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District News

Correspondent: Ben Bates



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...

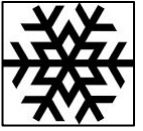
Community members interested in evening walking hours in the building are asked to call the Parkway District Office at 419-363-3045. Due to school security, Parkway will not be leaving the building unlocked but has made arrangements to allow evening walking to continue.





High School News

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

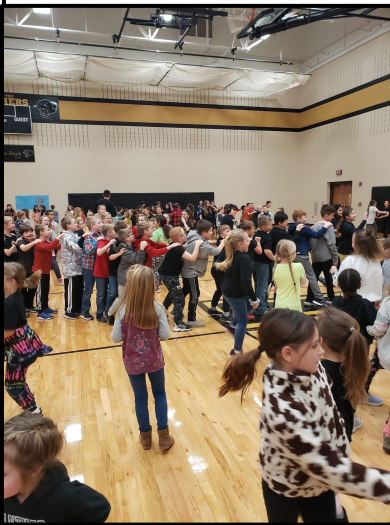
Kindergarten: Kale Sanger; Matthias Thompson



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!

