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District News

Correspondent: Ben Bates



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.

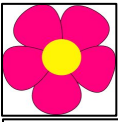
Favorite article: Neil Armstrong Museum field trip.

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.

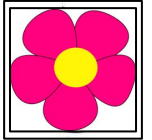
Future Plans: Going to college for Criminal Justice

**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

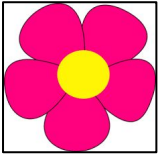
On May 10, Parkway High School students participated in a Relay for Life day to help raise money for Cancer research. Each student contributed \$10 to "skip" each class period to spend the day outside playing games. The day started off with a 5K run/walk, then transitioned into multiple activities that 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.

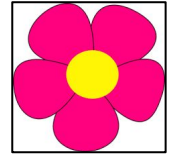


Franklin B. Walter Special Educator of the Year recipient, Mr. Doug Hughes



Middle School News

Correspondent: Ben Bates



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.

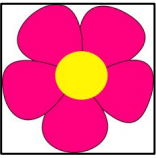
A Goodbye from Mr. Woods

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.

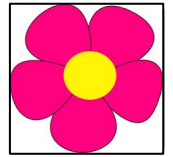
8th Grade - Charles "Chuck" Bennett - Charlie uses wit to bring enthusiasm to class. Charles does a magnificent job with class discussions and group work. The 8th grade teachers will miss Chuck's awesome personality. Charles is the son of Michael and Amanda Bennett.

Please see the Parkway Homepage under Newsletter for additional pictures.



Elementary News

Correspondent: Roman Leszinske



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!