstairs building 3
- All students are required to wear their ID at all times and in a manner that is visible to all. This is for the safety and security of all students, staff, and guests on our campus.
- The HERO behavior management system will continue to track student behavior - positive and negative.
- Students that arrive to class after the tardy bell must get a pass from the discipline to enter class.
- Hats, do-rags, bandanas, hoodies, and headphones are not permitted on campus. Please consult the SCPS Code of Conduct for further guidance on the school dress code.
- At dismissal, students should not leave their classrooms before their group is called. For example, a student that is a bus rider is only allowed to leave when his/her bus number is called. Failure to follow this direction may result in removal from the bus.

So what's new for the 2019-2020 school year? Cell phones AND ear buds are only permitted before school until the 9:15 bell, at lunch once the student is in the cafe, and after school once the student has exited the double doors.

This list is a brief overview of the expectations for our students. This list is by no means complete. More information will be provided and the SCPS Code of Conduct is a valuable resource of disciplinary information. Finally, please make sure the school has your current contact information.

Thank you,  
The Dean Team



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## ***Guidance Department***

### WELCOME FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

The Markham Woods Guidance Department welcomes you to an exciting school year full of Mustang Pride! Throughout your middle school experience, our services will be an integral part of your student's education. We are comprised of two school counselors, a Licensed Mental Health Worker, an Administrative Assistant and a Career/Work Specialist. Collectively, our professional staff will work diligently alongside students and parents to engage students, foster achievement and inspire excellence throughout their middle school years. Please know you are an extension of our team and we look forward to assisting with your academic and personal/social needs.

### Your Markham Woods School Counselors Are:

- Child advocates who work collaboratively with parents, students, teachers, administrators and communities.
- Educational specialists who assist students with their academic and personal/social areas.

### The Goals of the Markham Woods School Counseling Department Are:

- To assist students with educational, personal, career and goal planning.
- To develop personalized programs based on each student's strengths and needs.
- To help students understand themselves and others.
- To assist students in identifying and dealing with problems.
- To facilitate the identification of students with special needs.
- To provide crisis intervention when necessary.
- To coordinate referrals to school and community support services.
- To serve as a resource to students, parents, teachers, and administrators.

Schedule changes may be requested/granted during the first ten days of a semester. To request a schedule change all students need to turn in a completed Course Request Change Form in the Cafeteria. All schedule change requests must be submitted on the Course Change Request Form by the second Friday of each new semester.

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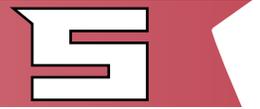
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# Physical Education

Welcome to the MKMS PE Department! The PE teachers are Mrs. Owens, Mr. Rivera, and Mr. Porter. We are thrilled to be instructing your child. The following things need to be addressed in the first week of school: PE uniform (grey t-shirt, black shorts, tennis shoes with laces), 3-turn combination lock (ex: 36-15-08), 3-prong paper folder for Mr. Porter's class. PE uniforms can be purchased throughout the PE department. The cost is \$20.00 dollars (\$8.00 shirt, \$12.00 short) and your child will need to bring exact change to the PE teachers. We encourage three sets for boys and two for girls so uniforms are being cleaned at home on a regular basis. Glad to have you and Go Mustangs!!!

**Biomechatronics:** There will be a Biomechatronics Family Meeting on Wednesday, August 21st. To ensure anyone who would like to attend, we'll hold two separate sessions that night. Both sessions will take place in Mr. Fields's Classroom, 4-208. The first will be 5:30 - 6:15, and the second will be 6:30 - 7:15. You can attend either session. At these meetings, we'll review the current state of the Biomechatronics (BMT) program, the vision for the program moving forward, and an overview of the classes in the program, including your student's course. This is also a good opportunity for students and families not currently in the program to see what is being offered for future scheduling.

**Student Government:** Student Government will be kicking off the year with an Ice Cream Social, which will be held just before the Family Tech Night on Thursday, August 29th. The Ice Cream Social will run 4:00-5:30. There will be Activity Buses running for select Sanford bus stops. Be on the lookout for flyers with more information the week beforehand.

**Chorus:** Welcome to our Chorus family! Mrs. Antmann is so excited to welcome back our returning chorus members and to meet all of our newest singers. We are looking forward to a great year of improving music literacy, vocal development, music making, and fun! For chorus, students will need a pencil and a color specific folder, based on the class period in which they are enrolled. Students should have their folders in class no later than Monday, August 19. The folder colors are as follows: 1st Period - Red, 2nd Period - Purple, 3rd Period - Blue, 4th Period - Green, 6th Period - Yellow, and 7th Period - Orange.

This year, we are excited to welcome Mr. Joseph Puccio to the chorus program. Many of you may know Mr. Puccio as an American History teacher here at Markham, but he will also be co-teaching 4th period concert chorus with Mrs. Antmann. Welcome, Mr. Puccio!

Chorus calendars were handed out at Open House on Thursday, August 8th. Additional copies of the calendar will also be handed out in class during the first week of school. Please take a little bit of time to add these dates to your family's calendar to ensure that we address any conflicts with graded performances as early as possible.

Finally, we have two upcoming events for families. On August 15th, we will have Chorus Family Dinner Night of the year at PDQ Sanford any time between 5:00pm - 8:30pm. We have Family Dinner Nights throughout the year to give our chorus families an opportunity to connect with one another. Come on out and let someone else do the cooking and the dinner dishes for you! On August 20th, we will have our first Chorus Parent Meeting in the MKMS Chorus Room at 6:30pm. Please join us as we discuss planning for the exciting year ahead!



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## Science Department

The Markham Woods Science Department welcomes all of our students back for another great school year. As we prepare for the upcoming school year we encourage all of you to take note of the supply list for your science class. One of the major components of all science courses at Markham is a student notebook that will act as students' research book, note taking location, lab manual, and textbook. This notebook is very important for students to be successful. We would like to encourage students and parents to assure that the notebook they purchase is one that will last. We suggest spiral notebooks that have a cover over the spiral, as well as one that is large enough for an uncut piece of printer paper to set on top of with no overhanging parts.

We are proud of the work we do to help students see the benefits and need for scientific reasoning, not only for success in science coursework or on state assessments but for their future pursuits. All grades will take nine week exams to monitor student growth and mastery of content and to provide students a snapshot of how they have done in each quarter of study. Look for information regarding our preparations for these tests from your science teacher and in future wood post articles.

Skyward continues to be a valuable tool for students, parents, and teachers. Remember that all grades are posted on Skyward. eCampus is a complementary tool where you can find information on weekly assignments, the interactive

science notebook, important deadlines, and find makeup work when absent. Take advantage of these tools to track what your child is learning and what assignments are coming up. Take these opportunities to sit down with your student and talk to them about what they are learning in science and to assure they are keeping up with their notebook.

We are very excited to be teaching Seminole County's comprehensive science curriculum in all grades. Comprehensive Science is structured to be a course that shows connections between different scientific disciplines and ideas. The curriculum has two main components- digital instructional resources that are accessed through the 13 Lenovo computers that each teacher has for their students AND through the students' interactive science notebook. This interactive notebook is the bridge between the digital content and the home for those without internet access. It contains notes, diagrams, student reflections, student revision of their own understanding as they learn, and so much more. Look at your students ISN to see the great lessons your student is learning in science class.

As we work on science curricula, we also are busy continuing to work on lifetime skills, such as organization, getting along with others, time management, following directions, and accepting personal responsibility. We hope your child has a fantastic year in their Science class!



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October 16	End of 1st Quarter
October 17	Schools Closed for Students / District PD Day/ Student Make-up Day #1, If Needed
October 18	Schools Closed for Students / Teacher Workday/ Student Make-up Day #2, If Needed
October 21	Start of 2nd Quarter
November 25-29	Schools Closed
November 28-29	School System Closed
December 17-19	Early Dismissal for Students
December 19	End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester
December 20	Schools Closed for Students/Teacher Workday/ Student Make-up Day #3 If Needed
December 23-January 3	Schools Closed
December 23-January 2	School System Closed
January 6	Classes Resume - Start of 3rd Quarter/2nd Semester
January 20	School System Closed
February 17	School System Closed
March 12	End of 3rd Quarter
March 13	Schools Closed for Students/Teacher Workday/ Student Make-up Day #4, If Needed
March 16-20	Schools Closed
March 23	Classes Resume - Start of 4th Quarter
May 22	Early Dismissal for Students
May 25	School System Closed
May 26-May 27	Early Dismissal for Students
May 27	Last Day of Student Attendance/ End of 4th Quarter/2nd Semester
May 28	Student Make-up Day #4 If Needed/Teacher Workday
May 29	Teacher Workday

Date of Board Adoption: April 4, 2017

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- **Schools Closed** = Teachers and students not in attendance; Educational Support Center open for business
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- **School System Closed** – Teachers, students, and employees at Educational Support Center not in attendance

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