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District News

Bus Safety



Parkway students recently had their annual bus safety and evacuation drills. The bus supervisor, Rick Roehm, spoke to the students about safety items the students need to know while riding a bus. Some of the items covered were: students were reminded where the emergency exits are located, they should always stand at a point of safety, they should make sure the bus driver can always see them at bus stops, they should not be eating or drinking on the bus, and students were reminded to be quiet at railroad crossings. Many other items were addressed during the bus safety practice.

Students also practiced an emergency evacuation drill. Each student was taught to go out the rear emergency door, the front door, or a combination of the rear and front door to quickly evacuate the bus in a safe manner. The Parkway School system hopes to never have to activate this drill but will always strive to keep students safe!!

Food Service Message

The Food Service staff would like to thank everyone for making the start of school a smooth one. Even though it is forecasted that there will be issues with food shortages and order cancellations, we hope to not to have to change the menu as printed. We will announce any changes as soon as possible on the Parkway Facebook page.

We have had a good response from families with filling out free and reduced meal applications. As you know, we are back to more normal operations and that means meals are paid, reduced price, or free. Meal prices are K-4th grade - \$2.10, 5th-8th grades - \$2.35, and 9th-12th grades - \$2.45. Reduced breakfast price is \$.30 and reduced lunch is \$.40 for grades K-12.

If you have not filled out a meal application and feel you may qualify for free or reduced meals, an application can be completed online. On Parkway's web page under the Food Service tab, you will find the meal application. You can fill it out and submit online. You can also pick up a meal application in any of the four building offices. It is important to fill out a meal application before the start of each new school year, but a meal application can be completed anytime during the school year if your income decreases or your household size increases.

The school benefits from the amount of meal applications received. The more families qualifying for free and reduced meals helps the district in receiving more federal funds. The district currently employs 2 Title I teachers, has smaller class sizes in kindergarten, and has been able to provide students with additional social/emotional supports with the assistance of these funds. Students who qualify for free meals also can have their instructional fees waived and college applications/admission test fees waived.

Attention Parkway Class of 1962

Parkway's first graduating class is set to celebrate 60 years this fall. Seventy-two seniors from Rockford and Willshire graduated from Parkway High School in 1962. The classmates will come together to reminisce on the 60 years since their commencement on Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 3-4 P.M. at the West Lake Lodge, 1100 South Main Street, Celina, Ohio. Everyone is welcome to join in the fellowship, even if you did not graduate with the class of 1962. Stop by and share memories!

Please go to Parkway's Homepage under Newsletter to view the 1962 class picture.

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High School News

Correspondent: Andrew Taylor



High School Offers New Classes

Parkway High School is offering two new elective classes for students in grades 9-12. **Mythology** is a year-long English elective class that covers topics such as Greek, Roman, and even Norse mythology. Mythology is embedded in our modern culture within movies, T.V. shows, video games, modern novels, and even political systems. Students will cover specific aspects of mythology and connect them to modern day thinking.

Greenhouse Nursery Management is another year-long elective class offered by our science department. In this class, students will learn to grow and care for plants on a large scale. Students will also learn basic business skills, like overseeing employees, managing electricity, and paying bills on a larger scale for a business. In the future, Parkway hopes to have its own greenhouse built before the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

Parkway would like to thank the Melvin and AnnaLee Linn family for contributing funds to the new greenhouse. Additional funds are still needed for the greenhouse project. If you would like to contribute, please contact Chloe Callow or Alan Post at 419-363-3045.



S.M.I.L.E. Coffee

The S.M.I.L.E. Coffee Program is starting its second year of service. Students in Mr. Hughes' S.M.I.L.E. Coffee program are focused on **Securing Multiple Independent Learning Experiences** and are offered real-life skills training while making, serving, and delivering coffee to students and staff. The coffee program is growing and has added an ice maker to make iced coffee and plans to add a new coffee flavor every 2-3 months. The continued goal of the S.M.I.L.E. Coffee program is to serve more students and to expand to start selling coffee to the community in the future.

Parkway FFA Mums

Parkway FFA member Emily Schaefer is selling Mums through the Parkway FFA chapter. Emily is a Senior and is the Secretary of the Parkway FFA. The mums are sold in 5 different colors: pink, purple, orange, yellow, and red. Prices range from \$6 for a small, \$8 dollars for a medium, and \$10 for a large.

For more information, contact Emily Schaffer at (419) 771-8362.



New Faces In The High School

Parkway would like to welcome two new teachers to the high school. **Maren Primm** is Parkway's new band director and assistant choir director. Ms. Primm comes to Parkway from Hillard, Ohio, and The Ohio State University, where she earned a Bachelor's degree in music education. In her personal time, Ms. Primm enjoys outdoor activities such as hiking and canoeing, but she always finds time to play different instruments.

Ms. Primm's main focus this year is to get her students ready for their concerts and to continue to learn challenging music. Ms. Primm enjoys the small town atmosphere and is excited to start her career at Parkway.

Ms. Chloe Callow is Parkway High School's newest science teacher. Ms Callow teaches Greenhouse Management, Metal Working, Electricity, Agronomics, Leadership Capstone, and Power Technology. Ms. Callow is planning several big projects for her classes including, learning about pest management in the Greenhouse Management class and making a portable extension cord in the Electricity class.

Ms. Callow comes to Parkway from Larue, Ohio, and The Ohio State University with a Bachelor's degree in Agrosience Education. She taught in the Elida school system before taking her current position here at Parkway. In her personal time, Ms. Callow enjoys baking, crafting, and gardening. Ms. Callow loves our community and can't wait for many more years of teaching at Parkway.

We would also like to welcome our new high school aides **Emma Cook and Melissa Sinning**. These two ladies play a huge role in helping our students.

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Middle School News

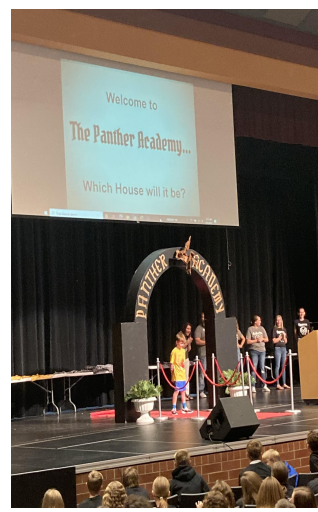
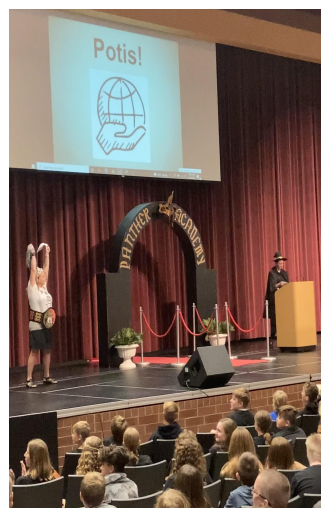
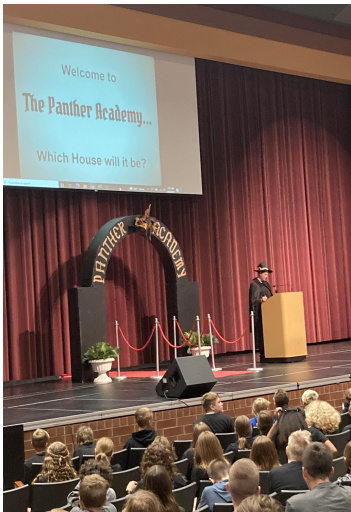
Correspondents: Caiden Berry



PANTHER ACADEMY

The Middle School has kicked off the year with their Panther Academy program. This year-long program promotes positive thinking, learning, and behavior. During an exciting ceremony, students were randomly split into 4 houses: Potis (the practice of responsibility), Alacer (the practice of actively learning), Wadiarius (the practice of working respectfully), and Spero (the practice of showing kindness).

Each house can earn points by students earning academic achievements, demonstrating academic growth, and showing positive behavior throughout the school year. At the end of each quarter, students can participate in friendly mental and physical challenges, focusing on Executive Functioning skills. Ultimately, each house will compete for points throughout the year to try to earn the Championship Belt and also a trip to Kings Island in May.



The Middle School Welcomes New Faces

Parkway Middle School would like to welcome Ashley Billger, Rachel Neely, and Lacey Trumbull as Aides this school year.



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Elementary News

Correspondents: Alivia Osborne



New Faces in the Elementary

The Parkway Elementary School would like to welcome new aides this year.

Sarah Prine- 1st grade.

Allison Keeran-3rd grade.

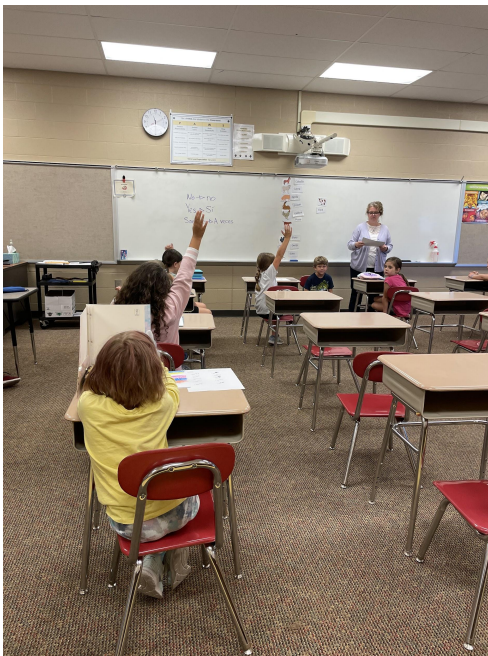
Kylee Welker- Part day Elementary Library and part day high school



Kylee Welker, Sarah Prine, Allison Keeran

Spanish Comes To The Elementary

Mrs. Imwalle, Parkway's high school Spanish teacher of 26 years, is teaching a class to the second and fourth graders. In the past, Mrs. Imwalle's Spanish III students have gone down to the elementary for a class project to teach the students basic Spanish; however, this year Mrs. Imwalle will be teaching a class for the entire year. So far, students have been introduced to basic Spanish concepts such as how to pronounce their names and how to ask basic questions. Mrs. Imwalle's hope is to introduce the Spanish language to the students so that when they get older, they will not be intimidated by learning a foreign language.



Second Grade



Fourth Grade

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