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Message from the Principal

Good Day Mustangs! It is hard to believe we are winding down the 2020-2021 school year. It has been a year like no other, filled with changes and lots of flexibility, but we made it. Thank you.

As we get ready to approach the finish line, we can reflect on the year and recognize how fortunate we truly are at Markham Woods Middle School. We have had teachers and students working through multiple educational platforms all year long. Whether Face to Face, remotely through Seminole Connect or learning via Save My Seat, Seminole County Virtual School, our students continued to learn and be appropriately challenged as they pursued their education. As a school community, we have been successful, and that success is due to our wonderful collaborative partnerships among school, parents and community.

Our students continue to achieve at high levels, as we endeavor to reach our mission: LIFT – LEADING positive change and getting positive results with a growth mind set. INNOVATING by using new and inspiring ways to grow and prepare for the future. FOSTERING by creating relationships to enhance and strengthen learning and TEAM BUILDING by working together for a common purpose and success. The success of our students is a direct result of our teachers' efforts to meet high expectations of performance and to provide excellence in teaching. Likewise, credit must be given to our wonderful support staff, Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA), School Advisory Council (SAC), Dividends, and families who contribute to Markham's continued high achievement as a school. Finally, we must recognize all of our students for their perseverance, hard work, and effort throughout the year. When August 2020 started, many questioned what the year would be like and how we would do it, but we persisted and have been successful.

During the next few weeks, staff and students will be busy with teaching and learning, FSA's, EOCs, nine-week culminating activities, and exciting end of the year events. Our Student Government is planning a special end of year spirit week for our 8th graders, which will include a 'banquet' and a virtual awards ceremony. We are also planning an award recognition event of some sort for our 6th and 7th grade students. Information on all of these will be sent to you once the details are finalized.

It has been a crazy year, but a great year and we want to thank everyone for all of your support. We wish all of our students and their families a happy and safe summer. To our eighth-grade students leaving and going to high school, we wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors. We are also excited to welcome our incoming sixth grade Mustangs, as they enter into a new chapter of education. We look forward to seeing everyone when students return for the 2021-2022 school year. Our office will be open throughout most of the summer, so please feel free to contact the school should you have any questions for the upcoming school year.

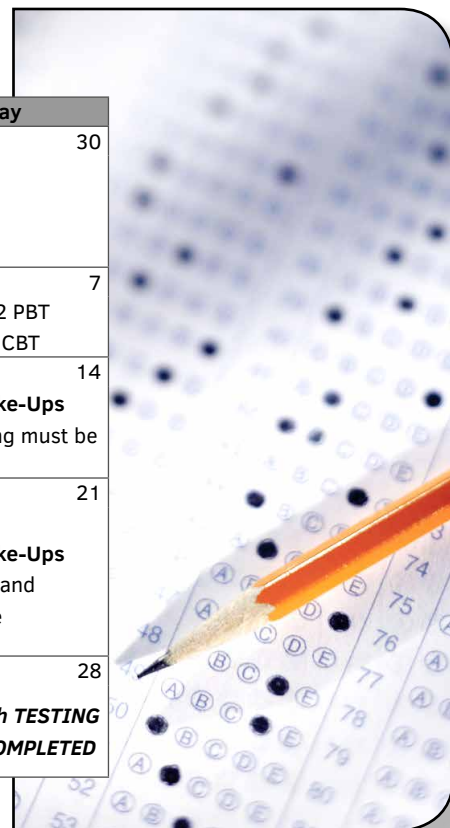
With Regards,
Linda Mumey, *Principal*


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FSA EOC - May 2021 Testing Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	27	28	29	30
BOLD = Make-Ups * = Mandatory Testing Date and/or Window				
3 *6th ELA S1 PBT *7th ELA S1 CBT	4 *6th ELA S2 PBT *7th ELA S2 CBT	5 6th- 7th ELA Make-Ups	6 *6th Math S1 PBT *8th ELA S1 CBT	7 *6th Math S2 PBT *8th ELA S2 CBT
10 7th Math S1 CBT 6th PBT Make-Ups	11 7th Math S2 CBT 6th PBT Make-Ups	12 6th PBT Make-Ups 7th Civics EOC CBT 8th Science PBT	13 8th Make-Ups	14 7th- 8th Make-Ups All 6th testing must be completed
17 8th Math S1 CBT Algebra EOC S1 CBT Geometry EOC S1 CBT	18 8th Math S2 CBT Algebra EOC S2 CBT Geometry EOC S2 CBT	19	20 CTE Testing 7th- 8th Make-Ups	21 CTE Testing 7th- 8th Make-Ups 7th Science and CBT must be completed
24 <i>Early Release</i> 7th- 8th Make-Ups	25 <i>Early Release</i> 7th- 8th Make-Ups	26 <i>Early Release</i> <u>Last Day of School</u> 7th- 8th Make-Ups	27 7th- 8th Make-Ups	28 ALL 7th - 8th TESTING MUST BE COMPLETED





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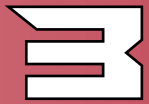
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Save the Date

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Night

Thursday, August 5, 2021



FSA EOC Testing Hours Schedule

Monday, May 3rd	Tuesday, May 4th	Wednesday, May 5th	Thursday, May 6th	Friday, May 7th
9:20 – 11:20 6th & 7th TESTING 8th WED XL/1st Period	9:20 – 11:20 6th & 7th TESTING 8th WED XL/1st Period	1st Period 9:20 – 10:55	9:20 – 11:20 6th & 8th TESTING 7th WED XL/1st Period	9:20 – 12:00 6th & 8th TESTING 7th WED XL/1st Period
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3rd Period 2:30 – 3:55	7th Period 2:30 – 3:55		3rd Period 2:30 – 3:55	7th Period 2:45 – 3:55

Monday, May 10th	Tuesday, May 11th	Wednesday, May 12th	Thursday, May 13th	Friday, May 14th
9:20 – 10:55 7th TESTING 6th & 8th 1st Period	9:20 – 12:00 7th TESTING 6th & 8th WED XL/1st	9:20 – 12:50 7th & 8th TESTING 6th Grade WED XL – 1st	Normal Schedule 1st Period 9:20 – 10:55	Normal Schedule 5th Period 9:20 – 10:55
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Monday, May 17th	Tuesday, May 18th	Wednesday, May 19th	Thursday, May 20th	Friday, May 21st
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Monday, May 24th	Tuesday, May 25th	Wednesday, May 26th	Thursday, May 27th	Friday, May 28th
7th Period 9:20 – 10:55 EXAM	5th Period 9:20 – 10:55	2nd Period 9:20 – 10:55	No School	No School
4th & Lunch 10:55 – 12:30	4th & Lunch 10:55 – 12:30	4th & Lunch 10:55 – 12:30	Teacher Workday	
6th Period 12:35 – 2:05	3rd Period 12:35 – 2:05	1st Period 12:35 – 2:05		

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Social Studies | Brett Nell, 7th Grade Civics

Welcome to the fourth Quarter families!!! The 6th grade team is excited to be teaching your students this quarter all about the Roman Empire and the America's this quarter. While studying about the Roman Empire the students will be learning about various Emperors, The Destruction of the city of Pompeii, the Rise of Christianity, and the eventual fall of Rome. While learning about the America's the students will be learning about a few different tribes, the Aztecs, Mayans, Incas, and Olmecs. One reminder we would like to send out is to make sure your student is bringing their supplies (paper/notebook, pencil/pen) to class everyday with them. We can't wait to finish this year out strong.

The 7th grade team is working hard to finish this year out strong before the EOC!!! We will be learning about the American Legal System, Florida's Constitution, and our local governments, and ending out with Foreign and Domestic Policy. Then we will start to review prior to the EOC, which will occur in early to mid may. The Civics team would like to remind that when students are quarantined, they should be logging into their scheduled class meeting which can be found on their teachers ecampus page.

The 8th grade team is creating discussion-based lessons on the Civil War and Reconstruction. The students will be learning all about Andrew Jackson and his famous Gettysburg Address as well as Southern Generals like Stonewall Jackson and Robert E Lee, and then how the country reformed after the Civil War, and what the arguments were around how to reform the country, and the ultimate outcome. The 8th grade team would like to send out two special announcements, the first reminding the students to finish the year out strong, and make sure they are turning in all their assignments. The second one is to send a giant congratulations to the class of 2025 for completing Middle School and beginning their High School Careers through various sports teams, and academic clubs that have begun to hold auditions at their respective high schools We wish them the best and know they will go far!

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Science

As the 2020-2021 school year draws to a close, we look back at a year unlike any other. Whether your student has been face to face here with us at Markham, online through Seminole Connect, or a hybrid of these modalities, we have been working hard to provide a consistent experience. While there are always bumps along the way, we thank you for your patience, feedback, and support as we've worked through this pandemic and school year. We have tried our best to continue to be a hands-on program, within the constraints we've had, in order to inspire students to keep asking questions and learn about the phenomena that surround them. Depending on grade level, students have had the opportunity to participate in rocket launches, plate tectonics simulations, dissection of frogs, and extraction of DNA from strawberries.

Each grade level is concluding its portion of the comprehensive curriculum at this time and beginning to prepare students for their next (and hopefully, more normal) school year. Our sixth grade science team, Mrs. West, Ms. Roach, Ms. Casselman, and Mrs. Marshall, have worked hard to help your sixth grader adjust to middle school and to get them excited about science. Sixth grade students are currently studying our solar system, the planets, and the interactions between the Earth, moon, and sun. Students started the year with the very small (atoms) and are now learning about the very large (celestial objects). As they begin their 7th grade year, students will get to deepen their understanding of these topics as they look at how atoms constitute cells. To test your child's understanding, ask them about the layers of the sun, or ask them how the inner or outer planets differ.

Seventh grade students are finishing their year learning about heredity and how genes are passed from generation to generation. They've learned the structure of DNA and seen it on a large scale in the lab. Mrs. MacMillan, Mrs. Marshall, Ms. Roach, Mr. Telson, and Mr. Goodman have worked hard to expand students' understanding of sixth grade topics and to build on that content, as well as, study skills and work ethic to prepare students for their eighth grade year. Ask your student how a Punnett square works or what a recessive allele is.

As our eighth graders conclude their last year of middle school the eighth grade team, Mrs. MacMillan, Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Stafford and Mr. Goodman, would like to send them their best regards for success in high school. Eighth grade is the capstone of the middle school comprehensive curriculum. At the end of this year, students should have a good grasp of content across many disciplines of science and have a strong foundation for high school biology and beyond. Students in eighth grade are ending their year with a review of all middle school science for the Statewide Science Assessment, which is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, May 12th. Ask your student what their strongest area of science knowledge is and see what they can tell you about it.

ESE Team

It has been our pleasure and privilege to teach your children this year on all the platforms. Seeing their personalities grow day by day and watching them make academic gains in their most difficult classes has been such a rewarding experience. We are sincerely proud of their accomplishments and achievements this year. May all of their success stories get bigger and brighter as the years go by!

Over the summer, try to reflect on what they learned this year in Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. What activity or lesson will they never forget? Which was the most challenging task? What did they learn and accomplish that they never thought they could? Talk about it during family dinners together and have them share their unforgettable school memories with you! It will bring smiles and laughter into your home.

To our 8th graders leaving MKMS- wherever you may go, whatever you may do, and whoever you become, we, as your teachers, are honored to have been part of your path to greatness! Follow your heart and dreams!

To our returning 7th and 8th graders- you are the role models now- always strive for success! Take a break, recharge, and have a fresh new start to the next grade level!

To our incoming 6th graders- we are excited to meet you and are ready to welcome you with a smile in August.

Have a happy and safe summer!!

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Reading | Quarter 4

Students in Intensive Reading classes completed their final iReady diagnostic assessment for the school year. Data from this assessment was shared with students during individual data chats and will help guide instruction leading up to FSA. Students were also fluency tested with many students showing improvement in their reading accuracy, appropriate rate and expression. A fluent reader who reads 127+ correct words per minute is able to remember what they read and focus on the questions being asked about the passage. Be sure to ask your student how they did!

Please continue to encourage your student to practice their reading for at least 30 minutes each day, including over the coming summer months. This will help your student build up reading stamina that will help them with their fluency and build their vocabulary. Library cards from the Seminole County Public Library can be obtained online at: <https://www.seminolecountyfl.gov/departments-services/leisure-services/seminole-county-library/>.

As we close in on the end of the school year, students are still expected to complete one lesson each week on iReady with a score of 75% or better. Classroom time, during both Face to Face and Connect classes, is set aside to allow the students enough time to complete their required lessons. Please encourage your student to continue to do their very best!

Congratulations to our 3rd quarter iReady incentive recipients who enjoyed some delicious snacks. Keep up the great work! Quarter 4 incentive is up for grabs!

ELA

During Quarter 4, many of our ELA classes have begun novel studies. Grade 6 students are reading from a variety of texts, including *The Devil's Arithmetic*, *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*, and *Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie*. Grade 7 students are reading either *The Outsiders* or *The Giver*. Our 8th grade students are studying drama, as well as the history of the Holocaust, with *The Diary of Anne Frank*.

Our FSA writing test is behind us, and we're preparing for the FSA reading tests during the first week of May.

Math

Welcome to the end of the 2020-2021 school year. We are about to enter testing season. Through the end of April and into mid-May, your students will be learning new material while at the same time, reviewing previously covered standards to prepare for their state mathematics exam. Your students should not be saying they do not have any math homework. They have plenty to work on whether it be homework, review packets or online assignments such as KHAN, Algebra Nation, or online text assignments. Because we are still learning while beginning our reviews, it is imperative that students be in school every day. Please do not allow students to unnecessarily stay home, check in late, or check out early - thank you.

6th graders will be taking their state math exam the week of May 3rd and then working on a financial literacy project as mandated by the county.

7th graders will be taking their state math exam the week of May 10th and then working on lessons to prepare them for next year's math class. Some students will be working on distributive property and solving multi-step equations and inequalities. While other students will be working on solving systems of equations.

8th graders will be taking their state math exam the week of May 17th and then preparing for high school math classes.

Information about summer math camps was emailed via skyward. Camps will take place at the end of summer for Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II. If you are interested contact Sandra_Mathews@scps.k12.fl.us.

We were saddened that we were not able to participate in all our usual mathematics competitions this year. We are hopeful that Mu, MathCounts and the County Middle School Math Tournament will return to normal for 2021-2022. Look for information early next school year.

We thank you for all your support this year and hope that it was a mathematically rewarding one for you and your student. Have a wonderful summer. Stay safe and healthy and see you next year.

Fondly,

The 2020-2021 Mathematics Team - **Go Mustangs!**



2020-21 Student Calendar

~Revised Board Approved July 14, 2020~

Start Date August 17, 2020, End Date May 26, 2021

JANUARY 2021					FEBRUARY 2021					MARCH 2021				
M	TU	W	TH	FR	M	TU	W	TH	FR	M	TU	W	TH	FR
				1	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
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APRIL 2021					MAY 2021					JUNE 2021				
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26	27	28	29	30	31					28	29	30		

1st Quarter: Aug. 17th - Oct. 9th	39 Days	Semester 1	84 Days	8/17-12/18
2nd Quarter: Oct. 12th - Dec. 18th	45 Days	Semester 2	96 Days	1/4-5/26
3rd Quarter: Jan. 4th - March 12th	48 Days			
4th Quarter: March 22nd - May 26th	48 Days			

8/4 - 8/14	Pre-Planning	1/4	Beginning of 3rd Grading Period
8/17	First Day of School	1/18	Martin Luther King Holiday
9/7	Labor Day Holiday	2/15	Presidents Day Holiday
10/9	End of 1st Quarter	3/12	End of 3rd Quarter
10/12	Beginning of 2nd Grading Period	3/15-3/19	Spring Break
11/23-11/27	Thanksgiving Break	3/22	Beginning of 4th Grading Period
12/18	End of 2nd Quarter	5/26	End of 4th Quarter/Last Day of School
12/21 - 1/3	Winter Break	5/27	Post-Planning
Early Release Days			

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STEM Camps

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This summer, Markham Woods Middle School will be offering several week-long STEM camps to keep students' minds active and their bodies busy!

Each camp will run 4 days, 8:30am-3:00pm.

The camp is open for up to 25 SCPS students who will be in grades 6-8 for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year.

Breakfast and lunch are provided.

\$125 per camp. Registration is through MySchoolBucks only.

Registration is Open on MySchoolBucks

If you do not currently have a MySchoolBucks account, you'll need to create one.

Look under Markham Woods Middle School and use the STEM Summer Camps product.

Contact Camp Director Tom Stafford at thomas_stafford@scps.k12.fl.us or Joseph Puccio at pucciojz@scps.k12.fl.us if you have any problems with registering.

June 1st-4th

Mighty Mustang! Introduction to Engineering (Incoming 6th graders)

June 7th - 10th

It's a Bird! It's a Plane! It's Aerospace Engineering! (Grades 6-8)

June 14th - 17th

Programming with Minecraft. Build worlds/games (Grades 6-8)

Covid Rules

1. Campers are required to wear masks when directly working with other students within 6 feet.
2. If a camper is exposed to someone that tests positive with covid during camp they must stay home.
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