



April 2, 2009

Dear Principal:

We are looking for your support to encourage the participation of your students in the School Children's Section of the Markham Fair. The year 2008 saw the participation of 36 schools with a total of 2044 entries. The winner of the top school this year was again Coledale P.S., who received a cheque for \$200 and was recognized on a trophy.

Schools that enter regularly have a number of strategies to make this an enjoyable learning experience for teachers, students and parents. For example:

- Teachers can match ideas from the flyer to their curriculum and save the student's artwork to enter in September.
- Teachers can hand out flyers in June so that interested students may complete a project over the summer.
- Teachers may hand out flyers in September so that students may submit a project that they have completed at home through the school.
- One teacher who volunteers to coordinate the entries in the Fall is helpful.
- Teacher or parent volunteers can bring the entries to and from the Fair.

Please find enclosed our **2009 MARKHAM FAIR – SCHOOL CHILDREN'S PRIZE LIST** and selection of poems for our Printing and Writing, categories 1-7. Please photocopy them along with this letter for distribution to your teachers. Entry tags can be obtained from the Fair office (905) 642-FAIR.

We look forward to seeing *your school* as part of our "School Children's Section". Students love to see work from their school at the Fair!

Please feel free to contact one of the chairpersons below for any further information.

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