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## District News

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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



# High School News

Correspondents: Ruby Bennett and Brandon Chalfant



## 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.

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# Middle School News

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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.



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# Elementary News

Correspondent: Roman Leszinske



## 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.

