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District News



Even as the first quarter of the 2021/2022 school year draws to a close, the students and staff at Parkway have done anything but slow down. October is a month filled with exciting and enriching educational opportunities for each building. In the elementary, our young Panthers are preparing for fun field trips, to the pumpkin patch and zoo. Our middle school students are busy preparing for the fall musical while our high school drama club is practicing for the fall cabaret. We also cannot forget our athletes in the middle school and high school as they bring their fall seasons to an end. It is an absolute joy to watch our students continue to show their Panther Pride and represent our Panther community in such positive ways. Check out Parkway Elementary, Parkway Middle School, and Parkway High School Facebook pages to stay up to date on what is happening in our district.

Walking down the hallways of our beautiful building, it is hard to not feel the excitement in the air as our students continue to take advantage of the high-quality learning opportunities provided by our staff. This past month I have had the pleasure of observing classrooms throughout the district. I continue to marvel at the talent and caring demonstrated by our entire staff at Parkway. In each classroom I visited, I saw students highly engaged in learning. I saw teachers using a variety of instructional strategies that addressed different student learning styles and the use of technology effectively integrated into instruction. Most of all, I saw passionate teachers delivering effective lessons and helping develop a love of learning in their students. Our district is truly blessed to have such dedicated teachers who strive to go above and beyond for the students in their classrooms.

I also want to take a moment to thank our community members for the continued support and encouragement of our students, schools, and district. Despite the challenges we have faced over the past few years, our Panther community has stood behind us, conquering every obstacle along with us with an overwhelming amount of Panther Pride. It is this support that really makes the difference for a student, and we are incredibly grateful for the continued encouragement and support.

Go Panthers!



Veterans Day Assembly



Parkway Local Schools will be honoring our veterans with a Veteran's Day Assembly on Thursday, November 11, from 8:30-9:30 A.M. in the Parkway High School gym. All local veterans and their families are invited to attend. Following the assembly, there will be a meet and greet with K-12 students in the High School Commons, with coffee and donuts provided for the veterans.

Participating veterans are asked to contact Sally Cox at 419-363-3045 ext. 700 or at coxs@parkwayschools.org, if planning to attend. Veterans are asked to arrive between 8:00-8:20 in order to be seated for the program at 8:20. High School Student Council Members will assist with parking and getting into the building.



High School News

Correspondents : Cami High and Ruby Bennett



ServSafe Food Handlers Certification



September was National Food Safety Month and to recognize that Mrs. Clark's Culinary Fundamentals classes participated in the ServSafe Food Handlers Course. As a result, 39 students received their ServSafe Food Handler certification after completing the coursework and online exam.

Servsafe is a program designed to provide restaurant servers, cooks, and managers with the tools they need to ensure they are using the most up-to-date and effective food safety practices. It teaches the importance of food safety, as well as the best food preparation practices, cleaning and sanitizing methods, storage techniques, cooking processes, and more. Each student's certification is valid for 3 years. If students present their certifications at food service establishments, they may have a better chance of getting hired and also a better pay rate than those not certified. Students enjoyed the learning experience and are now better prepared to practice food safety techniques in culinary class, at home, and on the job.

Parkway Cabaret: *Twist and Turns*

Parkway High School's Drama Club will be doing a cabaret this year called *Twist and Turns*, a very humorous cabaret show with many songs about dumpsters, lack of patience, and liking someone just a bit too much. Along with songs, there will be a comedy skit called "Channeling My Frustrations" which revolves around a man who realizes that TV isn't what he thought it was. The shows are on November 5th (7 PM), November 6th (7 PM), and November 7th (2 PM). The creator and director of the show is 2nd-grade teacher, Matthew Bruce. Tickets are available by presale or open-house- \$8 for adults and \$6 for students. Any child 6 years old or younger are free. There is no maximum limit of people this year, so everyone is welcome to join us for our cabaret show!

Fall Homecoming

Parkway had its annual Fall Homecoming on September 17, 2021. Freshman attendant Cali Bollenbacher was escorted by Xavier Samples. Sophomore attendant Olivia Dicke was escorted by Devon Crouch. Junior attendant Abby Baltzell was escorted by Eddie Nichols. Senior candidate Molly Hileman was escorted by Aiden Anderson and Zach Hawk. Senior candidate Reagan Roehm was escorted by Blake Strickler and Riley Samples. Homecoming Queen Dani Huff was escorted by Jace Armstrong and Grant Bollenbacher. The dance was held on September 18, 2021.

Yearbook Field Trip

Parkway High School's Yearbook Class attended "Fall Yearbook Workshop 2021." This event took place at Wapakoneta High School and was held on September 21st. Students got to work with an artist to create this year's 2021 yearbook cover page, and develop the theme of the yearbook. Students were able to collaborate with other schools, and share ideas about creating this year's yearbook.



All attendants with our previous fall queen, Claire Rutledge. (Left to Right) Olivia Dicke, Abby Baltzell, Reagan Roehm, Claire Rutledge, Molly Hileman, Dani Huff, Cali Bollenbacher



Middle School News

Correspondents: Ashtyn Sipe and Blake Strickler



Do You Want to Build a Snowman?

This year's Middle School production is "Frozen," based on the Disney movie. Production dates are Friday, November 12, at 7:00 P.M., Saturday, November 13, at 7:00 P.M. and Sunday, November 14, at 2:00 P.M. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students, K-12. The cast of the play includes: **Young Anna:** Piper Pennell; **Young Elsa:** Hadley Stover; **King Agnarr:** David Green; **Queen Iduna:** Kymberly Hess; **Pabbie:** Maddie Miehl; **Bulda:** Lydia Eichler; **Middle Anna:** Jaymin Peel; **Middle Elsa:** Jaymie Quickstad; **Bishop:** Obadiah Williams; **Housekeeper:** Morgan Louth; **Butler (Housekeeper #2):** Albany Roth; **Handmaiden:** Mazie Neuenschwander; **Cook:** Stella Sinning; **Anna:** Payton Frese; **Elsa:** Tara Brown; **Kristoff:** Chase Louth; **Sven:** Maria Buogo; **Hans:** Colin Ketchum; **Steward:** Will Trisel; **Duke of Weselton:** Cade Thomas; **Olaf:** James Ferron; **Oaken:** Levon Fox, and the **Chorus:** Jackie Baker, Alivia Baucher, Desi Brockman, Jayla Cook, Miley Crouch, Kayli Ford, Kara Fullenkamp, Sterling Garrity, Brooklyn Giffin, Nicole Heitkamp, Kalah Krick, Leilani Lovelace, Rylee Lloyd, Elayna Moeller, Ramsey Parrish, Jasmine Paul, Payton Ravine, Elliot Salisbury, Mia Schmidt, Abigail Sipe, Daryana Slusher, Emma Van Trees, Maddisynne Young.



September Students of the Month

5th Grade - Isabelle Knapke - Izzy is a well-rounded student. She is hard-working, organized, friendly, and responsible. She also has a terrific attitude and an upbeat personality. Izzy is a standout in the 5th grade this year who deserves this acknowledgment. Isabelle is a member of Spero and is the daughter of Jeremy and Brianna Knapke.

6th Grade - Carson Stauffer - Carson takes great pride in his work. He is a hard worker and is not afraid to ask questions. He participates in class discussions and goes above and beyond what is expected. Carson is a very responsible student and a good role model for others. Carson is a member of Wadiarius and is the son of Thad and Cassie Stauffer.

7th Grade - Freya Blount - Freya is new to Parkway and exemplifies the behavior of a PAWS-itive student. Freya is responsible, respectful and very organized. She works hard and contributes to classroom discussion. She asks good questions and is a leader when doing group work. Freya's attitude and behavior puts her at the top of her class. She is a role model to the other students. Freya is a member of Alacer and is the daughter of Jennifer Harr.

8th Grade - Nathaniel Stolly - Nathaniel brings his "A" game to every class every day. He strives for excellence while maintaining a great attitude and sense of humor. He respects his peers and teachers and the respect is mutual. He also excels outside the classroom as the leading runner on the cross country team. Nathaniel is a member of Wadiarius and is the son of Chad and Karen Stolly.



Elementary News



Correspondents: Riley Samples and Kaitlin Shaffner

Two New Programs for the Elementary

The class DOJO is a system to connect parents to their students at school and helps with classroom management. Teachers are able to send pictures, videos and messages to parents to help keep them up-to-date with their child's progress. Points are used to maintain good classroom management. Students earn points for doing what is expected and being “PAWSitive.” Students can also lose points for doing the opposite. Each student's DOJO points will be calculated at the end of the week and if it is an 80% or higher, they receive an extra recess. If a student does not receive an 80% or higher, the teachers will discuss with the student how they can improve.

Several teachers are going to Response to Intervention, or RTI training soon to help struggling students through any issues they might have. The teachers involved are: Jenny Fisher, Jennifer Poor, Deb Kirby, Alexis Line, Caroline Chittum, and Stacie Kraner. Teachers will use data and discussion to learn to focus on the root cause of the issue, set a measurable goal, invite parents to become part of the process, and work together to collect data to show progress toward the goal.

With Halloween around the corner, many teachers throughout the elementary are getting their students into the spooky mood. Mr. Williams, one of Parkway’s new teachers, decided that a good way to get his students into the Halloween spirit was to research and learn about pumpkins. This research will help the kids better understand how to decorate the pumpkins they will make later this month.

Mrs. Schwab took a hands-on approach to Halloween when her class picked pumpkins at the Lincoln Ridge Pumpkin Patch. Miss Hellwarth plans on throwing a party for her students to celebrate Halloween, which includes a Kahoot game and some Halloween jams. Mr. Bates and Mrs. Samples have some fun centers planned for their students, while Mrs. Rodgers plans on having a fun party for her kids to get them into the Thanksgiving mood.



The students in Mrs. Samples’ class are learning about main ideas. The main idea is the most important idea about a topic, and details give more information about the main idea.

For this activity, there were four groups and each group had a little bag full of items. The group had to figure out what the main idea of the bag was using the items as clues.

Ex. batting gloves and sun flowers seeds would be details for the main idea of **baseball**.