

Fall 2020

Pathways to Success

PRAIRIE-HILLS

Elementary School District 144

Today's Students...Tomorrow's Leaders



Country Club Hills ~ Hazel Crest ~ Markham ~ Oak Forest

Vision Statement

Prairie-Hills Elementary School District 144 is committed to producing lifelong learners that are college bound, career ready, and are able to compete in a global society.

Mission Statement

The mission of Prairie-Hills Elementary School District 144 is to ensure that we provide an enriching, rigorous and holistic learning experience promoting 21st Century lifelong learners while maintaining high expectations for all students, staff, parents and community members.

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Message from the Superintendent

Greetings Prairie-Hills Families,

Once again, we are in the midst of another year like no other. The 2020-21 school year has been challenging to say the least. Superintendents and Boards of Education throughout the state of Illinois and the country have struggled with the decision of whether or not to bring students back into the school buildings or allow them to learn remotely. There have been a plethora of critics on every side, and ultimately the decisions made were made in the best interest of those children in their specific communities.

The Board of Education and I firmly believed that if at all possible, our students would be allowed to return to school in person. As such, we have dedicated ourselves to ensuring that we purchased the necessary PPE, met all CDC (Centers for Diseases Control) and IDPH (Illinois Department of Public Health) requirements along with the necessary trainings for all staff members to ensure our ability to open our doors for our students. We opened our doors to 30% of our student population attending classes in person. We are slated to have more students return in January, 2021.

In an effort to continue to provide a more safer environment, our district is now participating in the Binax Covid-19 Testing pilot. The Binax test created by Abbott Laboratories has an accuracy rate ranging between 97.1%-98.5%. Currently, our goal is two-fold:

- 1.) Test all symptomatic staff and students
- 2.) Test all staff and students returning from the Thanksgiving and Winter break Holidays



Monday, October 19, 2020, left to right:

Ms. Taylor, Board Member, Ms. Dickerson, Board Vice President, Dr. Patterson, Superintendent, Mayor Agpawa, Mayor of Markham, Ms. Kinney, New Board Member, Ms. Nettles, Board Secretary, and Ms. Davis, Board President of PHESD 144

The schedule below reflects our revised holiday schedule.

Prairie-Hills D144 Revised Remote Schedule for In-person Learners

Winter Break

Tuesday, December 22- 1/2 School Improvement Day Remote- No In-person instruction

December 23- January 5, 2021 WINTER BREAK- No School

Wednesday, January 6- Friday, January 7, 2021- Remote Days for All students

Friday, January 8- Remote Planning for Staff- NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Monday, January 11- In person students return to school

We will be sending home a letter to parents within the next few weeks to identify those parents desiring to send their students back in January, 2021. While we cannot safely accommodate all 3,100 of our students; we can increase our current 30% for in-person students. Parents will need to complete an intent to return form. Students returning to school will be based on a first come-first served basis.

My staff and I remain excited about our students returning to school. As always, please don't hesitate to contact me via email, kpatterson@phsd144.net or phone, (708)704-5063.

Dr. Kimako Patterson
Superintendent
Prairie-Hills Elementary District 144



Pre-Kindergarten

Prairie-Hills Elementary School District is continuing to do virtual screenings for our Pre-Kindergarten Program.

Our program is a full day program that serves children ages 3 to 5 years old.

For more information, please call Student Services at 708.210.2897 or e-mail prekprogram@phsd144.net.



For Informational Purposes

Dear Prairie-Hills D144 Parents & Guardians,

As you know, a Back-To-School committee of teachers, administrators, support staff, Board members, community members and parents developed our 2020-21 District Reopening Plan. In that plan we stated that once the initial decision to either return to school or go remote was made then it would remain for one full semester which ends January 22, 2021. Last month, each Principal was given the charge to contact our parents to see which remote only students were interested in returning to school in-person. The purpose of this letter is to formalize that process.

According to our commitment to uphold CDC (Centers for Disease Control)/IDPH (Illinois Department of Public Health) guidelines, we are unable to accommodate all 3100 students. Nevertheless, we can accommodate more than our current enrollment. As such, if you are interested in your child returning to school in person on Monday, January 25, 2021 then please complete the attached form and sign the Binax Covid-19 testing waiver.

Our district has begun to test students and staff members for COVID-19 each holiday or extended break, i.e. Thanksgiving Break, Winter Break, and Spring Break. We are also consistently testing symptomatic students and staff members. With this in mind, we are asking all parents to voluntarily allow us to test your child(ren). The Binax COVID test is a rapid nasal swab antigen test. It is not as invasive as some of the tests which go up the entire nasal cavity. This test only involves the interior nasal cavity or the very tip of the inside of the nose.

In order to bring back more of our students in January, parents will need the following completed:

1. Attached consent form to return to in-person learning
2. Signed Binax COVID testing waiver
3. Completed physical for any student in Kindergarten and 6th grades

Please be advised that consideration for in-person learning will be based on a first come, first served basis. All forms are due by Monday, December 21, 2020. They can be returned to your child's home school or district office. The forms can also be emailed to your child's building Principal. All Principal emails are listed below:

Chateaux- Mr. Glenn Greene, Principal ggreene@phsd144.net

Fieldcrest- Ms. Kimberly Cook, Principal kcook@phsd144.net

Highlands- Ms. Christina Montgomery, Principal cmontgomery@phsd144.net

Mae Jemison- Ms. Tiffany Burnett, Principal tburnett@phsd144.net

Markham Park- Ms. Tiffany Rucker, Principal trucker@phsd144.net

Nob Hill- Ms. Theresa Smith, Principal thsmith@phsd144.net

Prairie-Hills Jr. High- Mr. Kennnell Smith, Principal ksmith@phsd144.net

Primary Academic Center- Ms. Michelle Hardmon mhardmon@phsd144.net

Once the completed forms are received then Principals will begin making phone calls to parents confirming the student's return. Those phone calls will begin on January 7, 2021 when we return from the Winter Break.

The Board of Education along with my staff and I are very excited about welcoming more of our student population into the buildings for in-person learning. We are committed to ensuring that we ALL remain safe and secure. As always, please don't hesitate to contact me directly with any questions, comments or concerns, kpatterson@phsd144.net or (708) 210-2898.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kimako Patterson
Superintendent

A Celebration of Life

The Prairie-Hills School District lost two valuable people the past few months with the deaths of Board Member Elaine Walker and teacher Jennie Hung.



Ms. Walker, of Hazel Crest, died on September 8, 2020. She was 77 years old and the mother of four, grandmother of 12 and great-grandmother of

two. She had served on the Board of Education since 2005.

Ms. Hung, of Oak Forest, died on August 10, 2020. She was 46 years old. She attended school in the Prairie-Hills District as a child and returned as a teacher in 1998. Most recently she served as the Early Childhood Education Coordinator.





A balloon release celebrating the lives of Ms. Walker and Ms. Hung was held September 25.

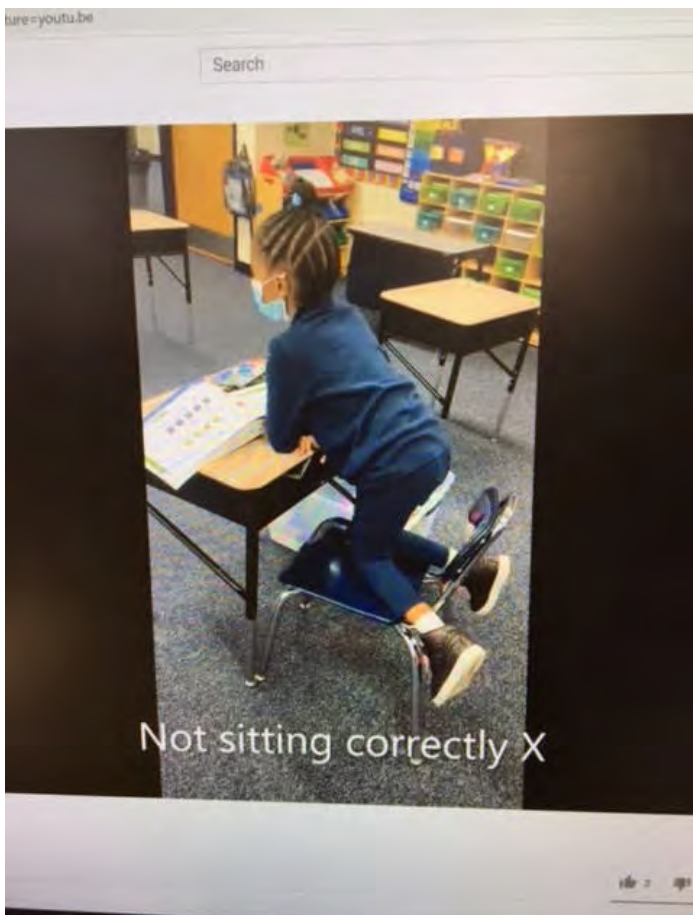
"We certainly were blessed to have had Elaine and Jennie as part of our school district," said Superintendent Dr. Kimako Patterson. "They both were wonderful people to work with and they both had a positive and lasting impact on our district and our students"



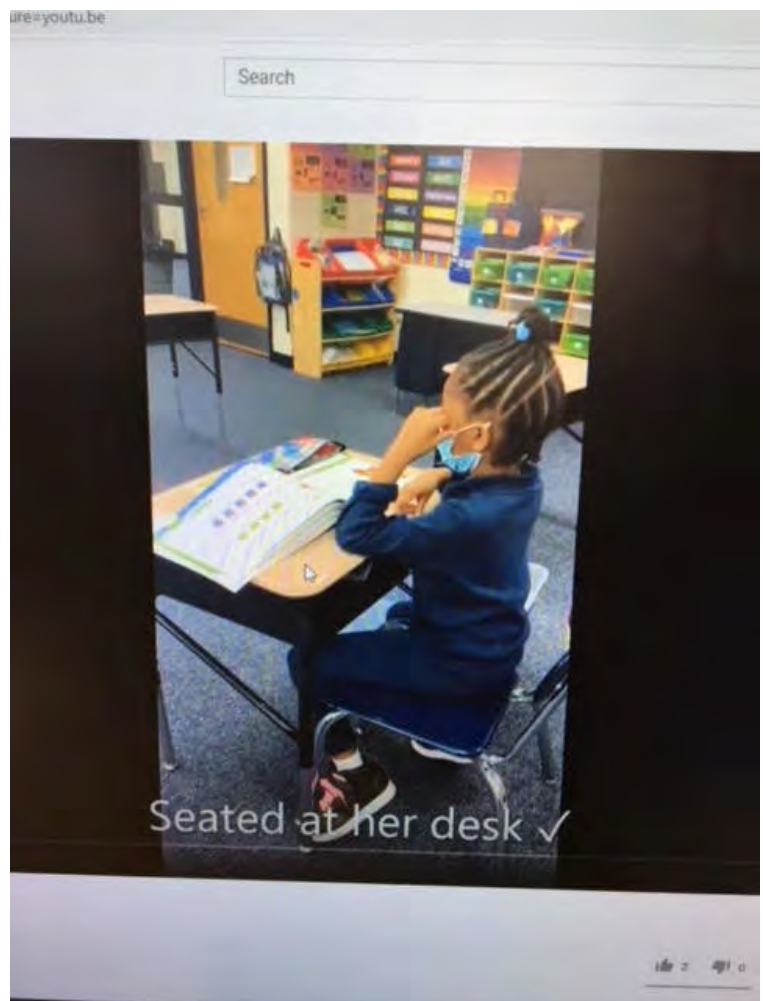
Mae Jemison Halloween Parade



Mae Jemison PBIS Kickoff

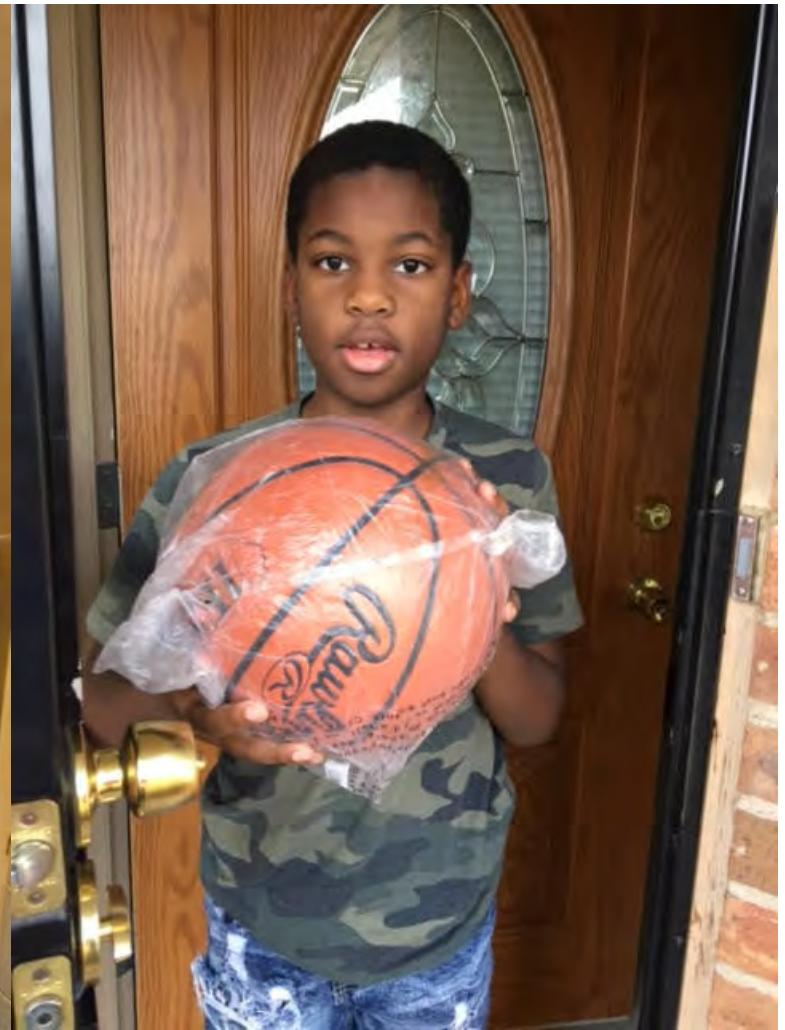


**"On a mission..
creating
future stars."**





**Congrats to
the
Mae
Jemison
Raffle
Winners!!!**







TREASURED Gifts

Rhianna Jenkins, a third-grade student at Fieldcrest Elementary School, and her mother, Risa, are domestic violence survivors. They know firsthand the many fears victims face. The feeling of hopelessness and feeling ultimately defeated.

One day Rhianna had a conversation with her mom about how she felt and stated that she wanted to help other kids that had gone through domestic violence. With encouragement and a constant push, Rhianna's mother decided to create a 501c non-profit organization whose mission is to uplift and support victims of Domestic Violence. This non-profit organization is called Rhianna's Treasured Gifts, with her mom being the CEO and Rhianna as the brand ambassador.

They hope to collect donations of clothes, shoes, toys, hygiene products, beauty products, and household items to give to victims in need. They are committed to serving battered individuals to be an aide in the process of healing so they can know that they have the support and are not alone. This service is entirely charitable and designed to help victims heal.



This upcoming December of 2020 we're hosting a few things:

- A fundraising week at FIVE Below in Crestwood Dec 18th-24th.
- 3 days of Christmas -Dec 16,17 & 18- We'll be giving back to the community via "drive-by" of Hot Food plates/ Kids Christmas gifts.

Specific locations are TBD•A fundraising night at Culvers in Tinley Park Dec 18th.

DONATE WHILE *You Dine!*

Visit the Culver's of Tinley Park on Friday December 18th and we will donate 10%
of sales to Rhianna's Treasured Gifts.

Enjoy a delicious meal, benefit a great cause and feel good all over.

Please make sure to let your cashier know you are here for the kickback!



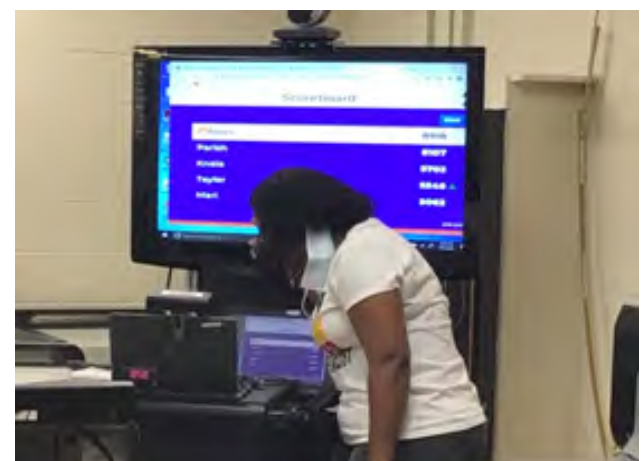
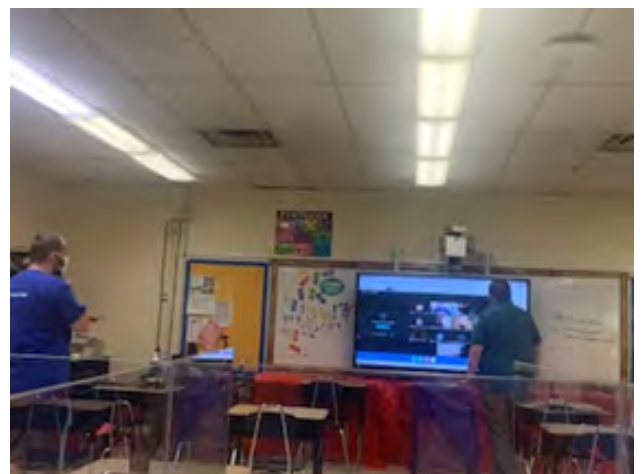
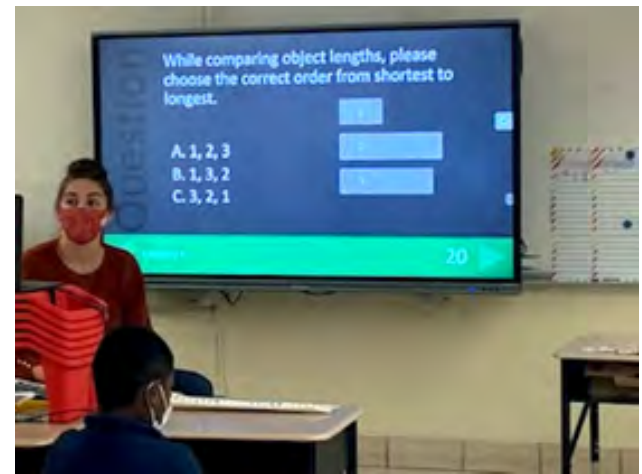
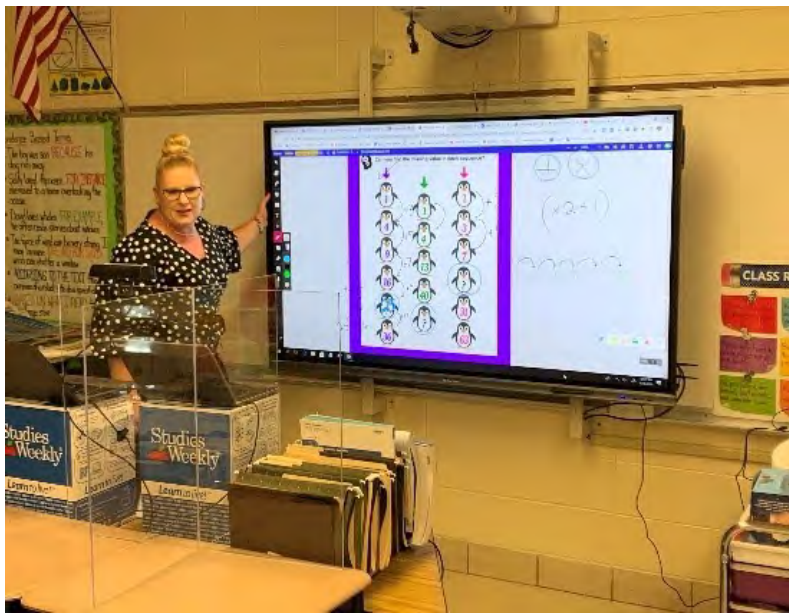
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staff and
students are
virtually
unstoppable!**





Chateaux Academic

Chateaux School Virtual Academic Recognition Assembly December 2, 2020

At the end of each marking period, Chateaux School students are recognized for their hard work at our Academic Recognition Assembly. Below are the requirements that must be met to achieve each certificate type. Each certificate category is carefully chosen by the Chateaux School Academic Recognition Committee to represent, reward, and inspire important academic achievements and learning behaviors which lead to student success.

Certificate Descriptors

Honors: The Honors Certificate is earned by students (K-5) achieving a cumulative grade point average between 3.0 – 3.49 in all subject areas for the entire marking period.

High Honors: The High Honors Certificate is earned by students (K-5) achieving a cumulative grade point average between 3.5 – 3.99 in all subject areas for the entire marking period.

Principal's Award: The Principal's Award Certificate is earned by achieving a perfect cumulative grade point average of 4.0 or all A's in all subject areas for the entire marking period.

The first quarter Virtual Academic Recognition Award winners for the marking period ended October 30, 2020 were as follows:

<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Honors</u>	<u>High Honors</u>	<u>Principal Award</u>
Kindergarten	Malachi Barnett Necah Gordon Neemah Gordon Kyriel Caston Alaina Holloway Noah Soria Dyrone McWilliams Dayvian Bond	Milani Drayton Aaliyah Gaston Ni'Lah Temple Peyton Anderson Eric Breathett Jacob Qualls Anthony Roberts Tamiyah Shines DNiyla Winston Wynter Walton	Connor Bell Savannah Davis Dasani Fisher Jeremiah Shines Aiden Stewart Dalaya Blackman
1 st Grade	Aubree Miller Akirah Brown Aireona Shelton Samiyah Smith Tahirah Gibbs	DaNiya Ford Avion Richardson Maggie Villalpando Jeremiah Burns-Conley DaRiya Ford Eric Gregory Travell Henning Teanya Kelly Shayla Klyce Cameron Moore Lyric Riddle Braylin Bogan Rose Bryant	Seon Brown King David Yasiim Frazier Je'Nay Gardener Tyler Kelly Marissa Love Aaron Myers Donovan Rocquemore Deon Smith Calley Norwood Tenise Patterson Blessing Russell JaCory Temple Savannah Davis Patricio Levya

Honors Students

<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Honors</u>	<u>High Honors</u>	<u>Principal Award</u>
2 nd Grade	Devin Prater Londyn Allen Lealia Easter Anthony Hubert Christina Riley Shedrick Baldwin Brian Pridgeon	Je'Anna Ford Malaysia Noel Avony Anderson Ayden Bridges Josiah Burns Kiley Clark Khalil Gayden Xavier Lewis Johnson Tenzin McGee Cherish Rodriguez Antonio Dameron Jermaine Woolfork	Malachi Asama Darasimi Babatunde Trinity Campbell Laniyah Craine Maikhi Gage Darius Garrett Traneal Henning Janiyah Holloway Journey Key Allure Lockett Marcus Love LaMir Taylor Kaylann Washington Javon Williams Olivia Davis William KcKee London Riddle Kellen Ward
3 rd Grade	Tyrese Smith Kloey Taylor David Rocquemore Rashad Rogers Akiere Brown-Hawkins Kadon Adon	Miracle Andrews Jamiyah Davis Blake White Maya Fletcher Ariyah Stewart Jayden Wormack Karsen May	Devin Dent Abdias Ligan Taliyah Myers Kierstynn Carter Jayda Boyce
4 th Grade	Layla Martino Ayden Bond Semajae Williams Kennedie Thomas DaMariah Vaughn Cody Barnes	Antonio Bernard Chela Thornton Kyla Herbin Brooklyn Thomas London Mason Jaiden James	
5 th Grade	Jeremiah Robinson Jaylen Ballard Janayla Gage Wiley Hawkins Latrice McCoy Ajiana Sanson Antineeah Woolfork	Jashonte Burton Simeon Echols Isaiah Klyce A'Modjai Stewart	Oriade Asama Jaye Atanda



Prairie Hills Junior High

Staff and students celebrated the beginning of school and honored the passing of Ms. Walker and Ms. Hung.



Students practiced their social distancing.



Food collected for baskets



Girl Scouts hard at work during the pandemic

Helping Hearts and Helping Hands



Staff prepare Thanksgiving baskets

Students helping prepare baskets



Markham Park is



Markham Park School is off to great start. Students that are coming into the building are exposed to as much academic normalcy as possible. We strive to work with remote learners as much as possible so we have decided to expand our Homework Help Program for them to participate. I am excited about creating a resource for students that continue to require assistance beyond the school day and being able to aid them as they try to learn in a new way. The staff has settled in nicely to our new normal and we are gaining more technology skills as we go. We will stop at nothing to ensure that the students who learn at Markham Park are academically and socially ready to move forward as we progress through the school year.



Making it Happen!



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