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District News

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Willshire Bus Stop Change

Parkway Transportation has moved the Hogan and Riley St bus stop in Willshire. The old bus stop was getting congested, and it was brought to the attention of the transportation department that there was an empty lot a half block north of the current bus stop. Rick Roehm, the Transportation Supervisor, contacted the City of Willshire (council) and asked about making this empty lot a bus stop for Parkway Students. The Council approved the lot to be excavated, and stone to be hauled in to make this lot a safe bus stop for students.

Parkway Transportation would like to recognize the following people for their help and donations for this project: Willshire, for providing the stone; Roehm Farms, for hauling of the stone; Brandt Construction, Alan Brandt, for the excavating and the leveling of the stone; and Brock Dubry, Dubry Installations, for the removal of the dirt from the lot.

The project was done at zero expense due to these generous people and their time and donations. A huge thanks to all involved!!

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High School News

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Parkway HS Drama Club's "Bye Bye Birdie"

The high school drama club is proud to announce that they will be performing the musical *Bye Bye Birdie*. When the military draft selects rock star Conrad Birdie (Carter Hellwarth), his fans are devastated, but none more than struggling songwriter Albert Peterson (Tyler Rowen), whose song Birdie was just about to record. Albert's longtime girlfriend, Rosie (Helena Sinning), pushes Albert to write a new tune that Birdie will perform on television to a fan selected in a contest. The scheme works, with young Ohio teenager Kim McAfee (Morgan Bollenbacher) declared the winner, but no one has counted on the jealous wrath of her boyfriend. Performances will be March 18 at 7 PM, March 19 at 2 PM and 7 PM, and March 20 at 2 PM. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for students.

Winter Homecoming



Congratulations to this year's 2022 Winter Homecoming Queen, Miss Cami High.

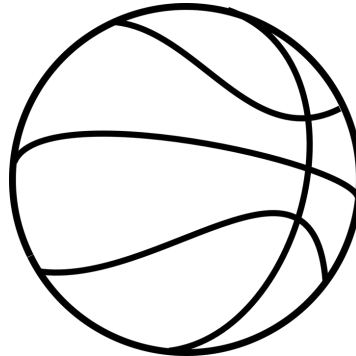
Pictured are the attendants and queen candidates for this year's Winter Homecoming court.

(Bottom row L-R): Junior Emree Sinning, Sophomore Avery White, and Freshman Amanda Barrett.

(Top row L-R): Senior queen candidates: Cami High, Faith Jacobs, and Gracyn Temple.

Important Dates!

- March 6th: High School choir concert at 3:00 PM
- March 7th: 2-hour delay
- March 18-20th: High School drama performances
- April 1st: Summer term application deadline for Northwest State Community College and Wright State
- April 15th: Fall term application deadline for Northwest State Community College
- May 1st- Fall term application deadline for Wright State



Student Shadow Program

Several of Mr. Minnich's juniors have been working with fourth grade students in a new Shadow Program. With this program, the juniors have been meeting with their assigned fourth grader, and are taking on the responsibility of role model and displaying classroom etiquette. Both parties will get to know each other and will hopefully develop a trusting relationship throughout the year, while being under the supervision of their teachers.

The goal of this program is to create lasting changes that will benefit the students, both juniors and fourth graders, throughout the rest of their education. The fourth graders spend an hour in a high school classroom setting, and interact with the high school students in a positive way. The juniors also help the fourth graders with their homework, and send encouraging correspondence back with them. Mr. Minnich would like to acknowledge the hard work the juniors have put into this project, and he appreciates the cooperation from the teachers and administrators to benefit all the students' educational experience. The Shadow Program has already shown to be beneficial to both groups.



Middle School News

Correspondents: Blake Strickler and Ashtyn Sipe



Students of the Month

5th Grade - Ava VanDyke - Ava has been chosen as Student of the Month for her hard work in the classroom this year. She is always on-task and is quick to ask questions when she needs help. She is always in a pleasant mood and is a positive influence on the rest of her class. Ava is a member of Wadiarius and is the daughter of Robin Hundley.

6th Grade - Obadiah Williams - Obadiah has shown responsibility by keeping in contact with teachers when he has been out. He has always had work completed on time no matter the circumstances. His strong work ethic shows in the classroom as he shows great pride in everything he does. Obadiah is a very enjoyable student who always has a story to share! Obadiah is a member of Wadiarius and is the son of Adam and Lisa Williams.



7th Grade - Isabell Young - Izzy is an outstanding example of a PAWSitive student. She is very dependable and responsible. She consistently has her work completed and she answers questions with great detail and accuracy. She is kind to her classmates and very respectful to her teachers. Keep up the amazing work, Izzy, your teacher's appreciate your effort and attitude! Izzy is a member of Wadiarius and is the daughter of William and Heather Young.

8th Grade - Rylan Lyons - Rylan is the Student of the Month because he is a very hardworking student and always gives his best effort. He is always willing to help out teachers and other students when he can. Rylan is very kind and polite and is a great example of a Parkway Panther. Rylan is a member of Spero and is the son of Tom and Amy Lyons.

Team Ventures

On January 5, twenty-one 6th and 7th-grade Parkway students attended Team Ventures at Wright State Lake Campus. Team Ventures is a day of critical thinking, creative problem solving, collaboration, and communication with teammates for middle school students. Throughout the day, Parkway students teamed up with other Mercer County area school students to participate in various challenging activities led by area teachers. These activities included flying drones through obstacle courses, escape rooms, coding Ozobots, engineering Turing Tumbles, and designing materials to carry an egg through an obstacle course. Team Ventures was an excellent experience for students to make new friends while working collaboratively on challenging projects.



DC Fundraiser

The Rockford, Willshire, and Mendon's Lion's Club have once again sponsored a benefit to help cover some of the costs for the Parkway 8th Grade Washington DC Trip. In previous years, the Lion's Club had a Fish Fry dinner, but this year they chose to change to a Chicken Dinner.

After the fundraiser, the Lion's Club made a total of over \$2,600 for the 8th grade class!



The picture to the left features Dennis Hecht presenting the check to Parkway Middle School Principal, Brian Woods.



Elementary News

Correspondents: Riley Samples and Kaitlin Shaffner

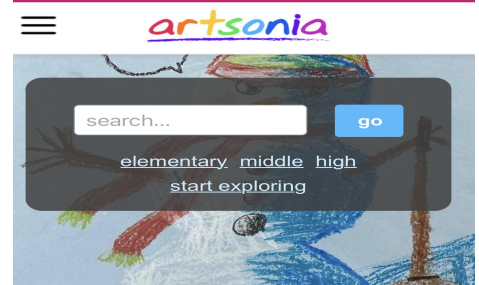


What's New In the Elementary Art Program



Parkway Elementary has adopted a new website called Artsonia that allows parents to view and purchase their child's art throughout the year. Parents were given a paper at the beginning of the year detailing the website. However, parents can still look on their child's class Dojo for the code to the website. From Artsonia, parents can view a slideshow of the class's artwork and purchase their child's pieces. From these proceeds, Artsonia donates 20% back to the school, where Mrs. Painter can redeem the money on an Amazon gift card to be spent at Blick Art Supplies for future projects.

♥♥♥ Valentines Keepsake Sale on Jewelry, Mugs and more with your favorite art! — ORDER BY FEB 6 ♥♥♥



New Account Signup or Login

Teachers

Parents

Mrs. Painter likes to post her students' work on Artsonia as soon as she displays the pieces to keep parents and students up to date. Currently, kindergarten, first and second grades are the only grade levels that are featured on this new website, but Mrs. Painter hopes to involve more grades in the future.

💰 Money Money Money 💰

Money is moving at Parkway in both the high school and elementary. Mrs. Profit's senior math class ran a store front for four different days that the second grade classes could buy goods from. These goods included chips, cookies, fruit and drinks. The elementary students learned how to count money to buy the food they wanted and mastered the art of multiple transactions. Some of the kids realized that if they bought a cheaper snack, they could purchase more than one item! The second graders also learned how to effectively communicate with the high school cashier.



The high schoolers involved used different marketing tactics after each day. After the first day, the high school class observed which snacks were purchased the most and which were purchased the least when they took inventory. Then, they modified their product for the next day by offering the foods that the second graders liked the most. They continued this process after each day. This helped the high schoolers sell more items and make a greater "profit." This fun activity not only benefited the second graders, but it also helped the high school students to understand what goes on behind the scenes of a business.