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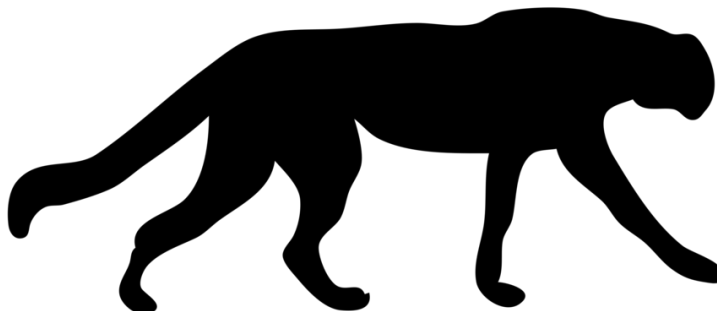


Special Education Family Survey

Parkway Local Schools has been selected to take part in the Special Education Family Survey this spring by the Ohio State University and the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce. The purpose of this survey is to gather data about the quality of special education services that our school district offers to students and their families. Letters influencing the completion of the Family Survey were mailed to qualified households during the week of March 11. You may access the online survey by scanning the QR code in the letter or by clicking on the link in the mailing. If you did not receive a survey and believe that you should have, please contact Sally Cox at 419-363-3045 ext. 700 or cox@s@parkwayschools.org. If you have any questions that are specific regarding the survey, please contact our Special Education Coordinator, Ryan Thompson, at 419-363-3045 ext. 744 or thompsr@parkwayschools.org.

Mock Crash

This year's mock crash is being hosted by Parkway. A mock crash is meant to demonstrate to juniors and seniors the dangers of drinking and driving, especially on prom night. The mock crash will be held on April 3rd at the Mercer County Fairgrounds. Student government will be the primary hosts, with the help Rockford EMS, Rockford Police Department, Willshire Fire Department, Chatt Fire Department, and so many other police and fire departments to make the crash as safe and as real as possible. Stay tuned for next month's edition of the Black & Gold Unfold for a more in-depth article about the mock crash.





High School News

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Winter Homecoming

The 2024 winter Homecoming was held on February 17th following the Boy's Basketball game. This year's attendants were Cami Langenkamp(Freshmen), Addison Fisher(Sophomore), and Helana Sinning(Junior). The Senior Queen candidates were Audrey Nichols, Ellie Prichard, and Paige Stephenson. Ellie Prichard was crowned queen and received the Homecoming Hug by Caiden Berry. A huge thank you goes out to James Leighner who took pictures that night!



L-R: Cami Langenkamp, Addison Fisher, Audrey Nichols, Ellie Prichard, Paige Stephenson, and Helana Sinning

Please see the Parkway Homepage, under newsletter for Taylor Muhlenkamp's monthly **FFA activity report**.

Upcoming Events

- April 3 - Mock Crash at Mercer County Fairgrounds for juniors & seniors
- April 9 - Accuplacer for new CCP students
- April 17, 18- English II End of Course Exams(EOC)
- April 22-25- Math, Science, History End of Course Exams
- April 24 - Juniors attend Career Day
- May 8- Relay For Life

Fun for a Cause

On February 28, National Honor Society held their annual, Staff vs. NHS Trivia Challenge for over the 30th time. Each student had the opportunity to attend for a \$1 contribution. In this competition, there were five rounds of fifteen questions. In order to receive a point, a team must buzz in before the other team, and then answer the question correctly. After the round is finished, four new members would then swap in for their team to answer a new set of questions. This year, the staff dominated-having only lost one round the whole time-the final score ended up being 41(Staff) to 27(NHS).

Another NHS fundraiser was held around Valentine's Day. Every student was asked to fill out a survey with a variety of basic questions. For example, "Where would you prefer to live?" and the answers were, "in a city, small town, suburbs, or a farm." The surveys were then sent to Computer Fun where they categorized students based on similar answers. The categories included most compatible, least compatible, and most likely to be your best friend. These "computer matchups" were sold for \$3 a piece to whoever wanted their results, with each one being individualized based on the student's answers.

Through these fundraisers, NHS typically makes around \$300 to donate to an organization of their choice. All money made from this year's events will go towards the AJ Taylor Family/Scholarship.



The staff and students wait to buzz in their answer at the Trivia Challenge.



Middle School News

Correspondent: Brynlea Houser



Most Valuable Panthers

5th - The Fifth Grade Team nominates **Makayla Ketchum** for February Student of the Month. Makayla is the daughter of Jeff and Samantha Ketchum. Makayla is a dedicated student who strives to do well in the classroom. Makayla is also helpful and friendly to her fellow classmates. She comes to class with a positive attitude and genuinely wants to do her best every day.

6th - **Hudson Clay** is the 6th grade student of the month. Hudson is the son of Brent Clay and Selina Wendel. Throughout the year, Hudson has consistently been a positive student to have in class. He always comes to class prepared with needed materials and completed homework. Hudson has been a hard worker and a positive role model for his peers.

7th - The seventh grade team selects **Emma Fent** for the February MVP. Emma is the daughter of Aaron and Abigail Fent. Emma is a respectful kid with a great attitude in class. Emma comes to class with a smile on her face and works hard and gives her best effort. She encourages her classmates to stay on task when needed and is just a ray of sunshine in the classroom. Keep up the great work, Emma!

8th - **Case Bransteter** is the 8th Grade MVP for February. Case is the son of Lance and Jenilee Bransteter. Case leads by example in class and outside of class. He has zero missing assignments and has at least a B+ in all of his classes. He balances having fun in class while learning the assigned content. Finally, Case is respectful, hardworking, and always goes above and beyond, never taking the easy way out.



L to R: Makayla Ketchum, Hudson Clay, Emma Fent, Case Bransteter



Elementary News

Correspondent: Emma Prichard



Upcoming Events

March 27- April 2nd- Spring Break-No school
April 8 - Solar Eclipse - No school
April 17 & 18- OST-ELA Testing Grade 3
April 25 & 26- OST-Math Testing Grade 3

Kindergarten Registration

Parkway Elementary will be holding their Kindergarten Screening on March 21 and 22 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Students need to be five years old before August 1 to be eligible to attend. Parents or guardians requesting open enrollment for their kindergarten student to Parkway Local Schools should also register at this time. If your child is new to Parkway Local Schools, the following should be brought to the school on the day of screening: the official birth certificate, social security card, immunization records, one form of proof of residency and any court documents pertaining to the custody/guardianship of the student (divorce, foster, etc.) The birth certificate is from the Department of Vital Statistics (if born in Ohio, from any Ohio county health department) where a fee will be charged. The hospital complimentary birth certificate will not be accepted. Immunizations are required to be documented by the 15th day of school for the 2024-2025 school year. Appointments may be set by calling Michelle in the elementary office at 419-363-3045 ext. 720 to register your child for a screening time.

FFA Canned Food Drive

For FFA Week, the elementary held a canned food drive for Rockford Food Pantry.

Here are the winners for each grade level:

- Kindergarten- Mrs. Schwab
- 1st- Mrs. Bruns
- 2nd- Mr. Bruce
- 3rd- Mr. Williamson
- 4th- Mrs. Boroff

FFA Week Petting Zoo

The high school FFA members held a petting zoo for FFA week. The elementary got to walk down and see all the animals they had!



Scholar-Athlete of the Month

Shultz Huber and Associates and the Parkway Athletic Department sponsored the Scholar- Athlete of the Month. Each scholar athlete read a book to an Elementary class. This featured, Breanna Berry, Charlie Bennett, Meg henkle, Brittyn Bruns, Kylie Younker, Audrey Nichols, Gaven Garwood, Brayden Bruns, Wyatt Seals, Frankie Steinbrunner, Ruby Bennett, and Xavier Samples. Please go to Parkway's Homepage, under Newsletter for pictures.

FFA Coin Challenge

Congratulations to Mrs. Burrows' homeroom for winning the Coin Challenge for FFA Week. Their coins weighed 28 pounds! The class got to enjoy some donuts. Great job Mrs. Burrows' class!



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