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District News

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Heart Awareness Week

The week of February 11-17 was Heart Awareness Week. To raise awareness, this week was filled with fun events. From Monday through Friday, students in grades K-12 did a coin drive for donations. The most coins by weight won donuts. Tuesday was a plank challenge for the high school, with the top 3 winners earning a Taco Bell gift card. Wednesday was paper heart sales for the middle and high school, where students could purchase a heart in honor or memory of someone with Congenital Heart Disease (CHD). Thursday was a jump rope challenge for the high school, with the top 3 winners getting a Hotheads gift card. On Friday, scotcheroos were sold to high schoolers for donations. A big thank you goes out to the Parkway student body and Amy Lyons for setting up the events for this week!



Londa Schwierking Award

We are pleased to announce that our treasurer's assistant, Mrs. Tina Fries, has won the Londa Schwierking Award. The Londa Schwierking Treasurer Support Staff Award is an award given to an employee in the treasurer's office of an Ohio K-12 public school district. Our head treasurer, Mrs. Debra Pierce, nominated Mrs. Fries for her reliability, communication, professionalism, and excellent financial management. Congratulations, Mrs. Fries!



High School News

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January's Scholar-Athletes

For the month of January, five student-athletes were deemed as the month's scholar-athletes. This award is presented by the Parkway Athletic Department and Shultz Huber & Associates, Inc. and given out to students with a 3.5 or higher GPA who have been nominated by their respective coach. Please see our homepage for individual pictures of this month's scholar-athletes. Congratulations to all recipients!

- Boys' Basketball: Brayden Bruns
- Girls' Basketball: Frankie Steinbrunner
- Wrestling: Braedn Conn
- Boys' Bowling: Charlie Bennett
- Girls' Bowling: Breanna Berry

PEA in Action

The PEA(Parkway Education Association) has been in the process of giving back to the school in a variety of ways.

For this month, Super Bowl squares were sold as a fundraiser towards a college scholarship for an education major. There were a total of eight winners, the biggest being Mrs. Hathaway and her husband who won \$400 for having the correct final score square. In total, half of the prize money was given away to square winners, while the other \$1000 was raised for the scholarship!

The PEA also hosted their second annual book giveaway for students K-12 this month. All students were given one ticket to put in a basket that corresponded with a specific book they wanted. One ticket was then pulled from each basket to see who won that book. Forty-four books from a variety of reading levels and a few additional items were able to be given away through this! Please see our homepage for pictures of the winners.



On February 2, all sophomores visited Vantage Career Center. Each student selected two out of the eighteen programs available, to explore and learn about for that day. Anyone who is interested in learning more about what Vantage has to offer is welcome to their open house on February 26 from 5:00-7:30. Any student who is planning on attending Vantage Career Center next school year has a priority deadline of March 1 for applying. This can be done through their website at vantagecareercenter.com.



Josiah Neff works on his cutting skills in the program of Culinary Arts at Vantage.

Shakespeare's Importance

The high school English classes are currently reading and interpreting several of William Shakespeare's plays. Despite being written over four centuries ago, Shakespeare's remarkable plays still have a huge role in our curriculum and society today. Through his plays, for instance, Shakespeare has introduced new words and phrases to our language that we still use today, Shakespeare's plotlines are still being used in modern day storylines, and Shakespeare challenges readers by his unique poetic forms and storyline structures.

Knowing this, when students were asked about the importance of still learning about Shakespeare today, they were able to give a wide variety of answers. The responses ranged from, "It shows us how our English language has been paved over the years" to, "Shakespeare helps us better understand today's writings" and finally, "Shakespeare's works have helped set the stage for modern literature." Overall, Shakespeare will continue to be taught in the classroom to help advance our students.

Upcoming Events

- March 1 - Priority deadline to apply to Vantage**
- March 5 - All juniors take the ACT**
- March 26 - CCP Intent to Participate forms due**

Please visit Parkway's Homepage, under Newsletter for more information and pictures.



Middle School News

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Most Valuable Panthers

The 5th grade team nominates **Blake Louth** for January Student of the Month. Blake is the son of Casey and Ashley Louth. Blake is an excellent example of a hard working student. He wants to do well in all of his classes, and uses his work ethic to get it done. He is also a nice kid who gets along well with others and can work independently or in a small group. He is also polite and kind to his teachers and peers. Way to go, Blake!

The 6th grade student of the month is **Kenlee Norris**. Kenlee is the daughter of Gregory and Samantha Norris. Kenlee is a great example of what a Pawsitive student looks like. She quietly goes about her business everyday in a very respectful and humble manner. Kenlee is a hard worker and shows great responsibility and cares about her academic success. She always goes above and beyond what is expected. Great job Kenlee!

The 7th grade team selects **Cohen Korte** as the January MVP. Cohen is the son of Brian and Erin Korte. Cohen is a hard worker in all of his classes. He is respectful and willing to participate in class discussions. Cohen is an efficient worker and uses his class time wisely. Keep up the great work, Cohen!

The 8th grade team selects **Haley Hoover**. Haley is the daughter of Daniel and Angie Hoover. Haley is relatively new to Parkway, but she hasn't let that stop her! She is a hard worker, very polite and kind, and always has a smile on her face. She is rocking all of her classes. Keep up the great work Haley!



L to R: Blake Louth, Kenlee Norris, Cohen Korte, Haley Hoover

Icy Essays

Mrs. Hathaway's 2nd Block Language Arts class wrote argumentative essays on whether or not less expensive ice cream is better than expensive ice cream. For this essay, the class had pints of designer ice cream come in on Wednesday, January 31st. The ice cream came from Jeni's Spectacular Ice Cream all the way from Columbus. Jeni's Ice Cream is known for having decadent ice creams, both in flavor and texture. Pints of this ice cream usually cost \$12. While the students enjoyed eating their ice cream, they brainstormed their essay topics. With their essay rough drafts, the majority of the class preferred Jeni's ice cream over the less expensive alternatives like the Tastee Twirl or Dairy Queen.



Elementary News

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Writing Boot Camp

The Elementary's goal for the year has been to work on and improve on writing skills. In order to bring engagement and creativity to the writing process, the fourth grade staff decided to try out a Writing Bootcamp. Over the course of four days, students focused on writing an introduction, two body paragraphs, and a conclusion. On the fifth and final day of Writing Bootcamp, students were given the task of writing an essay on their own. Students made Writing Bootcamp soldier vests and everyday of bootcamp would earn a writing badge to add to their vests. They started everyday marching around the room while chanting key words to help them during the writing process. The students learned a lot and had so much fun!

Student of the Month

4th grade - Dalton Belton, Hannah Williamson, Maddie Leichty & Hudson Hayes

3rd grade - Calie Langenkamp, Charlotte Ross, Emma Gudorf & Cooper Jay

2nd grade - Parker Krugh, Maggie Gudorf, Mia Shaffer and Crosley Triplett

1st grade - Barry Peel, Makayla Muhlenkamp and Riley Bjerke

Kindergarten - Lily Weaver, Savvy Leichty, Kinley Andrews and Brantley Garman

***Please go to Parkway's Homepage, under Newsletter for pictures.**

Dr. Jessica Jeffrey Mohr

Dr. Jessica Jeffrey Mohr visited the Elementary on February 1st to teach the students the proper way to brush and take care of their teeth. The students listened to her fun and creative demonstration. At the end of her presentation, Dr. Jeffrey Mohr gave each student a toothbrush to keep their smiles healthy.



Cheer Camp

The Little Panthers Cheer Camp was open to grades K-6. Camp members performed during the halftime of the Varsity Boys Basketball game on Friday, February 2. Congratulations on working hard, having fun, and representing the Little Panthers Cheer Camp.



Lesson with Mrs. Osterfeld

Mrs. Osterfeld recently taught the kindergarten students a Science/Social Studies lesson on penguins. Students were interested in all the different types of penguins. Thank you Mrs. Osterfeld for the great lesson.



PALS

Panthers **A**nd **L**earning **S**upport is where the five FFA seniors take one day to teach the 1st grade a lesson pertaining to agriculture. Last month they talked about MVP Dairy and how whole milk and produced milk are different. The five Seniors are Abigail Sheets, Apollo Thomas, Jacob Winget, Breanna Berry, and Alexis Berry.

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