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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.

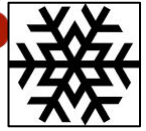


Attention Winter Walkers...

Community members interested in evening walking hours in the building are asked to call the Parkway District Office at 419-363-3045. Due to school security, Parkway will not be leaving the building unlocked but has made arrangements to allow evening walking to continue.

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.

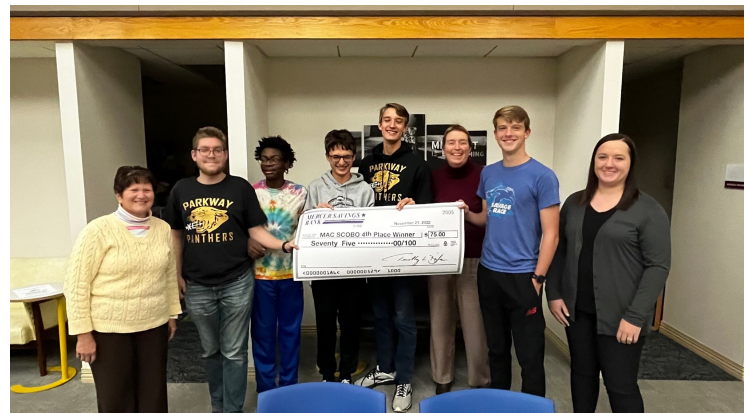
Please visit Parkway's Homepage for additional pictures.

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.

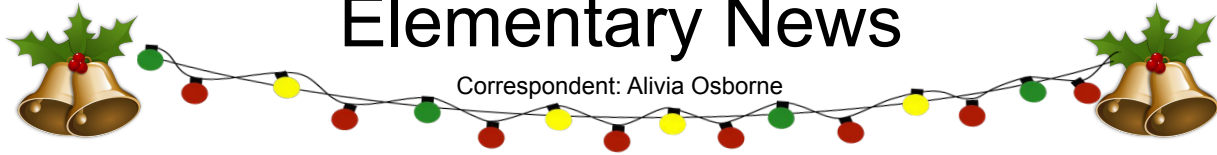


Beauty and the Beast
The Middle School Drama Club successfully presented the play *Beauty and the Beast* on November 11-13. The cast was made up of 37 students in grades 5-8.



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."

