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District News

Bus Safety



Parkway students recently had their annual bus safety and evacuation drills. The bus supervisor, Rick Roehm, spoke to the students about safety items the students need to know while riding a bus. Some of the items covered were: students were reminded where the emergency exits are located, they should always stand at a point of safety, they should make sure the bus driver can always see them at bus stops, they should not be eating or drinking on the bus, and students were reminded to be quiet at railroad crossings. Many other items were addressed during the bus safety practice.

Students also practiced an emergency evacuation drill. Each student was taught to go out the rear emergency door, the front door, or a combination of the rear and front door to quickly evacuate the bus in a safe manner. The Parkway School system hopes to never have to activate this drill but will always strive to keep students safe!!

Food Service Message

The Food Service staff would like to thank everyone for making the start of school a smooth one. Even though it is forecasted that there will be issues with food shortages and order cancellations, we hope to not to have to change the menu as printed. We will announce any changes as soon as possible on the Parkway Facebook page.

We have had a good response from families with filling out free and reduced meal applications. As you know, we are back to more normal operations and that means meals are paid, reduced price, or free. Meal prices are K-4th grade - \$2.10, 5th-8th grades - \$2.35, and 9th-12th grades - \$2.45. Reduced breakfast price is \$.30 and reduced lunch is \$.40 for grades K-12.

If you have not filled out a meal application and feel you may qualify for free or reduced meals, an application can be completed online. On Parkway's web page under the Food Service tab, you will find the meal application. You can fill it out and submit online. You can also pick up a meal application in any of the four building offices. It is important to fill out a meal application before the start of each new school year, but a meal application can be completed anytime during the school year if your income decreases or your household size increases.

The school benefits from the amount of meal applications received. The more families qualifying for free and reduced meals helps the district in receiving more federal funds. The district currently employs 2 Title I teachers, has smaller class sizes in kindergarten, and has been able to provide students with additional social/emotional supports with the assistance of these funds. Students who qualify for free meals also can have their instructional fees waived and college applications/admission test fees waived.

Attention Parkway Class of 1962

Parkway's first graduating class is set to celebrate 60 years this fall. Seventy-two seniors from Rockford and Willshire graduated from Parkway High School in 1962. The classmates will come together to reminisce on the 60 years since their commencement on Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 3-4 P.M. at the West Lake Lodge, 1100 South Main Street, Celina, Ohio. Everyone is welcome to join in the fellowship, even if you did not graduate with the class of 1962. Stop by and share memories!

Please go to Parkway's Homepage under Newsletter to view the 1962 class picture.

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High School News

Correspondent: Andrew Taylor



High School Offers New Classes

Parkway High School is offering two new elective classes for students in grades 9-12. **Mythology** is a year-long English elective class that covers topics such as Greek, Roman, and even Norse mythology. Mythology is embedded in our modern culture within movies, T.V. shows, video games, modern novels, and even political systems. Students will cover specific aspects of mythology and connect them to modern day thinking.

Greenhouse Nursery Management is another year-long elective class offered by our science department. In this class, students will learn to grow and care for plants on a large scale. Students will also learn basic business skills, like overseeing employees, managing electricity, and paying bills on a larger scale for a business. In the future, Parkway hopes to have its own greenhouse built before the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

Parkway would like to thank the Melvin and AnnaLee Linn family for contributing funds to the new greenhouse. Additional funds are still needed for the greenhouse project. If you would like to contribute, please contact Chloe Callow or Alan Post at 419-363-3045.



S.M.I.L.E. Coffee

The S.M.I.L.E. Coffee Program is starting its second year of service. Students in Mr. Hughes' S.M.I.L.E. Coffee program are focused on **Securing Multiple Independent Learning Experiences** and are offered real-life skills training while making, serving, and delivering coffee to students and staff. The coffee program is growing and has added an ice maker to make iced coffee and plans to add a new coffee flavor every 2-3 months. The continued goal of the S.M.I.L.E. Coffee program is to serve more students and to expand to start selling coffee to the community in the future.

Parkway FFA Mums

Parkway FFA member Emily Schaefer is selling Mums through the Parkway FFA chapter. Emily is a Senior and is the Secretary of the Parkway FFA. The mums are sold in 5 different colors: pink, purple, orange, yellow, and red. Prices range from \$6 for a small, \$8 dollars for a medium, and \$10 for a large.

For more information, contact Emily Schaffer at (419) 771-8362.



New Faces In The High School

Parkway would like to welcome two new teachers to the high school. **Maren Primm** is Parkway's new band director and assistant choir director. Ms. Primm comes to Parkway from Hillard, Ohio, and The Ohio State University, where she earned a Bachelor's degree in music education. In her personal time, Ms. Primm enjoys outdoor activities such as hiking and canoeing, but she always finds time to play different instruments.

Ms. Primm's main focus this year is to get her students ready for their concerts and to continue to learn challenging music. Ms. Primm enjoys the small town atmosphere and is excited to start her career at Parkway.

Ms. Chloe Callow is Parkway High School's newest science teacher. Ms Callow teaches Greenhouse Management, Metal Working, Electricity, Agronomics, Leadership Capstone, and Power Technology. Ms. Callow is planning several big projects for her classes including, learning about pest management in the Greenhouse Management class and making a portable extension cord in the Electricity class.

Ms. Callow comes to Parkway from Larue, Ohio, and The Ohio State University with a Bachelor's degree in Agrosience Education. She taught in the Elida school system before taking her current position here at Parkway. In her personal time, Ms. Callow enjoys baking, crafting, and gardening. Ms. Callow loves our community and can't wait for many more years of teaching at Parkway.

We would also like to welcome our new high school aides **Emma Cook and Melissa Sinning**. These two ladies play a huge role in helping our students.

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Middle School News

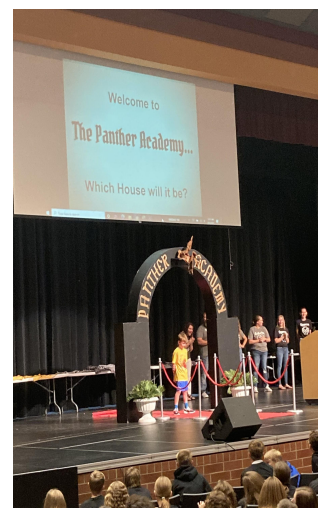
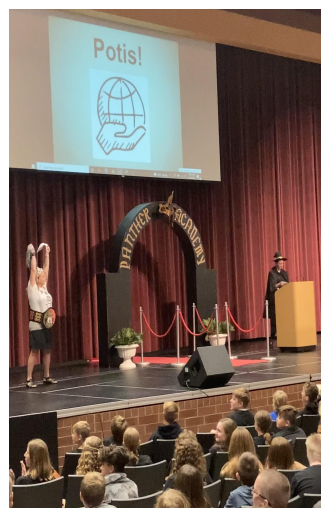
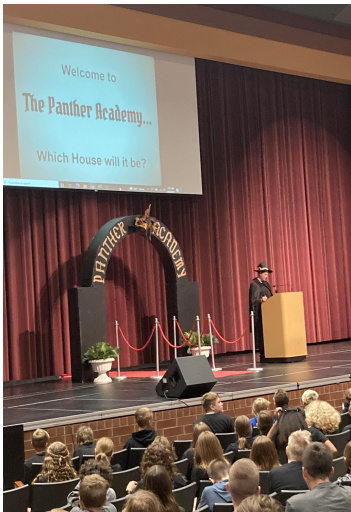
Correspondents: Caiden Berry



PANTHER ACADEMY

The Middle School has kicked off the year with their Panther Academy program. This year-long program promotes positive thinking, learning, and behavior. During an exciting ceremony, students were randomly split into 4 houses: Potis (the practice of responsibility), Alacer (the practice of actively learning), Wadiarius (the practice of working respectfully), and Spero (the practice of showing kindness).

Each house can earn points by students earning academic achievements, demonstrating academic growth, and showing positive behavior throughout the school year. At the end of each quarter, students can participate in friendly mental and physical challenges, focusing on Executive Functioning skills. Ultimately, each house will compete for points throughout the year to try to earn the Championship Belt and also a trip to Kings Island in May.



The Middle School Welcomes New Faces

Parkway Middle School would like to welcome Ashley Billger, Rachel Neely, and Lacey Trumbull as Aides this school year.



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Elementary News

Correspondents: Alivia Osborne



New Faces in the Elementary

The Parkway Elementary School would like to welcome new aides this year.

Sarah Prine- 1st grade.

Allison Keeran-3rd grade.

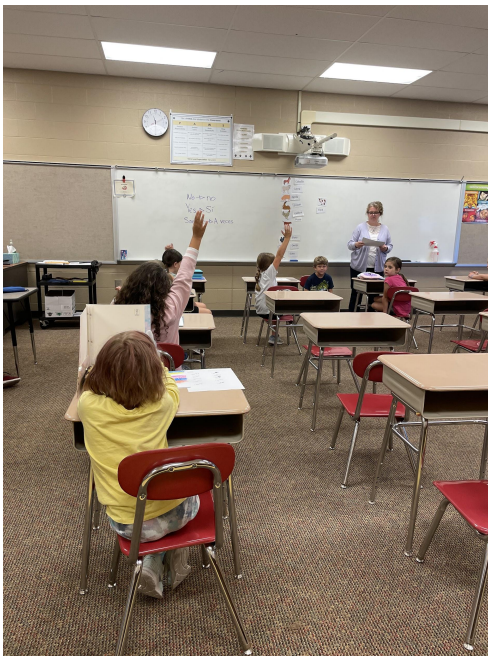
Kylee Welker- Part day Elementary Library and part day high school



Kylee Welker, Sarah Prine, Allison Keeran

Spanish Comes To The Elementary

Mrs. Imwalle, Parkway's high school Spanish teacher of 26 years, is teaching a class to the second and fourth graders. In the past, Mrs. Imwalle's Spanish III students have gone down to the elementary for a class project to teach the students basic Spanish; however, this year Mrs. Imwalle will be teaching a class for the entire year. So far, students have been introduced to basic Spanish concepts such as how to pronounce their names and how to ask basic questions. Mrs. Imwalle's hope is to introduce the Spanish language to the students so that when they get older, they will not be intimidated by learning a foreign language.



Second Grade



Fourth Grade

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Class Picture of 1962



Parkway's New App

Need an easier way to access Parkway Local Schools updates and upcoming events? Download our new App today! Search for "Parkway Local Schools through the Apple App Store or Google Play today! This is a great way to easily view Breakfast/Lunch Menus, District Calendars, and our updated Staff Directory!



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Select yes when you download the app to receive the latest push notifications from the district and your school.
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Add events to the calendar on your personal mobile device directly from the calendar section on the app.
- News**
Check out the latest district wide and school news all in one place!

New High School teachers



Ms. Maren Primm



Mrs. Chloe Callow



High School Aides



**Melissa Sinning, left
Emma Cook, right**



Bus Safety and Evacuation Practice



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District News



Busing

The Parkway Transportation Department has had a great start to another new school year! I would like to thank our bus drivers, our administration, the parents, and everyone else who is involved with helping with the success of bus safety and logistics when it comes to transporting our students. Patience is a virtue when transporting students, and is greatly appreciated by Parkway Transportation while we work out all the kinks at the start of the new year, and any other situations that may occur during the school year. Let's hope for a continued safe and smooth school year!

I would like to ask one more thing from our parents who drop off their students in the mornings. Please do not use Buckeye Street or the street directly in front of the Middle School and District Office while commuting to the elementary drop off. This street (Panther Drive) can be very congested in the mornings already. If you are dropping off your student at the elementary, please use the street beside New Horizon Church. This will eliminate bus congestion and congestion from high school students who drive to school on Buckeye Street. Thank you for your cooperation!

Rick Roehm
Transportation Supervisor



Honoring Veterans



Parkway Local Schools will be honoring our local veterans and their families with a Veteran's Day Assembly on Friday, November 11, from 8:30-9:30 A.M. in the Parkway High School gym.

Veterans wishing to attend are asked to contact Sally Cox at 419-363-3045 ext. 700 or at coxs@parkwayschools.org. When registering, veterans will be asked to provide their name, branch of service, approximate years served, any wars/conflicts served in, along with the names of family members in attendance so that we may properly recognize and honor the veterans and their families.

On that morning, veterans are asked to arrive at the high school entrance between 8:00-8:20 in order to be seated for the program by 8:30. High School Student Government members will assist with parking and getting into the building.

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.

New Trees at Football Stadium

Out with the old and In with the new. Parkway schools replaced the old and decaying pine trees and replaced them with 150 new trees to keep with the tradition of having trees surrounding our football stadium.

The trees consist of Western Red Cedar, Norway Spruce, Bald Cypress, Tulip Poplar, and coming soon, White Pine.



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High School News

Correspondent: Andrew Taylor



See You At The Pole!

Parkway's Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) held an event on September 28 at 7:00 A.M. called "See You At The Pole" honoring *Global Week of Student Prayer*. This was a student-led event, where students prayed for our school, community, and world.

After the event, students enjoyed donuts in the community room.



Parkway/Vantage NHS



Parkway would like to congratulate the National Honor Society inductees for 2022. To participate in NHS, the qualifications are to earn a minimum of a 3.5 G.P.A., show leadership skills, participate in community service (must have a minimum of 20 service hours), and demonstrate strong character traits. This year's NHS participants have plans for raising money for Heifer International through fun events like their annual "Trivia Challenge."

Congratulations goes out to our Parkway Vantage students for earning their positions on the National Technical Honor Society.

Please see the Parkway Homepage for more information and pictures of these exploratory students.

Build Your Future

On Thursday, September 22, Parkway's Sophomore class took a field trip to the Van Wert County Fairgrounds to participate in the "Build Your Future 2022." This event was held by Van Wert Works Program and Vantage Career Center. Sophomores rotated around to different stations that Vantage students taught like Carpentry, Construction, Welding, HVAC, Electrical, Plumbing, and Heavy Machinery. With this hands-on trade experience, Parkway students got first-hand involvement in potential career options.



Important Dates

- October 26 - Toledo University- College Representative Visit
- October 30 - Marching Band concert grades 6-12 at 2 PM
- November 2 - Edison State College Representative Visit
- December 5-9-Fall (EOC) End of Course Retake Exams
- Nov. 4-6- High School Musical "Subverted"

*See Parkway's Homepage/Newsletter for more information.

Scholastic Bowl

Academics, pop culture, and random facts are just a few categories that our 2022 Scholastic Bowl teams are quick to answer. This year's JV team is undefeated, while our Varsity Scholastic Bowl team holds a 4-1 record. Participants buzz in answers to 20 fast-paced questions per round, with a total of five rounds. The misconception is that Scholastic Bowl is only for academically intelligent students. Although this helps, any high school student who has a broad knowledge of many things, the ability to answer questions quickly, and a fun-loving attitude can participate and become an important member of the team.

For those who would like to try Scholastic Bowl, the team meets every Monday for a few hours for a lively and fun-filled evening.



Middle School News

Correspondent: Caiden Berry



Students Of The Month

5th Grade - Claire Snell - Claire is quiet, hardworking, and independent. She consistently has her homework done, is well organized, and does not get caught up in distractions and drama. She has caught the attention of her teachers by standing out in a good way. Keep up the excellent work! Claire is the daughter of Thomas and Jenna Snell.

6th Grade - Branson Bradley. Branson is a responsible student who consistently comes to class prepared and is not afraid to ask questions. One of the things his teachers appreciate most about him is how respectful he is to them and his peers. Branson is an all good kid and a great role model for others! Branson is the son of Amy Clouse and Tom Bradley.

7th Grade - Makynlie Clay - Makynlie has been working extremely hard on her work and is very respectful to her teachers. She works the entire class period and wants to do well. She works well independently and also does well in group work. She has good time management skills and acts very mature for her age. She has all around displayed PAWSitive student behavior this year. Way to go Makynlie~ keep up the good work!!! Makynlie is the daughter of Ashleigh Clay and Ryan Clay.

8th Grade - Gavin Westgerdes - Gavin is hard working and shows grit and determination while mastering difficult concepts. He leads by example by displaying strong character traits and is respectful and courteous to his classmates. Gavin is the son of Britney Shindeldecker and Geoff Westgerdes.



Language Arts Literature Circles

In Mrs. Clay's 6th grade Language Arts classes, the students are reading the book *Number the Stars*. It is a World War II novel that tells the story of Denmark's heroic rescue of its Jews from the Nazis. The students were assigned groups & jobs for their literature circle, including the Discussion Director, Passage Picker & Word Wizard. The students will also be working on projects throughout the novel.



New S.T.E.M. Teacher

Parkway would like to welcome to the high school and middle school, Ms. Taylor Thein. Ms. Thein teaches specials for 5th-8th grade and an elective high school STEM class (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math). The STEM classes focus on engineering design, putting things together in everyday life, and understanding how it all works.

The students have started working on programming robots to move in certain ways through a challenging course. Miss Thein has enjoyed seeing the students like the projects and use math in a practical way to get things to work.

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Elementary News

Correspondent: Alivia Osborne



September Students of the Month



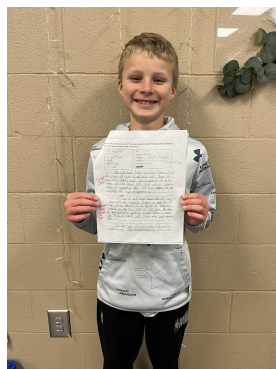
Whitley Smith, Lexi Garwood, Camila Tawoj, Brantley Baker, Bexlee Brister, Macey Bell, Konner Crouch, Clayton Schmidt, Lanae Schafer, Gabby England.

4th Graders Write About Careers

Ms. Hellwarth's 4th grade Language Arts classes wrote an essay about the skills they will need to use in their future careers. The students took their ideas and created amazing essays using their thinking skills to determine what they will need for their futures.

Please see Parkway's Homepage, under Newsletter for additional information and pictures of Ms. Hellwarth's Language Arts writers.

Proud 4th grade essay writer, Griffin



The Great Apple Crunch

At the recent Paw Wow, Nurse Patty Hippy talked to the students about eating locally grown foods. The students learned about how eating locally grown foods taste better, are more nutritious, and how eating locally grown foods support our area farmers.

After the presentation, the students were treated to an apple that was donated by Menchhofer Farms.



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Trees around the football stadium



Parkway High School Cabaret “*Subverted*”

A night of singing and comedy for the whole family.



Dates:

Friday, November 4th: 7pm

Saturday, November 5th: 7pm

Sunday, November 6th: 2pm



Location: Parkway High School Auditorium

Tickets are available at the door

8\$ - Adults \$6 - students

Children 6 and under get in free!

Parkway/Vantage National Technical Honor Society



Herminie Williams- future plans are to go into architecture and carpentry

Emily Clutter- future plans are to become an English or social studies teacher

Morgan Hunter- future plans are to go to college and major in sociology

Taylor Gruss- future plans are to enter police academy

Parkway's National Honor Society



Fourth Row- Derek Smith, Corban Rich, Edin Nichols, Caiden Heindel, Roman Leszinske, Carter Hellwarth, Brooke Stephenson, Gabrielle Stober, Colby Bentz, Emily Schaefer.

Third Row- Aaron Cron, Emiree Knittle, Madison Jacobs, Gavin Dicke, Alison Rowen, Nevaeh Seals, Hutch Ridenour, Emree Sinning, Madison Gile

Second Row- Logan Green, Francesca Steinbrunner, Meg Henkle, Alexis Berry, Ruby Bennett, Sarah Sheppard, Madison Louth

First Row- Breanna Berry, Morgan Bollenbacher, Ashley Jackson, Woodrow Tinkham, Tyler Rowen, Trent Rollins, Jacob Winget

Students not Pictured- Jackson Kraner, Avery White

Middle School Drama Production

There are 37 Middle School students who have a part in this production.

Join us to support these students and enjoy the production!

Friday, November 11, 2022 -

7:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 12, 2022 -

7:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 13, 2022 -

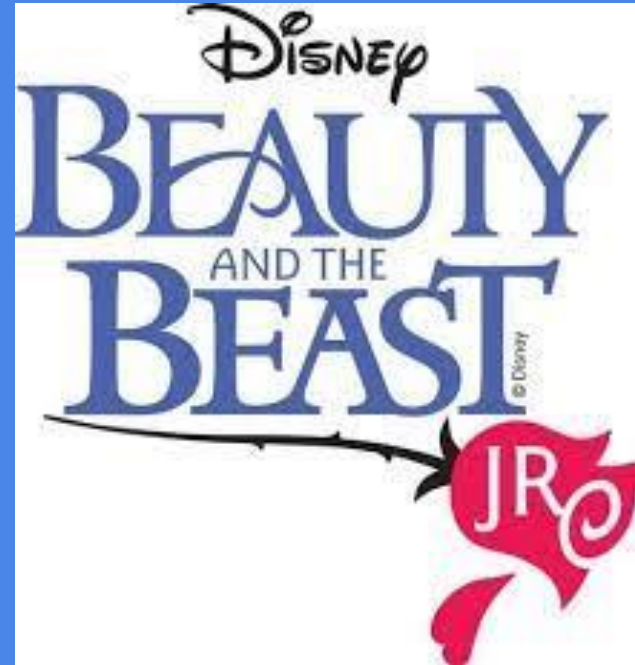
2:00 p.m.

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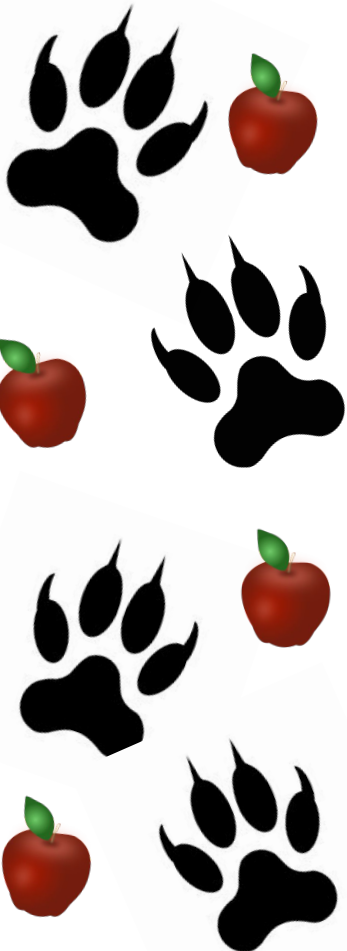
Auditorium

Adults - \$7

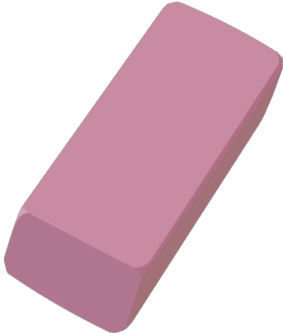
Students - \$5

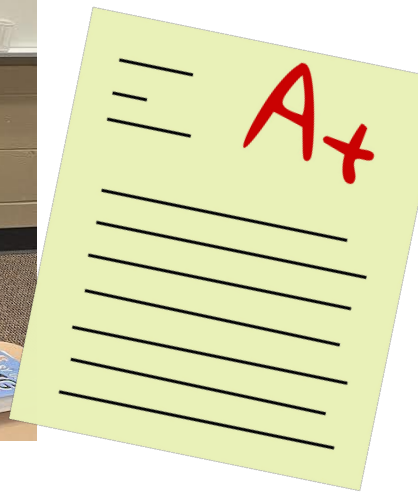


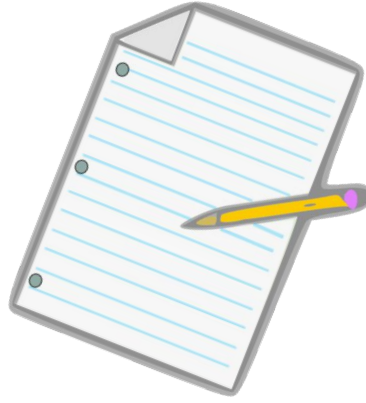
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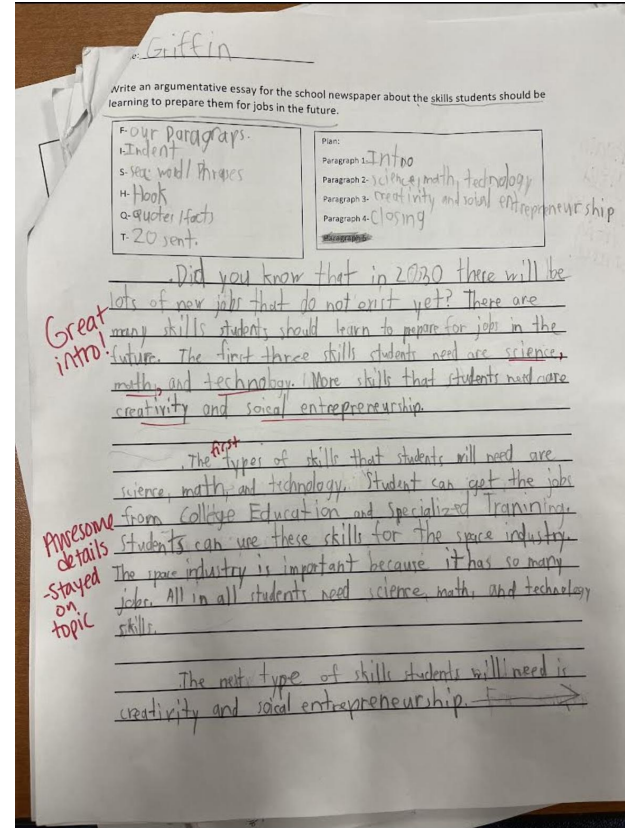
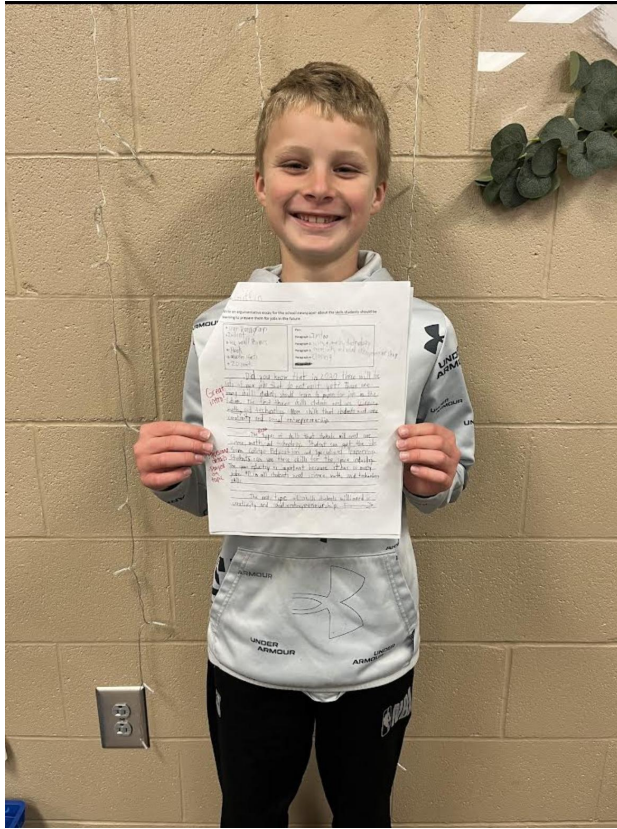
Ms. Hellwarth's Language Arts classes.







4th Grade Griffin And His Excellent Essay



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Honoring Veterans



Parkway Schools held a Veteran's Day Assembly on Friday, November 11, to honor our local veterans. As the veterans arrived, they were greeted by the FFA Chapter with Carnations and a handwritten note of appreciation for their service.

The program began with Parkway High School's Student Government presenting the color guard as they marched around the gym to the cadence played by Aaliyah Baxter. Each military flag was carried by a student government representative including Meg Henkle, Ruby Bennett, Breanna Berry, Paige Stephenson, Paige Williamson, Avery White, Audrey Nichols, Francesca Steinbrenner, and Taylor Minnich.

The elementary students then stood to sing, "America, Land of the Free" by Roger Emerson, and "The Spirit of America" written by John Jacobson and Cristi Miller. After the elementary sang, middle school House Council representatives including Maggie Rich, Jackson Ross, Cami Langenkamp, Wyatt Pancake, Jaymin Peel, Piper Pennell, Alicia Miller, and Bailey Menchhofer read various speeches. Fifth graders Landyn Heiser, Meadow Hays, and Lydia Gibbons read acrostic poems, while sixth graders Kayli Ford and Hadley Stover shared their essays. The seventh grade House Council members wrote a Thank You letter that was shared by Albany Roth. Then to end the speeches, the eighth grade House Council students collaborated to write an essay explaining "What Freedom Means to Me." The essay was shared by Morgan Louth. Finally, the middle school student body sang "Proud to be an American" by Lee Greenwood.

To continue the Veteran's Day celebration, high school FFA Vice-President, Allison Hughes introduced United States Representative, Bob Latta, who gave a patriotic speech about the meaning of Veteran's Day. Allison then introduced the veterans by name, military branch, years that he/she served, and wars/conflicts/deployments that he/she served in. Allison also named family members in attendance and Parkway students who were related to the honorary veterans. The high school band ended the Veteran's Day assembly by playing the military medley, "Salute to the Armed Forces" arranged by Dennis Reaser. The song transitioned from the Navy to the Army, then the Air Force, and finally to the Marine Hymn. Each veteran proudly stood when his/her military branch song was played.

Parkway had a record number of veterans attend this year, with 54 in total honored. Parkway Local Schools and our communities would like to thank our veterans for their service to our country. Parkway Panthers are proud to be Americans.



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High School News

Correspondent: Andrew Taylor



Parkway's Career Navigation

Mercer County Career Navigator representative Sandi Holdheide came to Parkway on October 27, 2022, to meet with seniors. Ms. Holdheide introduced the seniors to a website called youscience.com, where they were able to answer questions on their likes and dislikes. They took their results and looked into possible jobs that they would be interested in pursuing in our surrounding area. Ms. Holdheide has continued to meet with many Parkway seniors to further guide them in their future interests.

In the spring of 2023, Parkway's juniors will attend a job fair at the Wright State Lake Campus. Last year, over sixty individual companies and over 800 students attended the job fair.

FFA National Convention

In late October, fourteen of Parkway's FFA members attended National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Part of the trip consisted of touring area businesses including, J&M Manufacturing in Fort Recovery, Ohio. Then they traveled over to Indiana to tour many different agricultural places including Poet Bioprocessing in Alexandria, Albanese Candy Factory in Merrillville, Fair Oaks Farms in Fair Oaks, and RDM Aquaculture Shrimp Farm in Fowler, Indiana.

After a few days of touring, the FFA members wore their official dress and attended the National Convention opening ceremony. Over the next two days, the members experienced many different speakers such as the National Officer team; the Keynote speakers, Tamika Catchings and Coty Back; and they enjoyed listening to the State FFA Band and Chorus. Between sessions, members had the opportunity to walk through the Expo Center where there were many colleges, businesses, and organizations present.

For the first time in Parkway FFA history, Senior Carter Hellwarth represented Ohio at the National level in the Prepared Public Speaking Competition CDE. Carter wrote and memorized a 6-8 minute agricultural-related speech entitled, "Victory Gardens." Afterwards, Carter was asked several questions about his speech topic, where he was judged on his knowledge of content and his ability to answer questions thoroughly. Congratulations to Carter for all of his hard work.

Preparation For Veteran's Day

Mr. Minnich's Junior Civics classes prepared 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders for Parkway's Veterans Day assembly by teaching them the history behind the *Pledge Of Allegiance* and *Star Spangled Banner*. The purpose of the presentation was to talk about citizenship and the importance of honoring our nation through our school and community.



Junior Tyler Rowan teaching elementary students the meaning behind the Pledge of Allegiance.

Choir Sings Backup For Neil Diamond

A few of the Parkway High School choir members participated in the Neil Diamond Celebration of Music at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center on Saturday October 8th. Parkway was invited along with Van Wert, Wayne Trace, Crestview and Lincolnview schools to be part of a back up choir for the show. Our students represented our school and community with pride.



Back Row: Ian Trisel, Hutch Ridenour, Elias Poe, Helana Sinning, Harli Grunden

Front Row: Katie Trisel, Emree Sinning, Amanda Barrett, Angela Lovell



Middle School News

Correspondent: Caiden Berry



October Students of the Month

5th Grade - Jackson England - Jackson is a laid-back, easy-going student but at the same time, he is organized, focused, and ready to learn. Jackson has the right blend of seriousness and silliness, which he uses daily to help the positivity of the classroom environment. Not only does Jackson have a terrific personality, but he is also an excellent student who works hard and achieves excellent grades. Jackson is the son of Joshua and Lisa England.

6th Grade - Kallie Brehm - Kallie is a great example of how a positive student should be. She is kind, respectful, and has a great attitude. She always shows a great desire to learn and excels in everything she does. Kallie is a top notch student all the way around. Kallie is the daughter of Marshall and Heidi Brehm.

7th Grade - Ethan Stolly - Ethan comes to class with a positive attitude everyday. His eagerness to learn and willingness to work is inspiring to others. Ethan is kind and thoughtful, and has been a great addition to the Panther student body! Keep it up Ethan! Ethan is the son of Chad and Karen Stolly.

8th Grade - Kyra Matter - Kyra has been an excellent addition to Parkway Middle School! She is an active participant in class and goes above and beyond what is asked of her. Kyra works well with others and is helpful in explaining confusing concepts to classmates. Kyra has a positive attitude and always strives to do her best work! Kyra is the daughter of Samantha Isbell and Bradley Matter.



Eighth Grade History Project

The 8th grade class did a project over the original 13 colonies, where they worked in pairs and selected a colony that interested them. Each group researched their specific colony's geography, climate, economy, religion, and culture. They also researched other colonies that they found as a threat so that they could explain to people why not to settle in that colony. The students then created trifolds to highlight their colony's strengths in each of the five areas.

Students, teachers, and community members walked through the community room where the projects were displayed and voted on the best colony. Rockford Subway donated a free 6 inch sub to the winners.

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Elementary News

Correspondent: Alivia Osborne



Fire Safety In The Elementary

Fire trucks from Rockford, Chatt, and Wilshire came to Parkway Elementary. The students learned the difference between trucks, were shown how to put on gear, and learned how to operate the fire truck. At the end of the presentation, all students received a gift bag filled with fire safety goodies including, stickers, crayons, and a coloring book.

Thank you to our community for helping our elementary students learn about fire safety.



October Students of The Month

Back Row- Heidi Hurt, Amelia Kreisler, Gabe McDorman, Sterling Strunk, Desirae Archer, Benson Brickley and Jack Ferguson

Front Row- Alivia Martin, Breckyn Henkle, Owen Stephenson

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Veteran's Day Assembly



Preparation for Veteran's Day



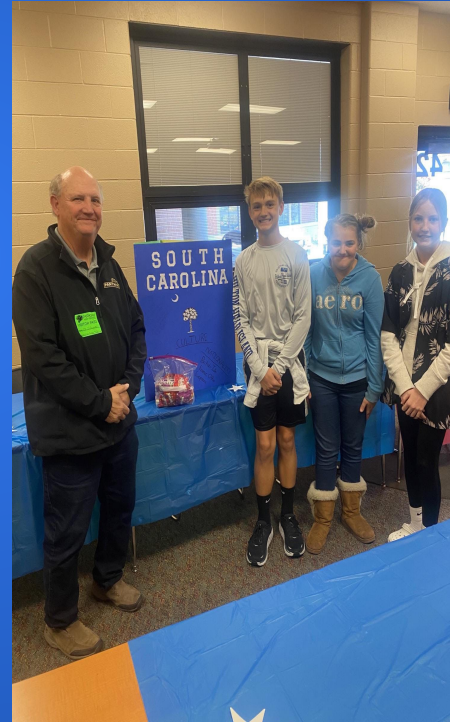
Elementary singing " God Bless the USA"

Madison Louth talking to elementary students



Tyler Rowen talking to the elementary about the Pledge of Allegiance

Middle School Colony Project



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District News



New Bus Drivers



The transportation department has been very busy for the 2022 calendar year. We have been training and certifying five new bus drivers. I am glad to introduce some new additions to our bus/transportation team for the calendar year 2022: Nathan Rupp, Craig Harvey, Jordan Ross, and Bruce Berry, respectively.

- Nathan Rupp is Parkway's boys' Cross Country and Track Coach and now drives our CC and Track teams to their meets.
- Jordan Ross is a Parkway JH Football Coach who quickly stepped up to get his bus license and helped us fill a void near the beginning of this school year.
- Craig Harvey got his bus license just in time to drive our HS Football Team this past season, and I think he enjoyed doing it!
- Bruce Berry is Parkway's Girls' Bowling Coach, who also will start driving bowlers to bowling matches on Saturdays.

You might see a pattern here! Parkway is very fortunate to have many coaches with their bus licenses. Nathan, Craig, and Bruce have full-time jobs and have graciously offered to help with extracurriculars. Unfortunately, the fifth person I had trained was called for an opportunity elsewhere unrelated to busing.

A total of five trainees in one year-- I know that is a record for me, but I am always up for a challenge, especially if it means getting more bus drivers! If you see these four drivers, please help welcome them aboard, and thank them for stepping up. Please thank ALL bus drivers for their work for our students, school, and community.

Thank you to all who support Parkway Transportation!

Rick Roehm
Transportation Director

Bus Drivers Still Needed

Parkway appreciates all of our bus drivers, but we still need more!

Anyone interested in becoming a bus driver can contact Sally Cox at the Parkway District Office at 419-363-3045.

Please consider helping our students and school.

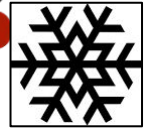


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High School News

Correspondent: Andrew Taylor



Spanish Trip

Parkway's Foreign Language Club took a trip to Wapak High School for a concert by Edgar René. Edgar is a Spanish-speaking singer from Puerto Rico. Edgar is apart of the Justo Lamas group, which teaches positive values through Spanish music. The students studied the music before going to the concert to learn its value, meaning, and Spanish translation. After the concert, the students enjoyed a meal together to La Carreta.

Parkway FFA To Nationals

Parkway's FFA members Deegan Rager, Jackson Kraner, Trenton Garwood, and Lucas Hileman won the Technology Mechanical Systems competition for the state of Ohio! The members used many different skills including welding, electricity, and different types of math.

In September 2023, these students will travel to Massachusetts for the *Big E* competition. The *Big E* is a fair that consists of the New England states. After the *Big E* trip, the FFA members will travel to Indianapolis in October to the National FFA competition, where they will represent Ohio and compete against the winners of each of the fifty states.

Congratulations to all four of these FFA members for their hard work and Parkway wishes them continued success!

The Parkway FFA chapter will help fund part of these trips; however, the members will be responsible for the remainder of the fees. If any community members would like to sponsor money towards these young men, please contact the FFA Advisor, Mr. Alan Post at 419-363-3045.

Parkway Choir Goes Caroling

Parkway High School's choir went caroling in Mendon to kick off the Christmas season. Volunteer choir members started at Mendon's Town Hall and traveled around town singing concert music and Christmas carols. Later in the week, the choir went to Tranquility Assisted Living facility to spread Christmas cheer through song!

High School Drama Club

Parkway's Drama Club successfully put on two different plays in November, including *Subverted* and *A Tale Of Two Atrocities*. Congratulations on everyone's hard work!

Please see our homepage for pictures.

Limberlost

Parkway's Science Club visited the Gene Porter Museum and the Limberlost in Geneva, IN. The students learned about Ms. Porter's passion for nature from the pictures she captured while living in Geneva. Proceeds helped with the restoration of the wetlands that still exist today. Later, students traveled to the Ceylon Covered Bridge. Originally known as the Baker Bridge, the Ceylon Covered Bridge was built in 1879 and is the only sole-surviving covered bridge that passes over the Wabash River.

Please visit Parkway's Homepage for additional pictures.

National Merit Scholarship

Parkway's Aaron Cron has advanced to the semi-finalist round of the National Merit Scholarship Competition. This is the first time that a Parkway High School student has made it this far! The National Merit Scholarship Competition accepts 50,000 academically talented students, then only 7,250 students are chosen to go onto the semi-finalist round. Later this year, Cron will find out if he wins scholarship money. Congratulations go out to Aaron for all of his dedication and hard work! .

Scholastic Bowl

The Parkway Scholastic Bowl's season ended in success. The JV team placed 8th in their tournament on November 14th, and a week later, the Varsity Scholastic Bowl team earned 4th place in the MAC tournament. The varsity team is pictured accepting their \$75.00 check.



Please go to Parkway's Homepage under Newsletter for additional information and pictures.



Middle School News

Correspondent: Caiden Berry



5th Grade - Meadow Hays - Meadow is an amazing 5th grader. She is attentive in class, participates daily, and is great at completing her homework on time. She is a creative thinker who brings great ideas to discuss in groups. Meadow also knows how to make learning fun and her positive attitude is contagious. Keep up the great work! Meadow is the daughter of Steven and Erica Hays.

6th Grade - Kade Eller - Throughout the first semester, Kade has consistently been a positive student to have in class. He always comes to class prepared with needed materials and completed homework. Kade participates in class discussions, has a great personality, and gets along well with all of his classmates! Kade is the son of Jeremiah and Brandi Eller.

7th Grade - Mia Schmidt - Mia has exemplified what it is to be a PAWS-itive student. Mia completes her assignments on time and is very honest. She works hard every day in class and asks clarifying questions when needed. She contributes to class discussions and participates in class. She is kind and respectful to both her classmates and her teachers. Keep up the awesome work, Mia!!! Mia is the daughter of Jerry and Nancy Schmidt.

8th Grade - Bryer Parrish - Bryer demonstrates grit and determination while working through difficult course work. He does this while maintaining a positive and upbeat attitude. Bryer is always courteous toward his teachers and fellow classmates. Bryer is the son of Nick Parrish and Kristi Seifert.



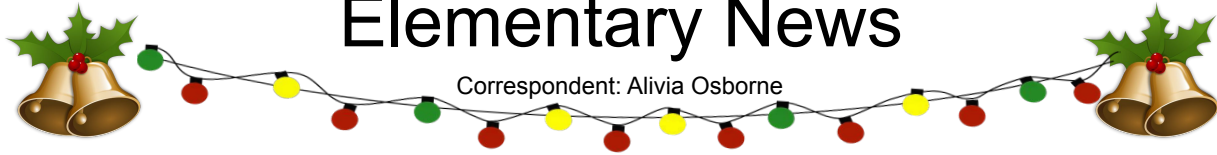
Beauty and the Beast

The Middle School Drama Club successfully presented the play *Beauty and the Beast* on November 11-13. The cast was made up of 37 students in grades 5-8.



Elementary News

Correspondent: Alivia Osborne



Penny Wars to Adopt a Grandparent

In November, Parkway Elementary K- 4 introduced a penny war to the students to raise money to help adopt a grandparent in our local assisted living facilities.

The students raised a grand total of \$2,950, which greatly exceeded their goal. Amy Joseph received a check for the Adopt-a-Grandparent Program. Amy and her helpers will present a care package to each of these grandparents.

Congratulations to the Elementary for bringing Christmas cheer to our community!



Students Of The Month



Front Row- Emerson Worline, Zetta Jay, Teddy Horstman, Gavin Snodgrass.
Second Row- Gunner Gerber, Haysell Sill Cash Potter, Hailey Knapke, Madalyn Piper, Mason Sipe.

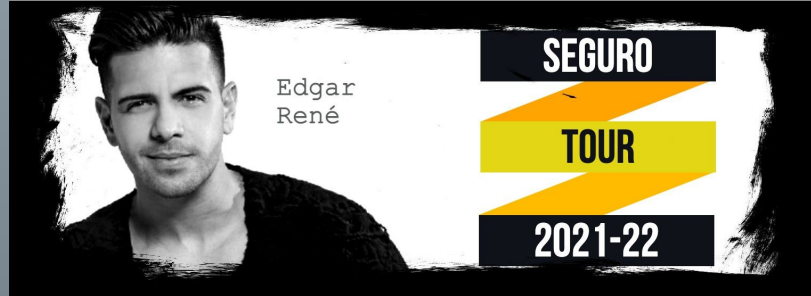
PAW WOW:



Friday, December 9, the Elementary had their monthly Paw Wow. They announced the students of the month and danced to "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree."



Parkway Foreign Language Club Trip



Science Club Limberlost Trip



Middle School Drama Performance: *Beauty and the Beast*



High School Drama: *Subverted* and *A Tale Of Two Atrocities*



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District News

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School Bus Drivers Needed

The Parkway Local Schools are in need of bus drivers. Potential drivers must qualify for a commercial drivers license (CDL) and have a good driving record. Pre-service bus driver training will be offered at Lincolnview High School February 27- March 2.

Parkway Local Schools will assist interested candidates in fulfilling the needed requirements for obtaining a bus driver's license.

If you have any interest whatsoever, would like more information, or have further questions, please contact Rick Roehm, transportation supervisor, at 419-363-3045 ext 705 or roehmr@parkwayschools.org.



Attention Winter Walkers...

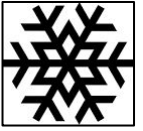
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High School News

Correspondents: Ruby Bennett and Brandon Chalfant



Thanks to Our Soldiers From FCA

This year, the FCA (Future Christian Athletes) practiced the Gift of Giving by collecting snack items and assembling care packages for two military servicemen. Mason Baxter and Brendan Etcorn, both recent Parkway graduates, are serving our country overseas. FCA thought it would be nice to show these young men the support of their school and community. FCA wishes to thank all those who contributed by donating snack items, cards, pictures, or money for shipping purposes. Thank you Mason and Brendan for serving our country.



Parkway Blood Drive

The Parkway FFA sponsored a Blood Drive on Wednesday, January 11th. Students and community members joined together to give blood for a total of 32 units. Another Blood Drive will be held by the Student Government on May 3, 2023. Students and community members are encouraged to donate to help Parkway reach our yearly goal and help one of our seniors earn a scholarship!

We will give more details about the Blood Drive in May in the upcoming issues of the Black and Gold Unfold.

College Sport Signees

Parkway Seniors Roman Leszinske, Macy Johnson, and Bryce Stearns have signed with the intent to play a sport for UNOH. Roman will golf, Macy will play volleyball, and Bryce will play baseball for the Racers. Congratulations to all!

Scholarship Season

Many scholarships are being posted on Mrs. Ontrop's bulletin board now that we are in the second half of the year. Some of these include: D.A.R.E Scholarship (Due February 23), Mercy Health St. Rita's Medical Center Scholarship (Due February 24), Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Mason's Scholarship (Due February 24), Mercer County Civic Foundation Local Scholarships (Due April 10), Corey, Bill and Benny Scholarship (Due April 28) and Mercer County Civic Foundation Area Scholarships (Due Dates Vary). More scholarships will be posted when they become available, so seniors, check out Mr.s Ontrop's bulletin board!

Flower Sales

Parkway Exploration's Club will be selling flowers to raise money for their Costa Rica trip in 2025. The sale will run from January 25 - February 27. There is a wide- range of plants to pick from such as flats of annuals, single annuals, perennials, vegetables, hanging baskets and large planters. All sales are pre-ordered. Distribution of the flowers will be Saturday, April 22. These flowers are lively and beautiful, so make sure you see one of the Exploration students to order now! If you don't know a participating Exploration's student, you may contact the advisor, Mrs. Shannon Painter at paintes@parkwayschools.org for more information.

Choir Members to Honor Members

This year, three high school choir members auditioned for and were selected to be in the Ohio Music Education Association District III Honors Choir. Amanda Barrett, Riley Bolton, and Elias Poe performed January 15th at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center in Van Wert with other students all over District III in Ohio. The students attended one, 3 hour rehearsal and two, 6 hour rehearsals. Congratulations to these three for their hard work!!

Important Upcoming Dates

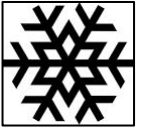
January 20- Winter Homecoming Coronation
January 21- Homecoming Dance
January 31- CCP Meeting at 6:30
February 3- Sophomore Vantage Trip
February 8- Scheduled 2 hour delay
February 13- 8th Grade Orientation at 6:30

Please see the Parkway Homepage under Newsletter for additional pictures



Middle School News

Correspondent: Ben Bates



Students of the Month

5th Grade - Maurice Krugh - Maurice has shown tremendous growth since the beginning of the school year. He exceeded his ELA MAP Winter Goal and improved his Math MAP Winter score. Maurice is also a creative, unique individual who adds character to the remarkable 5th-grade class. The fifth-grade team is proud of the achievements that Maurice has accomplished so far this year. Maurice is the son of Samantha O'Neil and Joel Krugh.

6th Grade - Savada Triplett - Savada is a great all around student who is a joy to have in class. She is very responsible with her work and always asks questions for a better understanding. Savada is a great classmate who is always willing to help others in need. Savada is the daughter of Matt and Amanda Triplett.

7th Grade - Uriah Byer - Uriah goes above and beyond in the classroom daily. He's a leader in the classroom who participates and contributes to class discussions. He's quick to volunteer answers and isn't afraid to lend a helping hand. He is responsible with his assignments and cares about his performance. Uriah is the son of Dustin and Summer Byer.

8th Grade - Kylie Younker - Kylie is a responsible student who comes to class prepared and ready to learn each day. She advocates for her learning by asking questions and participating in class discussions. Kylie is respectful, kind, and helpful to others. Kylie is the daughter of Ben and Megan Younker.



Spelling Bee Winners

The Annual Spelling Bee took place on Friday, December 16. The top 5 finishers will compete at the Mercer County Spelling Bee after the first of the year. Our first place winner, Freya Blount, will compete in the Regional Spelling Bee in Lima. Congratulations to these students!

Please see the Parkway homepage for additional pictures.

Top 5 Winners:

- 1st Place - Freya Blount
- 2nd Place - Cameo Trent
- 3rd Place - Elayna Moeller
- 4th Place - Emma VanTrees
- 5th Place - Waylone Vannette

Area Lion's Clubs Donate Money

The Parkway area Lion's Clubs recently presented Middle School Principal, Mr. Brian Woods with a \$2,500 check to benefit the 8th grade Washington D.C. trip. The donation comes from the proceeds from the Lion's Clubs' annual Pork Dinner fundraiser. The Parkway Middle School would like to thank the area Lion's Clubs for their continued support!

Pictured are Mr. Dennis Hecht (Rockford); Mr. Brian Woods, Middle School Principal; Mr. Matt Grunden (Mendon); and Mr. Kevin Krall (Willshire).





Elementary News

Correspondent: Roman Leszinske



Parkway Paw Wow

On January 13, the Parkway Elementary held their monthly Paw Wow. Throughout the Paw Wow, they announced the Students of the Month, and held a competition for the Spirit Stick.

Congratulations to the 1st Graders who won the Spirit Stick in the Snowball Launcher game for the month of January.

Students of the Month

4th Grade: Ely Zackraias; Miley Dull

3rd Grade: Trey Bentz; Miranda Harvey

2nd Grade: Will Sawmiller; Alayna Knapke

1st Grade: Harper Bransteter; Madelyn Hamrick

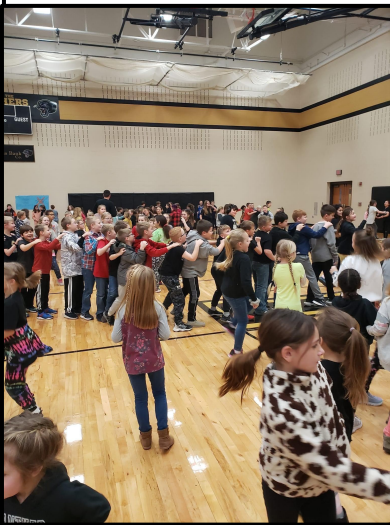
Kindergarten: Kale Sanger; Matthias Thompson



PBIS Reward Day

(Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports)

Parkway Elementary had a PBIS Reward Day for students who earned a 94% positive DOJO points for the second nine weeks. Students enjoyed playing different games throughout the day in their classrooms.



Christmas Time Donation

Before Christmas break, on December 22, the second, third, and fourth grade students donated toys and food to Helping Hands. The second graders were in charge of donating any toys they could gather together to donate. The third and fourth graders were responsible for donating any foods to the Helping Hands.

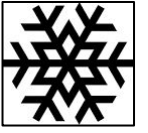
Thank you students for helping our community!





High School News

Correspondents: Ruby Bennett and Brandon Chalfant



District III Honors Choir Members (from left to right) Riley Bolton, Amanda Barrett and Elias Poe)



(From Left to Right) Seniors Bryce Stearns, Macy Johnson and Roman Leszinske signing on with UNOH)

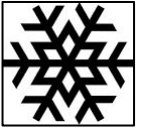


Science Teacher Anita Morton giving blood



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(Above) Junior Samara McDonald After giving blood

(Below) Senior Ali Rowen After giving blood



(Above) Sophomore Elias Poe giving blood

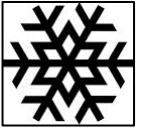
(Below) Sophomore Douglas Hughes giving blood





High School News

Correspondents: Ruby Bennett and Brandon Chalfant



Seniors (Left to Right) Emily Schaefer and Allison Hughes helping run the blood drive



Sophomore Douglas Hughes and Senior Allison Hughes at the blood drive

(Below) Sophomore Jayden Sheets donating blood





Middle School News

Correspondent: Ben Bates



Spelling bee Winners from left to right

1st Place - Freya Blount

2nd Place - Cameo Trent

3rd Place - Elayna Moeller

4th Place - Emma VanTrees

5th Place - Waylone Vannette



Elementary News

Correspondent: Roman Leszinske



Spirit Week

Parkway Elementary had a Spirit Week the week of January 16- January 20. All students had the option to dress up in the theme for that day.

Themes

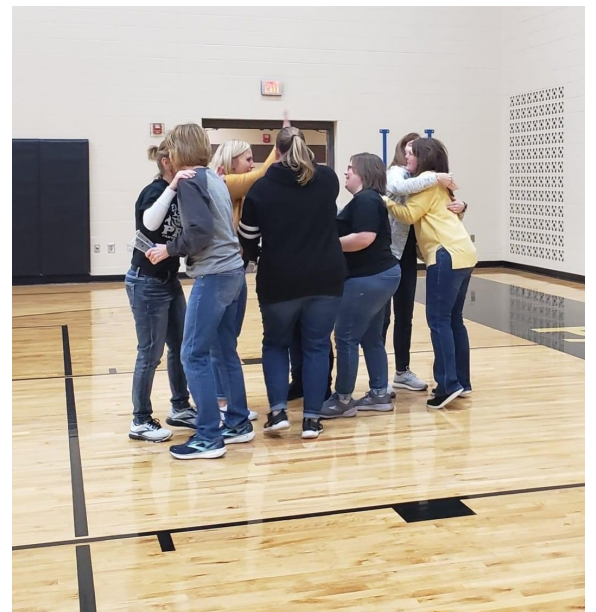
- Monday- No School
- Tuesday- Pajama Day
- Wednesday- Beach Day
- Thursday- Mustache Day
- Friday- Black Out Day



Paw Wow

The Parkway Elementary teachers playing the Snowball Launcher game in this month's Paw Wow.

Congratulations to the first grade for winning the Spirit Stick!



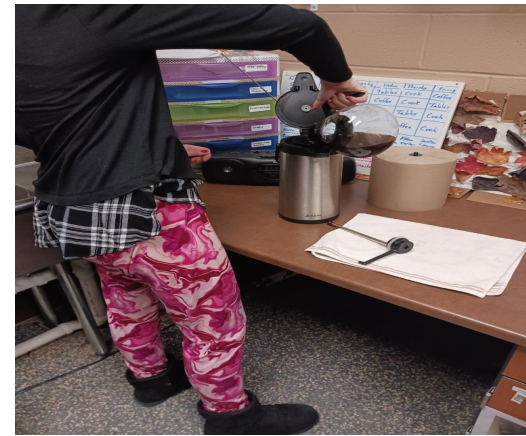
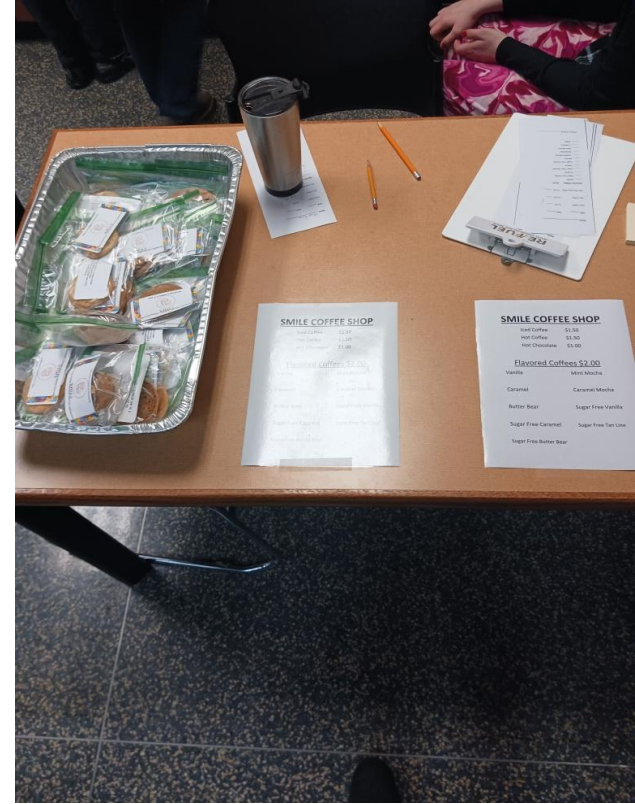


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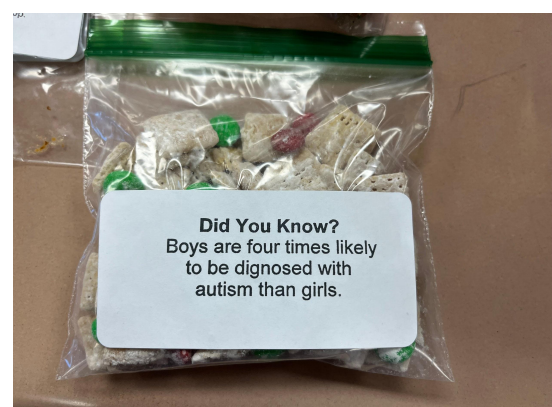
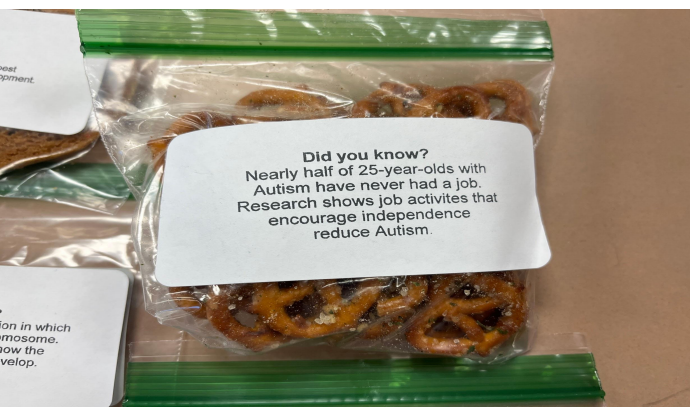
Correspondents: Ruby Bennett and Brandon Chalfant



The SMILE coffee shop group working hard in their set up!



The SMILE coffee shops always puts Did You Know facts on all of their snack bags! There is a wide variety of facts about autism, congenital heart disease, and spreading awareness about different struggles our students take on every day!





High School News

Correspondents: Ruby Bennett and Brandon Chalfant



The 2023 Winter Homecoming Court (From Left to Right): Emerson Esselstein, Abby Baltzell, Emree Sinning, Aaliyah Baxter, Frankie Steinbrunner, and Jordyn Schaefer.

2022 Winter Homecoming Queen Cami High escorted by seniors Aaron Buffenbarger (left) and Derek Smith (right).





High School News

Correspondents: Ruby Bennett and Brandon Chalfant

College-Bound Athletes



Senior Eddie Nichols signing with Walsh University to play football.

Senior Allison Hughes signing with Edison State University to play basketball.



Senior Morgan Hunter signing with Wittenberg University to run track.



High School News

Correspondents: Ruby Bennett and Brandon Chalfant



Parkway Drama Club students practicing with director Matthew Bruce for their upcoming show



Junior Tyler Rowen (left) sitting on the director's bench showing us the real star behind the show

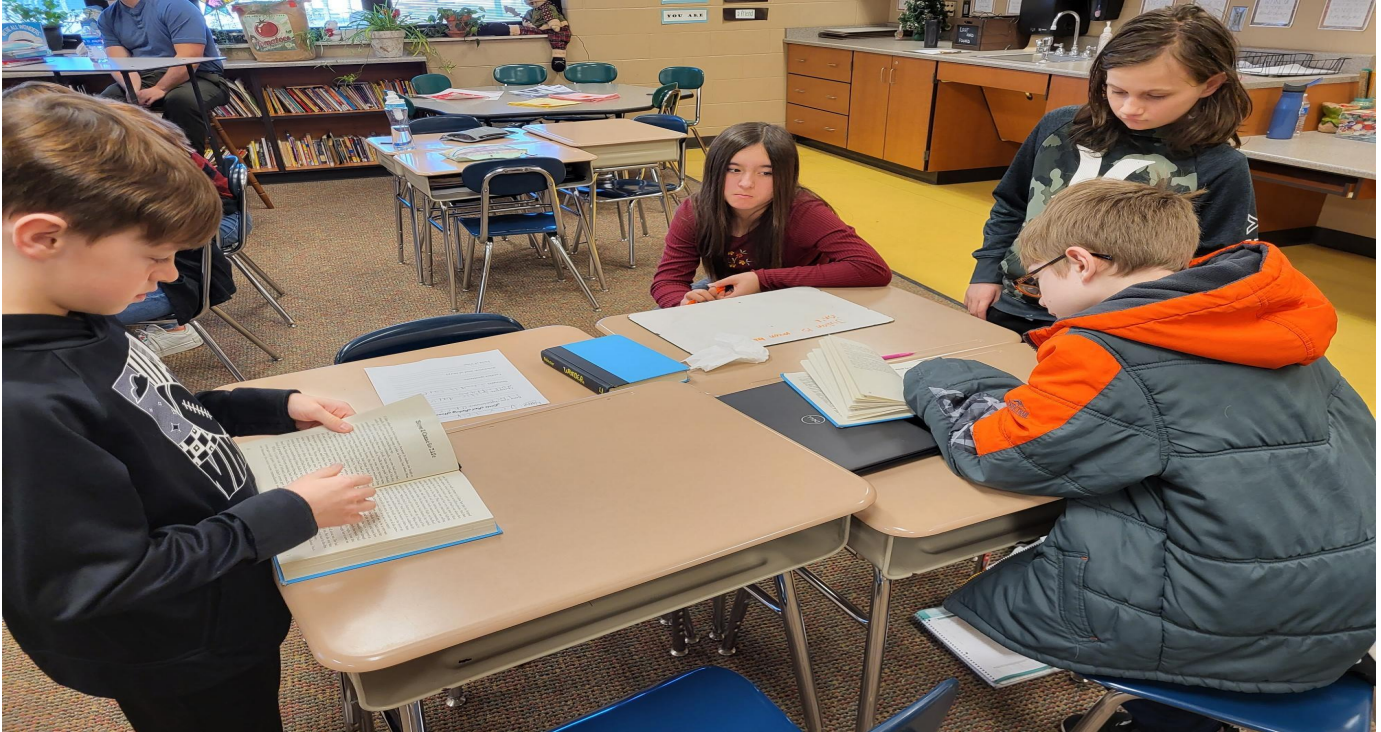


Middle School News

Correspondent: Ben Bates



Mrs. Staleys class reading and practicing for upcoming test





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Mrs. Staleys class reading *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio and practicing for upcoming test





Middle School News

Correspondent: Ben Bates



Grant Sims





Elementary News

Correspondent: Roman Leszinske



Bt Corn

The third grade students display their group posters about Bt Corn.



Show Your Spirit Week

Three doors in the elementary that are decorated with spirit and Panther pride.



“Game On” Elementary Fundraiser

The winner of the 250 dollar amazon gift card and 1 of the winners of the mini fridge

Paw Wow

The Parkway Elementary teachers and students having a dance party (Get the Wiggles Out) to “I Like to Move It Move It.”



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Don Miller Recognition

Mr. Don Miller was recognized following the boys' basketball game against Lincolnview. Don has coached for over 50 years! He has coached middle school basketball, baseball and girls' basketball, and is currently still coaching boys' basketball. Many of his past athletes signed a ball/helmet for him.

Parkway schools would like to thank Don and his supportive wife, Susie, for all of their time and effort supporting our school.



Hall Of Fame

Mark Esselstein was the first Head Softball coach in Parkway High School history. Over a 33-year span, he guided the Panthers to an overall record of 551-172. He is the winningest Softball coach in Parkway and Midwest Athletic Conference (MAC) history. During his tenure, the Panthers never had a losing season. Coach Esselstein guided the Panthers to 13 MAC titles and had an overall MAC record of 128-27. For his career, Coach Esselstein led the Panthers to 13 District titles, 3 Regional titles and 3 appearances in the State Final Four. He was named the Northwest District Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association (NWDFSCA) coach of the year 3 separate times. He was also inducted into the Ohio High School Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association (OHSFSCA) in 2008. Congratulations to Coach Esselstein!



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High School News

Correspondents: Ruby Bennett and Brandon Chalfant



Parkway Drama's *Once Upon A Mattress*

The High School drama department is excited to present: *Once Upon a Mattress*. Prince Dauntless, played by Carter Hellwarth, is looking for a princess- any princess. Unfortunately, his mother the queen, played by Emily Clutter, doesn't approve of the wild girl from the swamps, played by Shay Boroff. Will the wild princess be able to pass the royalty test? Come see this musical comedy March 17, 18, and 19. More information is available on the Parkway High School Drama Facebook page.

Important Dates

February 27- Vantage Open House 5-7:30 PM
 March 1- Juniors to Career Connections at Wright State Lake Campus
 March 1- Priority deadline for Vantage
 March 2 - ACT (For all Juniors)
 March 6 & April 10- 2 hour delay
 April 3-7- Spring Break
 April 11 and 12 - EOC Test (English)
 April 13 - Accuplacer Test (CCP students)
 April 24 - 27 - EOC Test (Algebra I, Geometry, Biology, American History, American Government)

SENIORS: Don't forget to check Mrs. Ontrop's bulletin board for scholarship deadlines! New scholarships are added consistently!

SMILE Coffee Shop

The SMILE Coffee Shop is a miniature in-school cafe ran by Mr. Hughes' students. The goal of the coffee shop is to provide its student workers with real-life skills and experiences that they would use in a job outside of high school. The cafe is in its third year and it continues to grow. The SMILE group sells all different kinds of coffee every morning to the students and staff from 7:30am to 10:30am. SMILE students make and sell a variety of goodies other than coffee! They make spicy pretzels, caramel corn, muffins, and cookies that they currently sell to staff. In the future, the goal is to sell their treats to students as well.

Recently, the SMILE group started making and selling salads to the staff. They have to follow directions and figure out how they can make them to perfection. The salads are a hit and the staff love them! Also this year, the students started making referee goodie bags which include cookies, spicy pretzels, and other small items as a Thank You from the school.

The SMILE students have been extremely busy, but at some point, they would like to sell their products to the student body in addition to the staff. The SMILE students will continue to grow in their skills and create new items for the student body and staff to enjoy!

Winter Homecoming

Parkway had its Winter Homecoming Ceremony on January 20th, followed by the dance on January 21st. Freshman, Jordyn Schaefer was escorted by Eli Schumm. Sophomore, Emerson Esselstein was escorted by Xavier Samples. Junior, Frankie Steinbrunner was escorted by Fletcher Smith. Senior Candidate, Abby Baltzell was escorted by Trenton Garwood and Bryce Stearns. Senior Candidate, Aaliyah Baxter was escorted by Jack Wagner and Roman Leszinske. Homecoming Queen, Emree Sinning was escorted by Drew Wagner and Hutch Ridenour. The 2021-2022 Queen, Cami High did the crowning, escorted by Aaron Buffenbarger and Derek Smith. The dance was held after the Lincolnview game on the 21st. Congratulations to our 2022-2023 winter homecoming court!

CCP

College Credit Plus is a state initiative to give all students access to college. Students in grades 7-12 can earn high school and college credits at the same time. Students must be an Ohio resident and must take an assessment exam to be eligible. Students can take more than one college class to get a headstart in their career. **The Intent to Participate forms must be completed and turned into Mrs. Ontrop by April 1, 2023.** Watch for SAT and ACT dates, as some classes require them for admission. Please check each college deadline as they arrive quickly!

Contact Mrs. Ontrop for any questions.

College Sport Signees

Congratulations to the following seniors who will continue their sport at the collegiate level. Allison Hughes signed with Edison State to play basketball, Eddie Nichols signed with Walsh University to play football, and Morgan Hunter signed with Wittenberg University to run track and field.

Please see the Parkway Homepage under Newsletter for additional pictures.



Middle School News

Correspondent: Ben Bates



Students of the Month

5th Grade - Adelaide Molloy - Adelaide is a bright student with a positive attitude. She is polite, studious, and hard-working. Adelaide enjoys being at school and participating in discussions and group work. She strives to do her best every day and it reflects in the pride she put into her work. Adelaide is the daughter of Robert and Tina Molloy.

6th Grade - Ezekiel Laux - Zeke comes to class everyday with a great attitude and a desire to learn. He asks good questions to obtain a better understanding of topics being taught. Zeke's teachers appreciate his positive personality and his kindness he displays to others. He is a great example of what a PAWS-itive student looks like! Zeke is the son of Ben and Sara Laux.

7th Grade - Addilynn Kraner - Addie is a responsible student who takes a proactive approach to her academics. She puts in good, consistent effort daily and adds valuable insight to class discussions. Addie is a friend to all and is willing to help in any situation whether it's for a classmate or a teacher. Her positive, light-hearted attitude and dedication make her a role model for her peers. Addie is the daughter of Rob and Stacie Kraner.

8th Grade - Zavior Bailey - Zavior is a leader in class displaying maturity and hard work. He gives his best effort and comes to school with the priority of education over socializing. Zavior is a great example of an all-around PAWS-itive student! Zavior is the son of Ashley Meyer and Dane Bailey.

Fifth Grade Reads *Wonder*

Mrs. Staley's 5th grade class has been reading the book *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio to study for upcoming tests. Students have been working together in groups to answer questions in a Jeopardy game-show style format. Students are having fun and learning at the same time!



Sims Speaks to Middle School Classes

Grant Sims, the Head of Elections in Williams County, visited the middle school American History classes and discussed what life was like for America after the Revolutionary War. His presentation included the challenges Washington faced as first president, the purpose of the electoral college and how it has evolved, the purpose of the president's cabinet and how it has evolved, and the ideas of Hamilton vs. Jefferson.

The middle school would like to thank Mr. Sims for a educational experience!

Stover With The Tea

Mrs. Stover's middle school students are meeting several times a week to discuss interesting and important past historical events and linking them to present day topics. Students record their discussions, edit the content, and share the material to the Youtube Channel named, "Stover with the Tea."

Currently, 7th grade is recording a discussion on Roman Culture, with a focus on Julius Caesar and 8th grade is recording a discussion about the ideals of Hamilton vs Jefferson.

Please see the Parkway Homepage under Newsletter for additional pictures.



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Bt Corn

In 4th grade ELA, Ms. Hellwarth's class talked about *Basillus Thuringiensis* or "Bt Corn." Bt Corn is a genetically modified corn that has been slightly changed by scientists to kill off pests and insects to reduce pesticide usage. The students made group posters to display what they have learned.

Neil Armstrong Museum

The third graders have been learning about science and local history. Last month, the entire third grade went to the Neil Armstrong Museum. This field trip allowed them to expand on all of the success Neil Armstrong has achieved.

"Game On" Elementary Fundraiser

Starting on January 31, the elementary students had a fundraiser competition to win different daily prizes such as 4 mini fridges filled with cash and a 250 dollar Amazon gift card. The money received from the fundraiser goes towards helping fund field trips, recess items, PBIS Rewards, Paw Wows, and assemblies.

The third graders have also been learning about local history. They started with United States history, then transitioned to Ohio's history, then narrowed down to Rockford's history, and finally learned about our school's history.

Panther Paw Wow

On February 3, the Parkway Elementary held their monthly Paw Wow. Each month, a different grade is designated to perform their talents in front of the elementary student body. This month, the second grade performed a dance number that they had prepared throughout the month. During the Paw Wow, the students of the month were announced, and the Spirit Stick competition was held.

Congratulations to the 1st grade students for winning the Spirit Stick again in back to back months.



Show Your Spirit Week

During Spirit Week in the elementary, Parkway students and teachers decorated their classroom doors with different pictures and images to show their spirit and Panther pride. Check out our Parkway Homepage under Newsletter for pictures of classroom doors!

Students of the Month

Front L-R: Anderson Stover, Rowyn Sealscott, Iris Strobel, Brooke Schwieterman

Back L-R: Dakota Bollenbacher, Delainey Fox, Pazley Norris, Allie Kraner, Ella Stroh and Marcus Crouch



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PEA Book Give away

Middle School Recipients

The PEA (Parkway Education Association) hosted a book giveaway on February 10. The PEA wanted to give back to the students, so they purchased four books per grade level up to grade 9 and two books per grade level for grades 9-12. With several alternative prizes given, a total of 54 books were awarded to students.

There were many different types of books ranging from Science Fiction like *The Giver* and *The Maze Runner* to Children's Literature such as *The Pigeon Has To Go To School* and *Diary of A Wimpy Kid*.

The PEA would like to congratulate each student winner and is proud to promote reading for all grade levels within our school.



High School Recipients



Elementary Recipients



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High School News

Correspondents: Ruby Bennett and Brandon Chalfant



Junior Class Trip to the Mercer County Common Pleas Court

The Juniors at Parkway High School went on a field trip Wednesday, February 15, to the Mercer County Courthouse. The students watched court cases and had an opportunity to talk with newly elected Mercer County Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Matt Fox. This field trip was taken for their Civics class taught by Mr. Lucus Minnich. After a few years of hiatus, Mr. Minnich plans to begin another annual tradition of taking his Civics classes to watch similar court cases. The field trip helps students understand more about the court system and have an opportunity to see how the court system works. After watching three court cases and having an opportunity to speak with Judge Fox, Mr. Minnich took his class out for lunch. Lunch was provided by a generous donation from a member of the Parkway community. Thank you!

Mrs. Morton's AP Class

Mrs. Morton's Anatomy and Physiology class dissected cow brains and spinal cords. The objective of the dissection was to give hands-on experience with actual brains and spinal cords. A cow's brains and spines are similar to humans, so if students plan on going into the medical field, it is a helpful class to take. Mrs. Morton would like to give a huge **Thank You** to Green's Meats in Celina. Thank you for helping our students with this opportunity!

Sophomores Visit Vantage Career Center

The Sophomores are in their process of choosing to go to Vantage Career Center or stay at Parkway. Every year the Sophomores go to Vantage and explore different programs to see if any spark their interest. Courses there include: Cosmetology, Criminal Justice, Culinary Arts, Early Childhood, Health Information Management, Health Technology, Interactive Media, Network Systems, Sports Exercise Therapy, Agriculture and Industrial Power Technology, Auto Collision Repair, Auto Technology, Carpentry, Construction Equipment Technology, Electricity, Industrial Mechanics, Precision Machining, and Welding.

For more information, contact Lisa Ontrop at ontrop1@parkwayschools.org.

NHS Trivia Challenge

The National Honor Society hosted a Trivia Challenge on February 22. The teams were the National Honor Society Members versus the Teachers. The questions were selected from a variety of categories including math, science, literature, history, modern pop culture, and more. It was a hard fought battle, but in the end, the teachers took the win. Students were allowed to come and watch if they paid a \$1 fee. All proceeds were donated to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Thank you to all who participated in a fun way to raise money for a good cause!

Intro to Engineering

Ms. Thien's Introduction to Engineering Principles class was challenged with building a Rube Goldberg project to accomplish a simple task. They had to incorporate each of the 6 simple machines in their project and set them up in a "domino effect" way so that one step would lead directly into the next. The groups accomplished tasks like cutting a string, cracking an egg, turning on a speaker, and dropping a ball into a cup.

Upcoming Dates

April 3-7: Spring Break
 April 11-12: ELA II End of Course Exam
 April 13: Accuplacer for CCP for Northwest State
 April 17- Two-hour delay (Teacher inservice)
 April 24-27: EOC Exams for Algebra I, Biology, Geometry, American History, Civics
 April 29- Prom
 May 10- Relay for Life
 May 17- Senior Awards Night
 May 21- Graduation
 May 22-24: Finals for High School Students
 May 24: Last Day of School / 2 hour early dismissal
Seniors don't forget to look for scholarships!

Congratulations to Aaron Cron for being Parkway's Franklin B. Walter Scholarship Nominee.

Congratulations to Carter Hellwarth for earning 1st place in the FFA state finals for Public Speaking. Carter will represent the state of Ohio at the National Convention this fall. See Homepage for pictures.

Please see the Parkway Homepage under Newsletter for additional pictures.



Middle School News

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Students of the Month

5th Grade - Oliver Sill – Oliver has shown tremendous growth since the beginning of the school year. He is meticulous about correctly completing his work and puts pride into what he does. He is focused and engaged during instruction. This is evident because he not only met both Math and ELA Winter MAP goals, he showed tremendous growth in each subject area. Keep up the fantastic work, Oliver! Oliver is the son of Trevor and Emily Sill.

6th Grade - Jackie Baker - Jackie 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. Jackie is a hard worker and shows great responsibility and cares about her academic success. She has a very friendly personality and is a joy to her teachers! Jackie is the daughter of Carmen Baker.

7th Grade - Jack Ross - Jack has been a wonderful addition to Parkway Middle School. Jack represents being a PAWS-itive student daily with his willingness to contribute in class and his well thought out answers to questions. He works hard completing both in class and out of class assignments on time. He is a kind young man that treats both his teachers and his classmates respectfully. Jack is the son of Jordan and Alison Ross.

8th Grade - Lexie Sites - Lexie is a responsible, respectful, and hard-working student. She brings a positive, energetic attitude to the classroom. Lexie is an asset to class through participation and group work. She strives to do her best and shows attention to detail in her work. Lexie is the daughter of Matt and Chelsey Sites.

Robotic Projects

The 5th grade STEM classes have been learning to build simple machines and completing projects to put the machines into practice. After learning about the wheel and axles of the robotic cars, students get to construct a car and test its function.

Please see the Parkway Homepage under Newsletter for additional pictures.



Elementary News

Correspondent: Roman Leszinske



Kindergarten Screening

There will be a Kindergarten screening on March 30-31, from 8 AM-2:30 PM.

Children must be 5 years old by August 1, 2023 to become eligible for the screening. Screening will take place in the Parkway Elementary Kindergarten rooms.

Please call the Elementary office at 419-363-3045 to schedule a time.

Valentine's Day Party

On February 14, the elementary classes celebrated Valentine's Day by throwing parties! Each class had their own separate party. For instance, Mrs. Brun's 1st Grade class decorated individual bags, created Valentine's cards for each student, then put each Valentine in the bags of their classmates. They also played Valentine's music and had lots of treats.

Students of the Month

Front L-R: Lillian Caffee, Avery Stephenson, Stella Hamrick, Maybelle Piro, Michael Walls, Emma Radabaugh

Back L-R: Preslie Lyons, Mia Miller, Asher Severt, Raigan Brandt



Health Heart Challenge/Kids Heart Challenge

During the month of February, the entire elementary school participated in the Kids Heart Challenge that was hosted by the American Heart Association. The fourth grade, however, participated in a special challenge. Parkway's school nurse, Mrs. Patty Hipply, presented information to each of the fourth grade classes about the importance of having a healthy heart. From February 20-26, the fourth graders could participate in the Health Heart Challenge. The students marked the habits they completed each day, and then turned them in the following week. The habits consisted of eating at least two servings of fruit/vegetables, drinking at least three glasses of water, and exercising for at least 30 minutes per day. The winners received sidewalk chalk and large yard rackets as prizes.

Dentist Comes To Parkway

On February 22, Dr. Jeffrey-Mohr talked to the preschool, kindergarten, and first grade students about dental hygiene. Along with her presentation, she provided each student with a baggy that contained a toothbrush, toothpaste, and stickers. Dr. Jeffrey-Mohr also gave each student a card for discounted tickets for a performance at the Niswonger Performing Art Center in Van Wert. She encouraged students to take home a card with instructions for parents to vote to win a Parkway pizza party. This competition is with other area schools, so parents can go to Dr. Jeffrey-Mohr's office Facebook page to vote for Parkway. In addition to the pizza party competition, students entered a coloring contest, where winners will receive Amazon and Walmart gift cards.

Panther Paw Wow

On March 3, the Parkway Elementary students celebrated their monthly Paw Wow. The students of the month were named during the Paw Wow, along with what grade was going to receive the Spirit Stick for the month. The first and third grade students played a game called Leprechaun tennis to see who would earn the Spirit Stick for the month. They had little Leprechauns to hit back and forth, then the first team to hit the Leprechaun into a pot of gold won the game. Congratulations to the first grade for winning the Spirit Stick!



High School News

Correspondents: Ruby Bennett and Brandon Chalfant



The Junior Class at the Mercer County Courthouse

Mrs. Clark's Global Foods Class

Mrs. Clark's classes had spokesperson April Holbrook from the Ohio Pork Council come in to present to all of her classes about the careers students can go into and about how every part of the pig can be used for a different purpose. Her family owns a baby pig farm and raises them until they are 4 weeks old and then ships them to the next farm. She also gives the science behind the pig regulated the industry and her farm. She gives several different ways to prepare pork and did a demonstration for the kids by making pork fajitas with all of her classes.



On the left,
spokesperson April
Holbrook and
Sophomore Cali
Bollenbacher.

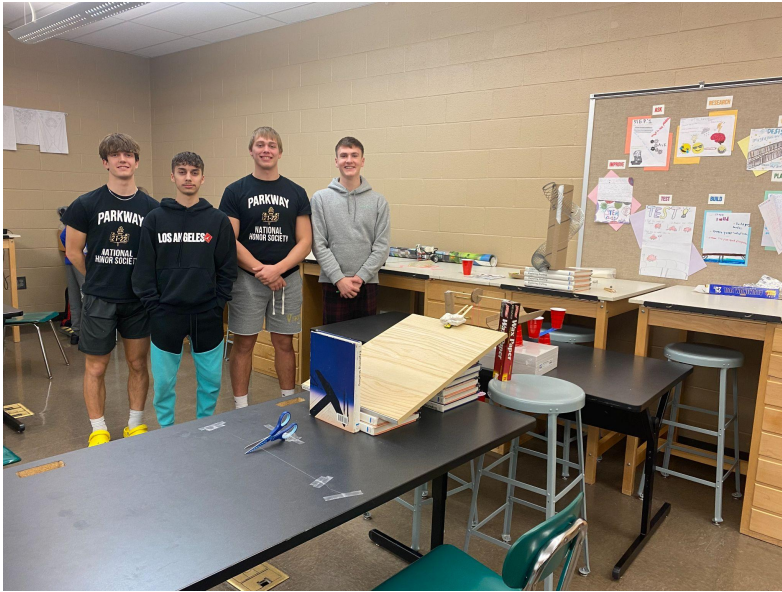
On the right, (From
left to right)
Sophomore Micah
Reeder, Freshman
Tyler Chalfant,
Sophomore
Kenzianna (Sky)
Missler, and Senior
Aaron Buffenbarger.





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From left to right, Seniors Caden Heindel, Gabriel Brown, Eddie Nichols, and Sophomore Collin Langenkamp.



From left to right, Freshman Josiah Neff, Sophomore Zach Rogers, Freshman Brooke Booher, and Sophomore McKenna Hall.

From left to right, Freshmen Owen Stetler, Cameron Brown, and Hunter Franton.

From left to right, Junior Caleb Nusbaum and Senior Aaron Buffenbarger





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*Senior Carter Hellwarth will represent Ohio in the National Convention. **On the right**, Carter was just told that he won State finals.*



*Senior Aaron Cron is our Franklin B Walter Scholarship Nominee. **Congratulations Aaron!***



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Above: Teacher Anita Morton holding brains.

Below: From left to right, Seniors Caden Heindel, Carter Hellwarth, and Hutch Ridenour.



Above: From left to right, Seniors Carter Hellwarth and Hutch Ridenour

Below: Junior Frankie Steinbrunner





Elementary News

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The winners of the 4th grade heart challenge.



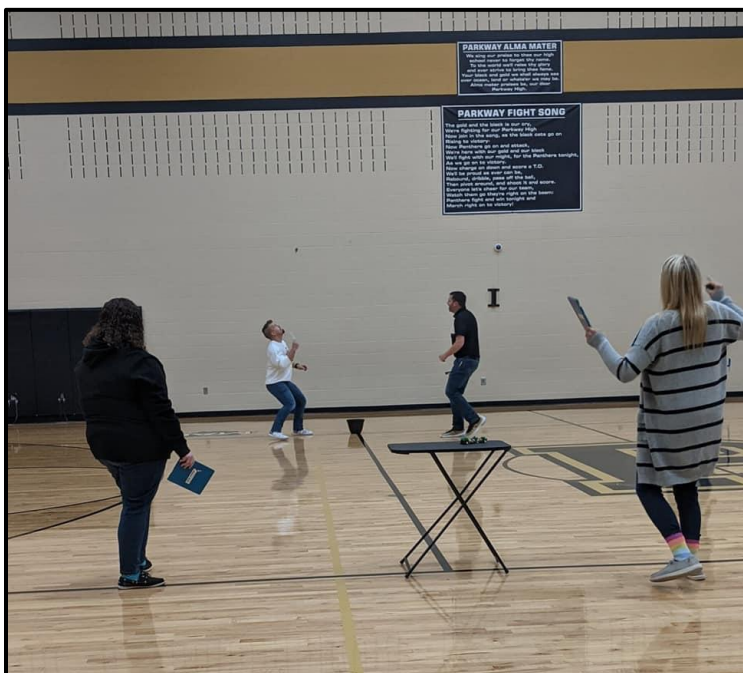
The 1st grade teachers holding the spirit stick after winning.



The elementary students signing the fight song at the Paw Wow



The 1st grade battling the 3rd grade for the Spirit Stick playing the Leprechaun Tennis game



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Attention Community Walkers

With the weather getting warmer, walking hours in the school will end on April 14th.

Community members who signed out a fob will need to return the fobs to the district office by May 1st.

New Playground

Parkway is building a new playground. The new playground will include a new outdoor play center that will be shared by the elementary and middle school. The play center will have slides, climbing areas, and a zip line. There will also be three new basketball hoops, a set of swings, a Gaga Ball pit, and four square courts.

The school anticipates installation to begin in July. The playground will be added between the current playground and the parking lot in the back by the loading dock.

The new equipment will be used by students in grades 3-8.



Please see the Parkway Homepage under Newsletter for additional pictures



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Upcoming Dates

April 29- Prom
 May 2- Freshman to Mercer Health Hospital
 May 4- Women and Law Event
 May 10- Relay for Life
 May 17- Senior Award Night
 May 21- Graduation
 May 22-24- High School Final Exams
 May 24- Last Day of School (2 hour early dismissal)

Parkway FFA American Degree Recipients:

Aidan Morton	Bryce Harding
Cade Schoenleben	Faith Jacobs
Jaden Hileman	Keaton Zizelman
Kiersten Roehm	Makena Boeckman
Nathan Sheets	Raegan Roehm
Zachary Hawk	

These members will receive their degree on stage at the National FFA Convention this coming fall!

Senior Class Trip

The 2023 Senior Class had their class trip on March 29th. They left at 7:15 AM and went to the Newport Aquarium. Around noon, they went to the Cincinnati Zoo for 3.5 hours. Once done there, they headed to Jungle Jim's International Market for a new experience to see some cuisine that's all around the world.

Parkway FFA State Degree Recipients:

Abigail Sheets	Alexis Berry
Deegan Rager	Emily Schaefer
Julia Sheets	Trenton Garwood

These members will receive their degree on stage at the Ohio FFA State Convention on May 5th!

Women in Law

On May 4, Mrs. Ontrop will be taking a group of female students to the Mercer County Courthouse to be part of their Women in Law Event. The Courthouse will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary this year. To celebrate, they are doing an event called "Women in Law." The event is from 11:30 to 1:00. Lunch will be provided and at 12:30 there will be a speech from the Honorable Kathryn W. Speelman, Judge of Celina Municipal Court. The purpose of this event is to encourage young women to learn more about and to get involved in the law field.

Parkway Blood Drive

Parkway's Student Government will be hosting another blood drive on May 3, 2023. Students, faculty, and community members are welcome to donate. Students who are 17 or younger must have a parent signature in order to donate.

The Red Cross graciously contributes scholarship money to a graduating senior at Parkway. The more units of blood donated, the more scholarship money is donated! What a wonderful way to help save lives and to support our seniors. Please consider donating on May 6. For more information, contact the Parkway High School.

Robotics Class

In Robotics class, students have been coding the Sphero robots to complete various projects like obstacle courses and their own version of Battle Bots. Obstacle courses are made out of tape and they have to steer the robot through the course without hitting any boundaries. Students have keys on their computer to control their robots. Students created cages to go around their Sphero robots, then the battle was on. To win, the Sphero robots had to pop their opponents' balloons to win each round. Tyler Chalfant won the battle bots tournament!

Intro To Business Class

In the Introduction to Business class, students participated in a fun and learningful business project. Students were placed into groups where they designed a business plan for a food truck. Each group created a management team plan, a company description, products, a service plan, market analysis, competitive analysis, and a marketing plan. Teams had two minutes to pitch their professional business plan to fellow classmates and staff to see who would invest in their product. The winning team of Maddie Miehl and Joseph Houser will get to work with business owner, Tom Burtch and use Rockford Carryout's food truck to produce their product. Come out and support these young entrepreneurs on Thursday, April 27 at the high school's home baseball and softball games. Some of the proceeds will be donated to the PEA scholarship fund.

Please see the Parkway Homepage under Newsletter for additional pictures.



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Students of the Month

5th Grade - Reagan Suman - Reagan is a terrific role model for her peers. She is hard working, studious, and attentive in class. Reagan demonstrates a PAWS-itive attitude in class daily and deserves to be acknowledged for her hard work. Reagan is the daughter of Jason and Jami Suman.

6th Grade - Maxton Hileman - Throughout the year, Maxton has consistently been a positive student to have in class. He always comes to class prepared with needed materials and completed homework. Maxton has been a hard worker and has gained confidence with the successes he has had throughout the year. Maxton is the son of Josh and Sara Hileman.

7th Grade - Elayna Moeller - Elayna consistently works hard and asks good clarifying questions. She's a very responsible and mature student who comes prepared to learn with a positive attitude daily. Elayna is respectful to both her peers and teachers and shows kindness to everyone. Elayna is the daughter of Dan and Amy Moeller.

8th Grade - Piper Eguia - Piper is a disciplined classroom leader. She consistently gives great effort and leads by example. She always submits high quality work and has shown tremendous growth throughout her 8th grade year. Piper is the daughter of Brandy and David Mankey.

Washington D.C.

The 8th grade class went on their annual trip to Washington D.C. The bus departed on March 27 and returned March 31. They visited multiple memorials including the Flight 93 Memorial, U.S. Navy Memorial, Air Force Memorial, Pentagon 9/11 Memorial and many others. The class also got to see the Cherry blossoms. Students toured multiple places including the U.S. Marine Corps. Museum, U.S. Capitol Tour, and the U.S. Holocaust Museum. Please see the Parkway homepage under newsletter to see the class picture.



Please see the Parkway Homepage under Newsletter for additional pictures.



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Water Soil Conservation District Presentation

On April 10, the third grade students watched a TREE presentation from the Mercer County Soil and Conservation District. Representative Ariel Hein discussed the benefits of trees, the resources we get from trees, and many different facts about trees. At the end of the presentation, all of the students were given a tree to take home and plant, along with activity sheets about our environment.



Grand Lake Literature Festival

On March 25, Tri Star Career Compact Center hosted the second annual Grand Lake Literature Festival. The goal of the event was to bring together authors and readers, with an emphasis on highlighting Ohio authors. Authors gave presentations about traditionally-published books and self-published books. New this year was a Reading Excellence Award sponsored by the Rotary Club. Parkway's third and fourth grade teachers nominated one student from each of their classrooms who have shown improvement throughout this school year. Seven elementary students were honored from Parkway, and four could attend.

Please see the Parkway Homepage, under Newsletter for a picture of the Reading Excellence award winners.

Students of the Month

Kindergarten: Hudson George & Logan Knapke

1st Grade: Carter Schumm & Cody Tong

2nd Grade: Maelynn Hines & Gage Bickle

3rd Grade: Nora Shaffer & Dalton Muhlenkamp

4th Grade: Gabriella Carpenter & Abigail George

Please see the Parkway Homepage, under Newsletter for the Student of the Month Picture.

Niswonger Performing Arts Center Tour

In March, the second grade students traveled to the Niswonger Performing Arts Center. The Van Wert Live Team and Volunteer Tour Guides put 70 future entertainment fans in the know of what makes the show go! This was a fun and learningful experience for the students.



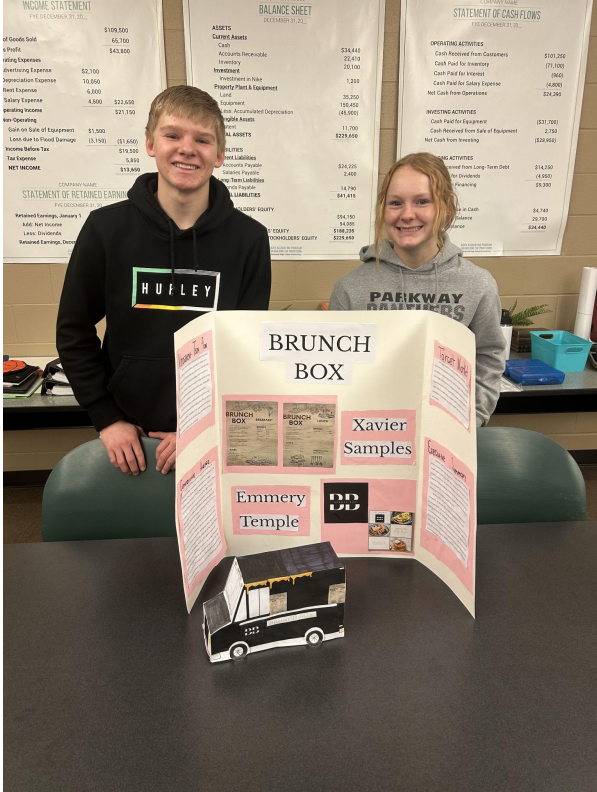


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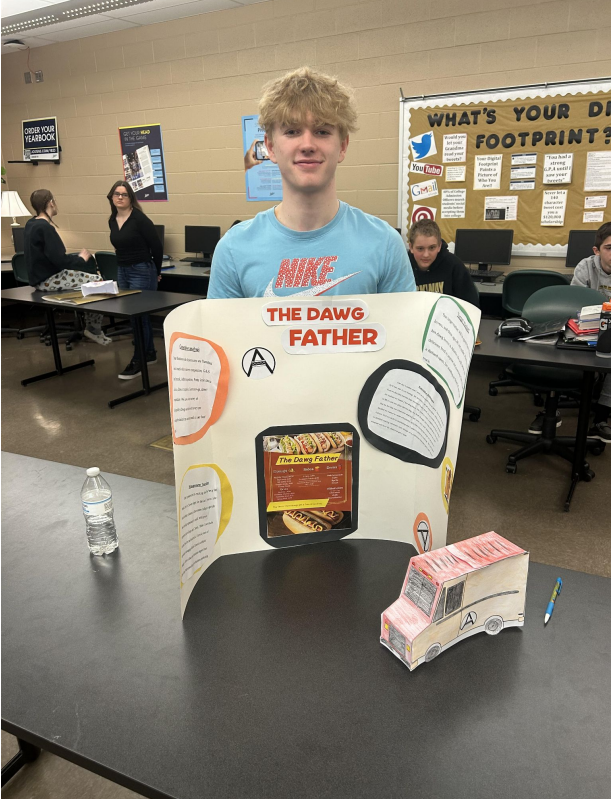
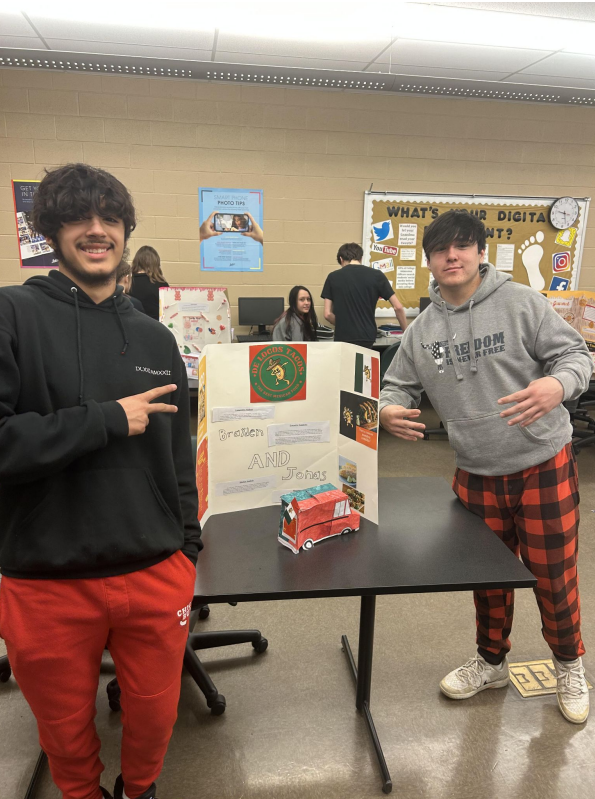


Intro. to Business Food Truck Projects



*Top: Drew Wagner and Deegan Rager
Bottom: Brayden Stewart and Jonas Farmer*

*Top: Xavier Samples and Emery Temple
Bottom: Landon Hamrick*





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Robotics Class Working On Their Sphero Robots and Obstacle Courses

Ms. Their's Robotics Class Showing Their Hard Work





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The Class of 2023 Senior Trip Photo



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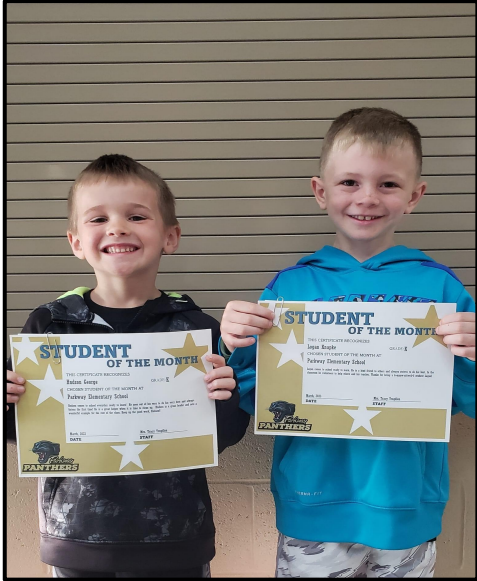


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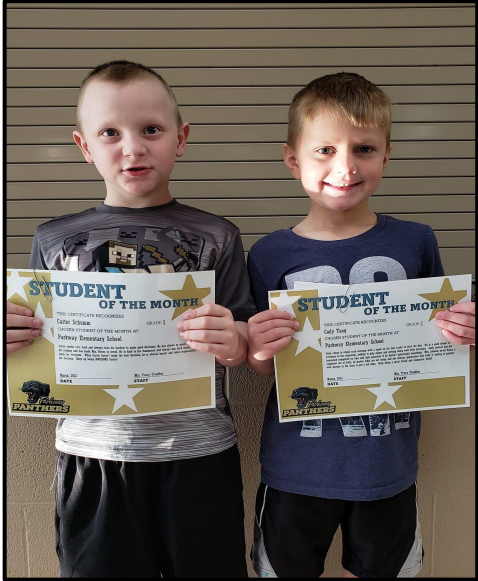
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Students of the Month



Kindergarten
-Hudson George
-Logan Knapke

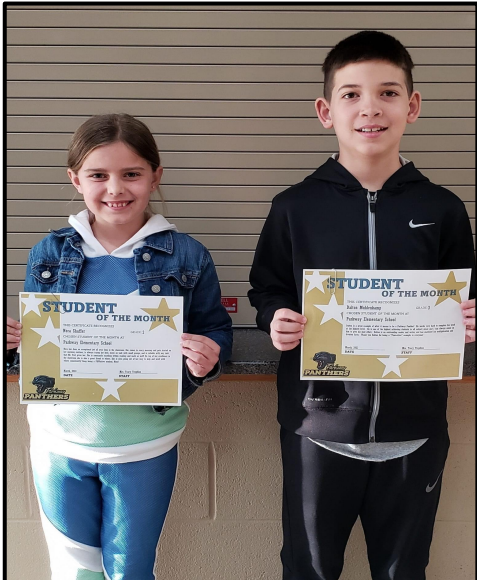


First Grade
-Carter Schumm
-Cody Tong



Second Grade
-Maelynn Hines
-Gage Bickle

Third Grade
-Nora Shaffer
-Dalton Muhlenkamp



Fourth Grade
-Gabriella Carpenter
-Abigail George





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Grand Lake Literature Festival Reading Excellence Award Winners

Students able to attend:

L-R: Raigan Brandt, Miranda Harvey,
Pazley Norris, and Braxton Curtis

Students unable to attend:

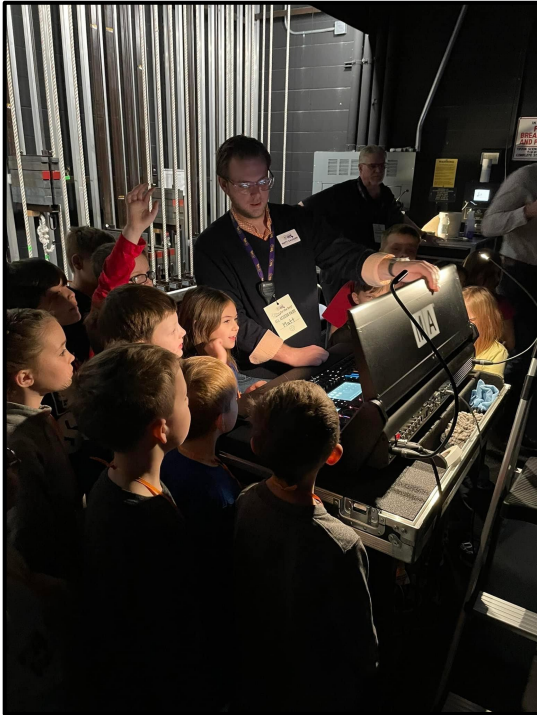
Cameron Brown, Kylie Gibbons, and Peyton
Westgerdes



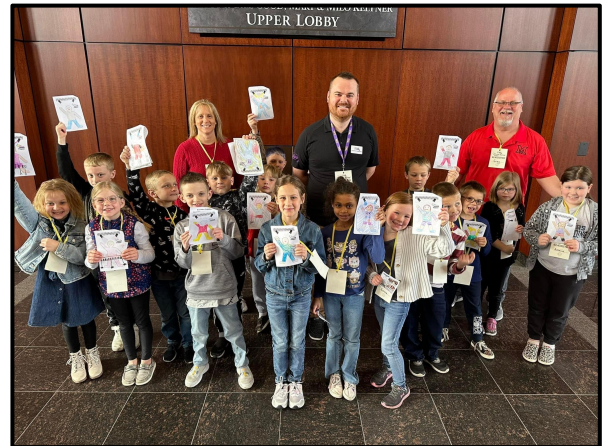
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Niswonger Performing Arts Center Tour



The second graders backstage looking at the soundboard and learning what makes the show go on



The second grade students with their colored performer

The second grade class front and center on stage



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Meet the Media Production class. Over the past school year, the following group of Parkway students have been recording morning announcements and writing articles for the Black and Gold. Here is a little bit about each of them.

Ruby Bennett

Funniest blooper during announcements: Ben started laughing uncontrollably and we had to re-record over and over again

Future Plans: Go to college and possibly become an attorney

Andrew Taylor

Future Plans: Go to the police academy or work for the railroad

Favorite article: FFA National Convention; there were a lot of details in this article

Ben Bates

Future Plans: Become a electrician and coach

Favorite article: Mrs. Stover's Tea article

Brandon Chalfant

Funniest blooper during announcements: One time, I had a lot of names to pronounce and I said them all wrong.

Future Plans: To live life to the fullest.

Alivia Osborne

Funniest blooper during announcements: Broadcasting my own birthday then being pushed out of my chair in the midst of recording the announcements

Future Plans: Attend Wright State Lake Campus



Roman Leszinske

Future Plans: Attend UNOH to major in Business Management and minor in Finance. He will join the Racers golf team as well.

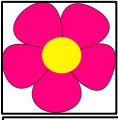
Favorite article: Neil Armstrong Museum field trip.

Caiden Berry

Funniest blooper during announcements: While recording, Alivia announced her own birthday and several of us scared her by pulling her out of her chair.

Future Plans: Going to college for Criminal Justice

**Top (Left-Right): Ben Bates, Roman Leszinske, Caiden Berry, and AJ Taylor.
Bottom (Left-Right): Ruby Bennett, Brandon Chalfant, and Alivia Osborne.**



High School News

Correspondents: Ruby Bennett and Brandon Chalfant



Boys and Girls State

This summer, the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary are sponsoring Tyler Rowen to represent Parkway at Boys State, and Morgan Bollenbacher and Breanna Berry to represent Parkway at Girls State. Boys/Girls State is a week-long education for citizenship and government leadership camp. Students stay in dorms where each floor is a different city. Throughout the week, students learn the skills to run their own government and elect people to different positions, such as governor, mayor, and sheriff. Tyler, Morgan, and Breanna will get to meet and work with other students and leaders to learn the process of how government works and hone their leadership skills.



From Left to Right- Tyler Rowen, Morgan Bollenbacher, and Breanna Berry

DARE Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to Seniors Allison Hughes and Bryce Stearns for being the DARE Scholarship winners. They each will receive a \$500 scholarship.

Choir to Lima Symphony

On Saturday, April 15th, members from the high school choir attended a performance by the Lima Symphony Orchestra and Chorus at the Veterans Memorial Civic Center in downtown Lima. The LSO featured the music of John Williams, including songs from *Harry Potter*, *Star Wars*, *E.T.*, *Schindler's List*, *Angela's Ashes*, *Indiana Jones*, *Amistad* and more. Prior to the performance, the students had dinner at *Yamato Japanese Steakhouse*. They were treated to the hibachi grill, where their food was prepared in front of them. Senior Mykl Redding said her favorite song was *Nimbus* from *Harry Potter*. She said the music from the performance evoked many different emotions. Senior Symantha Rosenberger said the experience was unique. Both Mykl and Symantha look forward to attending more performances.

Special Educator Of The Year Award

One of Parkway High School's Special Education teachers, Mr. Doug Hughes, has been awarded the prestigious Franklin B. Walter award for the State Support Team Region 6. This region includes Allen, Auglaize, Champaign, Hardin, Logan, Mercer, and Shelby counties. Mr. Hughes was chosen for this honorable award due to his unwavering commitment to his students. His goal is to continually help young adults learn independence and learn everyday skills, such as cooking, cleaning, and helping them grow into strong leaders of tomorrow.

Mr. Hughes would like to give a very special thanks to Ms. Young, Mrs. Leighner, Ms. Cook, and Mrs. Sinning for helping him achieve this award, and Ms. Ontrop for nominating him.

For more information about Mr. Hughes and this special award, please go to our homepage.

Relay for Life

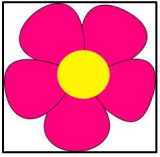
On May 10, Parkway High School students participated in a Relay for Life day to help raise money for Cancer research. Each student contributed \$10 to "skip" each class period to spend the day outside playing games. The day started off with a 5K run/walk, then transitioned into multiple activities that student teams competed in. Every few hours, everyone gathered in the middle of the track and danced to show their support for those who have survived cancer and are currently battling it.

We are thankful for the staff we have at Parkway who have battled cancer, Ms. Trevelin Conn, Mrs. Ann Vian, Mrs. Lorie Beerbower, Mrs. Leah Etgen, Mr. Ed Kuhn, and our high school secretary, Ms. Lisa Miller.

The Parkway Relay was a huge success- over \$5000.00 was raised for the Cancer Society! A BIG thank you goes out to student-coordinator Allison Hughes and her Relay for Life Committee for organizing this fun-filled and meaningful event.

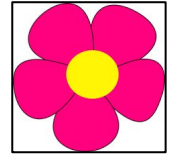


Franklin B. Walter Special Educator of the Year recipient, Mr. Doug Hughes



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April and May Students of the Month

5th Grade - Althea Burtch - Althea is a genuinely nice kid who gets along well with others. She has a great work ethic, is extremely creative, and brings a unique perspective to class. Althea is also a quiet, studious student who always tries her best. Congratulations on a great school year!
Althea is the daughter of Josh and Trishena Burtch.

6th Grade - David Green - David has shown great growth throughout the year. He has become highly motivated to achieve success in his classes. His teachers have seen not only academic success but immense growth in his confidence. David comes to class with a positive attitude and a smile on his face. David is the son of Jamie Kreedon-Kerns and Frank Green III.

7th Grade - Piper Pennell - Piper has continuously shown herself to be a PAWSitive student all year long. She is concerned with her grades and asks good questions to clarify when needed. She consistently has her work done on time and is kind to the other students. Piper is a kind student that wants to work hard and do well. Piper is the daughter of Josh and Stephanie Pennell.

8th Grade - Brody Reigle - Brody has been a classroom leader and excelled in the character competition. Brody also participates in classroom discussions and leads class by example. Brody is the son of Ben Reigle and Kelly Salyers.

5th Grade - Julien Tawoj - Julien is a hard-working student who works quietly without disruption. He is polite and courteous to his teachers and fellow students. He comes to school ready to learn with a pleasant attitude. His 5th-grade teachers appreciate the effort he has put into his studies this year. Julien is the son of Jim Tawoj and Roma Langenbelik.

6th Grade - Lydia Cottman - Lydia has proven to be one of our hardest working students this year. She is self driven and conscientious in all classes. One area of great improvement has been Lydia's confidence in participating in large group settings. She is happy to share her knowledge or ask questions to get a better understanding. Lydia is the daughter of Brandy Suman and Nicholas Cottman.

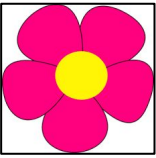
A Goodbye from Mr. Woods

I would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to the Parkway community as I return "home" to become the superintendent of Spencerville Local Schools. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as Parkway's middle school principal for the past eleven years. I will take many great memories of our staff, students, parents, and the community with me. While I look forward to returning home to be a Bearcat, the Parkway Panthers will always have a special place in my heart. Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve such a great district!

7th Grade - Cohen Suzuki - Cohen is a dependable student who works hard and does consistently well in all of his classes. He is respectful and kind to his teachers and peers. His DOJO score is nearly perfect for the year! This confirms that Cohen does what is expected of him and shows up with a positive attitude. Cohen is the son of Matt and Tami Suzuki.

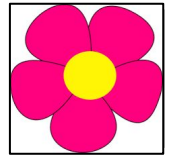
8th Grade - Charles "Chuck" Bennett - Charlie uses wit to bring enthusiasm to class. Charles does a magnificent job with class discussions and group work. The 8th grade teachers will miss Chuck's awesome personality. Charles is the son of Michael and Amanda Bennett.

Please see the Parkway Homepage under Newsletter for additional pictures.



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MVP Dairy Farms

On May 12, the 4th grade students visited the MVP Dairy Farms, where they house 4,500 Holstein cows. Students learned about how this massive dairy runs by taking a tour through the facility, including watching the milking carousel which milks 80 cows at a time. Students went through the learning center where they experienced different interactive games and viewed many informational displays about how the milk gets from the soil to the cow to the final food product. This field trip was fun and learningful experience for the fourth graders.

1st Grade goes to the Fort Wayne Zoo

On May 4th, the Parkway 1st graders went to the Fort Wayne Zoo. This was an exciting and educational experience for the students as they enjoyed a beautiful day with the animals and each other.



Autism Awareness Month Coloring Contest

Throughout the month of May, Autism Awareness Month was celebrated. The Parkway Elementary students held a coloring contest to show their support for this celebration. There were facts about Autism listed around the elementary. Prizes were handed out during the month.

The winners included:

Front Row L-R: Noah Winget, Drake Strader, Kylie Gibbons, Paizley Neuenschwander

Second Row L-R: Willow Schumm, Amelia Kreisler, Michele Piro, Maliyah Hays

Back Row L-R: Anderson Stover, Hudson George

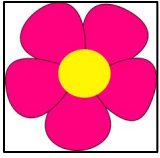


2nd Grade to Science Central

On April 27, the second grade students went to Science Central in Fort Wayne. They learned many different aspects about science and space during their hands-on field trip. In addition to visiting Science Central, the students went to a nearby park to enjoy some games to wrap up their trip.

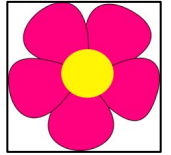
Log Cabin Trip

On May 12, the third grade students went around the Village of Rockford to visit the Town Hall, along with the Log Cabin at Shane's Park. During this trip, students learned about the history of Rockford and how it was established. High school students helped educate the third graders by dressing up and portraying different people of that time period. By presenting historical information to the youngsters, this trip was beneficial for both the third grade class and the high school students of Parkway!

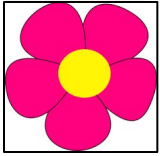


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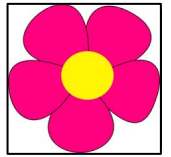


Parkway High School Choir Members in Downtown Lima

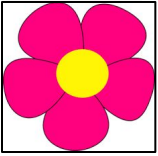


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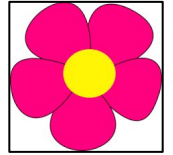


DARE Scholarship Winners Allison Hughes and Bryce Stearns



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Pictures of the Women and Law Event



From Left to Right: Lanae Rissner, Payton Frese, Taylor Gruss, Jayla Cook, Addison Fisher, KZ Matthewson, Ruby Bennett, Morgan Bollenbacher, and Angela Lovell.

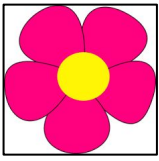


Above: Honorable Kathryn W. Speelmean, Judge of Celina Municipal Court, giving a motivating speech.



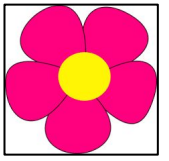
Mr. Hughes created the S.M.I.L.E. program to help give his students employability skills. S.M.I.L.E stands for Securing Multiple Independent Learning Experiences. As part of the S.M.I.L.E program, he formed a partnership with a local business to establish a coffee shop in the high school where the students are in charge of all aspects of running the business. The “business” has recently expanded to offering salads at lunch and other snacks and baked goods that the students make themselves with supervision.

Through his relentless efforts, Mr. Hughes’ students are learning skills and gaining the confidence that will allow them to earn a living and be semi-independent. They will leave Parkway High School with a “SMILE” on their face, knowing that they have what it takes to live a happy and successful life.

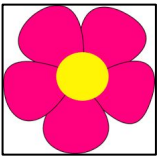


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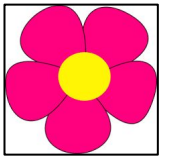


Doug Hughes and the SMILE Coffee shop!



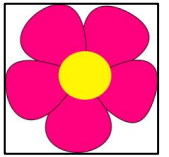
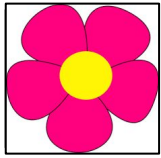
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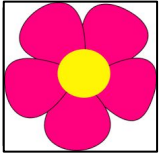
Middle School Students of the Month for April and May





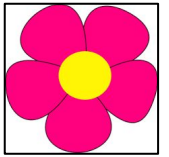
Fourth Grade trip around Rockford





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First Grade Trip to the Fort Wayne Zoo

