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District News

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PEA Book Give away

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.

Middle School Recipients



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.

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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.

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Elementary News

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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. Bruns' 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!