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District News

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POW WOW for Bus Drivers

The Parkway Elementary students and staff had their monthly Pow Wow, which is an assembly for grades K-4. Each month's POW WOW has a different focus, and this month's focus was thanking the bus drivers for all of their hard work. Several bus drivers came to the POW WOW in person and were treated with coffee and donuts and were presented with Thank You cards signed by the students. Thank you to Trey Stover, Annette Spindler, Nick Steinke, and Jim Hamilton for coming to the POW WOW and thank you to the rest of the bus drivers who work hard for the Parkway students everyday.



New Buses and Upkeep for Parkway

Parkway has received a grant in the amount of \$135,000 to help with the purchase of three buses. The first bus will arrive this month, and the other two will hopefully arrive before the 2022-2023 school year begins.

In addition to three new buses, the grant will also help with maintenance and upkeep of Parkway's twelve regular route bus fleet. The oldest bus among the regular route buses is from 2012, but the majority of the buses are 2018 and newer, including the new buses coming. The transportation department is trying to keep Parkway's fleet of buses the same style and brand to help simplify parts and repairs needed, allowing most parts to be interchangeable. The last ten buses Parkway has purchased have all been Blue Bird transit style buses. This helps with the ability to keep the buses that are needed on routes to a minimum, due to the larger amount of students that a transit bus can hold. Parkway Transportation appreciates the opportunity to be offered grants to allow us to buy three new buses. We would also like to thank the Parkway community for their continued support!

Bus Drivers Needed

Parkway is always looking for substitute bus drivers! Anyone interested in becoming a certified bus driver, please contact Sally Cox in the district office.



Spring Break

April 14 - 18

Open Enrollment

Open enrollment forms have been sent out. The deadline to open enroll to Parkway is April 29. Contact the district office if you know someone who needs a form.



High School News

Correspondents : Cami High and Ruby Bennett



High School Teaches Rounding Through Statistics

Mrs Profit's statistics classes taught 5th grade students about rounding. Both the high schoolers and the middle schoolers benefited from this experience. They broke into four groups and rotated to different stations. Each station was presented with a different activity that was statistics-related. The stations consisted of a game, a lesson, a video, and the last station was an assessment. Taking all of the scored answers, the high schoolers ran a statistical analysis to answer the question, "Are you smarter than a 5th grader?" Ultimately, the results showed that the high schoolers were, in fact, smarter than the 5th graders. The average score for the Statistics students was near a perfect 100% while the 5th grade class average score was near 75%. Both the high school students and middle school students learned from this experience and became better at rounding and Statistics.

NHS Activities

The National Honor Society has been doing many activities lately. These activities include the Trivia Challenge, an eighth grade question and answer session, and computer matchups.

The Trivia Challenge was an activity that the whole high school could come and watch. Each student donated a dollar in order to watch the trivia challenge, with this money going to the charity Heifer International. The National Honor Society members faced-off against various middle and high school teachers to see which group could answer the most questions correctly, and this year the teachers won.

The eighth grade question and answer session took place on February 28th. Several junior and senior National Honor Society members volunteered to go into the eighth grade classrooms to answer any questions they had regarding what to expect in high school. This was a good experience for both groups involved because the eighth graders learned what to expect when making the transition from middle school to high school, and the NHS members were able to prepare the future high school students.

Computer matchups were sold March 1-3 at lunchtime. Each student filled out a questionnaire. When the results came in several weeks later, students could pay three dollars to purchase their results. Students learned who they are most compatible with to be best friends, along with several other fun categories. The money raised from selling the computer matchups will be combined with the Trivia Challenge money and donated to the charity Heifer International.

Juniors Go To Wright State

All Juniors from Mercer and Auglaize Counties attended the Talent Connection Forum that was held at Wright State Lake Campus on Thursday, March 3. This program is sponsored by the Auglaize/Mercer Business Education Alliance (AMBE). The alliance works with area businesses to promote connections between schools and employers to educate youth on the opportunities that exist in our rural communities. Area businesses include those dealing with agriculture, healthcare, manufacturing, marketing, engineering, etc. The participating businesses talked to the students who are interested in specific careers. The students get to know what certifications and licenses that they might need to get into that specific field, along with where they can earn the certification. Students gain connections with possible employers, and decide if that field is right for them.

Parkway is Going to Italy

This summer, six Parkway students will be going to Italy through the Parkway Explorations Club. The students have earned money for the trip by selling spring flowers.

Looking ahead, the next trip will be in 2025 where the current 7, 8 and 9th graders will have a chance to go on a trip when they get into high school and are apart of the Explorations Club!



FFA Week

FFA week has finished and the high school had lots of activities planned. There were games, trivia questions each day, prizes and even a petting zoo! Visit Parkway's homepage under the Newsletter tab and the Parkway FFA Facebook page for photos of FFA week.

Science Club

The Science Club went to Braun Industries on Wednesday, March 9th. Braun Industries makes ambulances and has many career opportunities within its industry, including design engineer, electrical analyst, welding, painting, fabricating, IT specialist, and more. Students learned a lot from this trip experience.



Middle School News



Correspondents: Blake Strickler and Ashtyn Sipe

Students of the Month

5th Grade - Gabe Winget - Gabe is an exceptional student. He has a great work ethic, intrinsic motivation to do well, and enjoys being at school. Gabe also has a terrific personality and isn't afraid to lighten up the room with his sense of humor. Keep up the good work, Gabe! Gabe is a member of Alacer. He is the son of Aaron and Rachel Winget.

6th Grade - Addyson Yaney - Addyson is a great example of what a PAWS-itive student looks like. She quietly goes about her business everyday in a very respectful and humble manner. Addyson is a hard worker and shows great responsibility and cares about her academic success. Addyson has a very friendly personality and is a joy to her teachers! Addyson is a member of Potis. She is the daughter of Beth Yaney.

7th Grade - Dylan Bollenbacher - Dylan always has something kind and encouraging to say. He is helpful to both peers and teachers. Dylan does his work on time and is proactive about making sure assignments are complete even when he is absent. Dylan brings a sort of comic relief to class but is also focused and ready to learn each day. Dylan is a member of Potis, He is the son of Derik and Kayla Bollenbacher.

8th Grade - Megan Nichols - Megan shows grit and determination in her daily work. She is detailed and meticulous with all of her classwork and maintains a positive and respectful attitude both toward her peers and teachers. She is an all-around PAWS-itive student! Megan is a member of Spero. She is the daughter of Les and Cheryl Nichols.



Middle School Quiz Bowl

This year, Parkway Middle School has started their first-ever Quiz Bowl Team. Students who wanted to be on the team had to take a test, and out of all the scores, the highest eight scores were chosen for the team. The Quiz-Bowl questions come from categories like geography, pop culture, history, math, literature, and others. As the Quiz Bowl match starts, students are unaware of the questions, which makes preparing more difficult. Good luck to our new Parkway Middle School Quiz Bowl Team! Go Panthers!



Mercer County Spelling Bee

Parkway's 8th Grader Natalie Moeller emerged as the Mercer County Champion for the second year in a row! Following Natalie was Parkway's Kaleb Gilliland, who also finished runner up for the second year in a row! Seventh graders Freya Blount placed 6th and Charles Bennett also did very well placing in the top half of the tournament. This gave the Panthers four of the top 11 spellers and three in the top six.

Natalie's win also gives Parkway the last four Mercer County Champions, following her win in 2021, Tyler Rowen in 2020, and Carter Hellwarth 2019.

MAC Basketball Tournament

Parkway's 7th and the 8th grade girls' basketball teams finished as the MAC Tournament runner-up this season! The 8th grade finished in 2nd in the regular season standings and the 7th grade finished 1st. Overall, the 8th grade finished 17-2 and the 7th finished 17-1. Congratulations Lady Panthers and coaches!





Elementary News

Correspondents: Riley Samples and Kaitlin Shaffner



Kindergarten Screening Reminder for Parents

Kindergarten screening will take place on April 7th and 8th between 8:00 am and 2:30 pm. Students must be 5 years or older to be eligible for screening. Your child must be five years old by August 1st to be eligible. If you are new to the enrollment requirements, here is what you will need: the child's official birth certificate, social security card, immunization records, one form of proof of residency, and any court documents pertaining to the custody/guardianship of the student, such as divorce, foster, etc. Appointments for screening may be set by calling Michelle in the elementary office at 419-363-3045 ext. 720. **There will be no school for current Kindergarten students on April 7 and 8, as well as no preschool on April 7.**

Pawesome Assembly

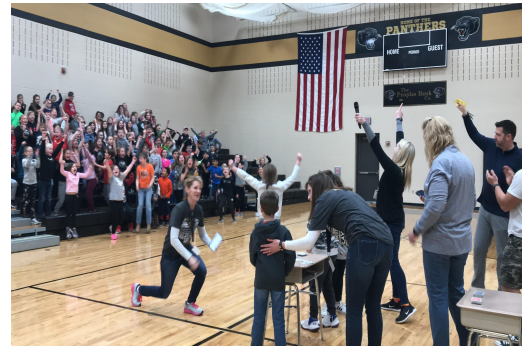
The elementary students and staff had a pep assembly where they awarded certificates to students who showed pawesome participation and kindness. They also played a war card game where they competed for the spirit stick! The third graders continue to hold their victory streak!

Delaney Fox, the winner of the spirit stick and representative of the third grade was asked how it felt when she won the spirit stick for her class. She replied that it felt good, but she was nervous about everyone watching her. The assembly taught Miss Fox how to be a pawesome student and she added that a good way to do so is to be quiet in the hallways. She also added that Miss Line has helped her a lot to be a better student.



Pawesome Students:

Avery Castleman, Samantha Williamson, Mia Shaffer, Brittyn Joseph, Henry Zizelman, Kaitlyn Hague, Holly Moorman, Frank Houser, Kenadi Parrish, and Gideon Byer



Delaney Fox wins the spirit stick for the 3rd grade

Engineering Good Ideas

Mr. Steinke's class has been working hard with their Ohio Energy Project. The goal of this project was for the students to engineer a MacGyver Wind Lift that will capture the wind from a fan and lift a cup of pennies. The students had to determine a multitude of different factors, such as number of blades, blade shape, blade length, blade material, and blade angle. After the students computed the numbers, they got to actually design their lift project. The students then tested their lift to see how many pennies could be raised. After recording how many pennies were elevated they redesigned their lift to see if more pennies could be hoisted. At the end of the second design they had to prove which one was more efficient and what changes were made to help their Lift be more systematic. Great work fourth grade!

