

5th Grade D.A.R.E. Graduation

After ten weeks of going through the D.A.R.E program, the 5th grade class had their D.A.R.E. graduation on November 21. Students went through the D.A.R.E. curriculum with their teacher and with Deputy Scott from the Mercer County Sheriff's Department. The students learned things such as how to report bullying, the D.A.R.E. decision-making model, health effects from tobacco and alcohol, and prescription and over the counter medication safety.

In order to graduate, students had to complete their D.A.R.E. workbooks and write an essay about what they have learned throughout the program. Students read their essays in class and voted on the top 9 to read at graduation. The winners were Isaac Shirk, Gunner Gerber, Bentley Frisch, KaylInn Roehm, Caylin Tong, Makayla Ketchum, Beckett Burtch, Delainey Fox, and Jackson Scott. Workbook Honor Students were chosen by Deputy Scott. The students chosen were Dasha Tarilang, Gunner Gerber, Ethan Fent, Lanae Schaefer, Caylin Tong, and Katie Brehm. Judge Matt Gilmore was the guest speaker.



Mrs. Wagner directed the 5th grade choir for song selections that tied closely with what the students have learned in the program. The songs they sang were "Forever Free," "1-2-3-F-R-E-E," and "Danger! Caution! Warning!"

NHS Crown Trip

On Tuesday, December 12, our National Honor Society took a trip to the Crown Factory in New Bremen to learn about the many job, co-op, and internship opportunities that they offer. During this trip, students were placed into groups based on their interest in the fields of engineering, IT, design, and business.

Crown encouraged students to take advantage of their job shadow opportunities to get a better understanding of each of these potential careers.

Air National Guard for Parkway

Teachers at Parkway were given the opportunity to enter a drawing to visit either the Rickenbacker or Mansfield Air National Guard Base. Mrs. Morton was selected as the teacher to represent Parkway at this event. The purpose for this trip was to give information to teachers on how to help guide students who are interested in going into the armed forces.

As an added bonus, Mrs. Morton got to ride in a Blackhawk helicopter.

For students, the armed forces or the National Guard may be an option for a future career. They can get trained in welding, electronics, and many other hands-on career choices.

Most National Guard members are only required to serve one weekend a month and two weeks in the summer.

If interested in getting more information about the National Guard or the Armed Forces, please reach out to our local recruiter.



NHS Students' Angel Tree Donations

The NHS went shopping for the Angel Tree Organization and also made personal donations to the program.



FFA For the First Graders

Parkway's senior FFA members went down to the first grade to teach their monthly agricultural topic.

In November, the seniors taught the first graders about poultry, which included a lot of information about a Thanksgiving turkey. Each senior researched and presented part of a slide show detailing a different aspect of how a turkey is prepared in time for Thanksgiving. First graders then did an activity where they made turkeys out of donuts and fruit loops.

For December's agricultural topic, the FFA students taught the first graders about Christmas trees. They presented a power point over forestry and how Christmas trees are processed. Students made Christmas tree ornaments out of paper. Both young students and old students are learning from each other and having fun. Stay tuned for next month's teaching topic.

Parkway's FFA

The Parkway FFA was proud to send a team to Lincolnview High School to participate in the Food Science CDE. This team consisted of Jordyn Schaefer, Christina Tong, Emmerly Temple, and Parker Lyons. While at the competition, team members had to use their understanding of food safety issues and food presentation to solve a product development problem presented to them. The students also had to practice proper food sanitation skills and had to determine which food was different by completing a food triangle taste test. The team was very successful with them placing 4th overall in the district, with Jordyn Schaefer placing 5th overall, as an individual. Congratulations!



FFA Square Dance

The Parkway FFA hosted a square dance event full of fun for everyone at the Mercer County Fairgrounds. Schools from Mercer and Van Wert county were invited to come join in on the good time. The event had much more than dancing as students could also participate in cornhole and euchre tournaments. Students were encouraged to bring a dollar with them to help raise money for the Schlater family, whose daughter Lucy had to undergo surgery to remove a harmful mass from her body. The FFA members well surpassed this goal by raising a total of \$1,000 dollars to help cover the families medical bills. All in all, the night was a success and everyone is sending out their thoughts and prayers to the Schlater family.



November and December Students of the Month



Kindergarten
Parker Ketchum, Emersyn Baker, Charlee Siebert
Lincoln Kraner



1st grade
Myka Meyer, Aurora Slone, Aiden Kinney

November and December Students of the Month



2nd grade
Jett Harner, Micah Kohnen, Dierks Caffee, Kole Dull



3rd
A'Naya Jennings, Willow Schumm, Henry Zizelman
Brittyn Joseph

November and December Students of the Month

4th grade

Kaylor Bransteter

Lexie Schumm

Payton Rutledge

Raylyna Stockton

