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District News

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New Playground Additions

With the approval of the board of education, the school was able to add multiple new additions to the playground. These additions include climbing activities, two zip lines, several multi-person swings, and a P6Ball area. All students from grades 3 through 8 are able to enjoy this new playground.

Buddy Bench

Recently, the Parkway Class of 1970 donated a Buddy Bench to add on to the new playground. These benches have been donated by community members in schoolyards around the country for a distinct purpose. The purpose for the bench is for a student to sit down on the bench as a signal for other students to come sit with them and offer a conversation or inclusion in their playground fun.

Chief May, Our School Resource Officer

It's official, Chief Paul May has become Parkway Local School's new School Resource Officer. Chief May's overall purpose is to continue to keep Parkway safe. Some of his specific duties include, watching for safety issues while busses and parents drop off students in the morning and pick students up in the afternoon. Chief May is also visible and available to students and staff throughout the elementary, middle, and high school hallways throughout the day. His primary goal is to connect with students while keeping safety foremost in his mind.

New Safety Addition To Our School Entrances

Recently, bollards have been installed in front of the district, elementary, middle, and high school entrances. These bollards have been installed to make our entrances more attractive, yet secure. The bollards in front of the high school are lit for security, providing more safety when entering and exiting the building. Two additional light poles will be installed in front of the high school in the near future to provide more lighting.



Seated L-R: Karter Coffman, Alayna Knapke, Ella Wannemacher, Drake Strader
Standing L-R: Beckie McMillen, Susie Miller, Mary Schumm, Guidance Counselor Suzann Litteral



High School News

Correspondents: Andrew Taylor and Caiden Berry



New Faces In The High School

Parkway would like to welcome several new faces in the high school. Mr. Nick Steinke has joined the special education department in the high school. Over his 27 years of teaching, Mr. Steinke has taught science, social studies, and special education at different age levels, while all along being a bus driver for the district. Mr Steinke recently moved from 4th grade science to high school special education. Mr. Steinke helps students with many different goals including helping them gain self-confidence, helping them take responsibility in their work, and helping them meet deadlines.

Mrs. Teri Samples is the new Athletic Director for parkway High School. She moved from first grade to the athletic director position. Mrs. Samples moved to her current position so she could be more involved with students of all grades. She also wanted to combine her love and passion for sports and sports programs. Her main goal is to get more students and community members involved in Parkway's athletic events.

A brand new face to the high school is our history teacher, Mr. Cody Topp. He grew up in New Bremen, Ohio, and then went to college at Wright State University. Mr. Topp likes to watch soccer, coach cross country, and track in his spare time. Mr. Topp says he enjoys coming to work everyday and can't wait for a successful year.

New Program For Student Athletes

Parkway's Athletic Director, Mrs. Samples, is spearheading a new award program called the "Scholar Athlete of the Month." A student athlete will be chosen by a coach based on leadership, effort, positive attitude, strong academic standing (cumulative 3.5 GPA), and dedicated performance in the sport. The scholar athlete will be announced on Wednesday mornings and will receive a certificate and a t-shirt sponsored by Shultz, Huber, & Associates. The award winners will then go down to the elementary and read to the students.

Congratulations to these student athletes for showing outstanding leadership. Parkway would also like to thank Shultz, Huber, & Associates for their generous sponsorship in this new program.



Cody Topp, high school history teacher

Parkway FFA ATMS Wins At the "Big E"

Parkway's Agriculture Technology Mechanical Systems (ATMS) team qualified at last year's FFA National Convention to compete at the Big Exposition, better known as the "Big E." The "Big E" convention was held on September 16 in West Springfield, Masecettes. The team members consisted of Jackson Kraner, Degan Rager, Trenton Garwood, and Lucas Hileman. The ATMS team members used math in many different aspects of the competition, where they worked together to problem solve issues with the flow of hydraulic cylinders and used lasers to level ground correctly. They also built rafters, used welding skills, and had to read a skid loader manual to label its parts.

The ATMS members were scored as a team and as individuals. The team placed 1st, while individually Trenton Garwood placed 1st, Degan Rager 4th, Jackson Kraner 5th.

Congratulations to the Agricultural Technology Mechanical Systems team for winning their competition at the FFA Nationals and winning at the "Big E." A special thanks goes out to community members and local businesses for their sponsorship in this trip.



Parkway FFA, Agriculture Technology Mechanical System's **First** place team from left to right: Lucas Hileman, Degan Rager, Trenton Garwood, and Jackson Kraner

Upcoming Events:

Meet the School Board Candidates -
October 18

End Of Quarter 1 - October 20

Parent Teacher Conferences:

November 2,7,9

Veterans Day Assembly - November 11

Thanksgiving Break: 22-27



Middle School News

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Middle School Sees New Faces

Mr. Matt Triplett, once Athletic Department Director, is now the Parkway Middle School principal. Mr. Triplett, would like to continue Mr. Wood's house team system and hopes to expand the system in new ways. As the new principal, Mr. Triplett wants to focus on showing compassion towards the middle school students.



Mrs. Izzy Beeks is the middle school's new secretary. She is a Parkway alumna with previous experience in office settings. Mrs. Beeks is excited to make connections with and get to know the middle school students. She explains the importance of her job as being a role model and a positive influence for the students.



Mr. Ryan Thompson is Parkway's new Special Education Coordinator. After graduating from Parkway, he attended college at The Ohio State University, which is also where he earned his master's degree.



Mr. Thompson works hard to get to know the students and build relationships with the teachers and families.

Ms. Kaci Bornhorst is Parkway's new School Psychologist intern. She finds importance in helping identifying students' strengths and needs, and being there to support students in any way she can.



Ms. Bornhorst enjoys the various tasks she completes, which makes every day unique. She enjoys hearing the students' perspectives.

Ms. Keri Leichty is the middle school's new student aide. She is a Parkway alumna, with the goal of helping students with bettering themselves while also reaching goals, like decision making.



She is excited to get to know the students, make a difference in their lives, and strives to be a positive role model.





Elementary News

Correspondent: Anna bell



New faces in the Elementary

Ms. Brooke Wolf is one of the new first-grade teachers. She went to school at Minster Local and graduated from Bowling Green State University. Ms. Wolf loves working with kids. While growing up, she had jobs that focused on kids: babysitting, teaching swim lessons, and coaching soccer and basketball teams. She loves seeing kids grow and learn, that's how she knew teaching was for her. One thing students may not know about her is that she's a Disney fanatic. Ms. Wolf has been to Disney over 20 times!



Ms. Rachel Kremer is one of the new 2nd-grade teachers. She graduated from Ohio State University. She wishes to connect with staff, students, and the community this year. Ms. Kremer was a volleyball player and used to play on a state championship team! She became a teacher because she loves to see the impact that teachers have on students daily.



Mrs. Gabi Burrows is one of the new third-grade teachers. After graduating from Coldwater High School, she went to college at Wright State University graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She wishes to have a good first year at Parkway. She hopes that one day her students will think back with fondness of her class. She says one thing that may surprise her students is that she has a dog that's almost 110 pounds!



Ms. Erin Chaney is one of the new fourth-grade teachers. She went to high school at Fort Loramie, then she went on to receive her BA in Middle Childhood Education from Bowling Green State University. Ms. Chaney has a passion for helping people learn and grow, and she wants to make a positive influence in her students' lives by helping them reach their full potential. She wants to contribute positively to society by nurturing the next generation and preparing them to be responsible, informed, and engaging citizens.



Ms. Kaytlyn Marshal is the new 3rd-grade intervention teacher. She attended college at Bowling Green State University. This year she would like to become more confident in the classroom and would like to grow more as an individual and educator. She always knew she wanted to work in the education field. She chose elementary-aged students since she loves seeing kids grow their knowledge. The "lightbulb" moment when a student understands a hard concept is undoubtedly her favorite experience with a student.



Elementary Golden Ticket Fundraiser

The Golden Ticket fundraiser runs from **Sept 20-Oct 4**. Students will need to enter at least 10 cell numbers or email addresses to earn a gold ticket. The gold ticket will earn students 3 smaller prizes and a chance to win a mini fridge stuffed with cash or one of five \$50 gift cards. Families who get a text message or email may donate money. Flyers with information about the fundraiser were sent out on September 20. The money will be used for field trips, PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and supports), rewards, recess items, PAW WOWS, assemblies, and other activities.