



Parkway Elementary School Newsletter



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Doctor's excuses

If your child misses school for a doctor's appointment or they leave school early for one, please request a school note before leaving the doctor's office. Your child's absence will then be medically excused.



Picture Re-take Day

Lifetouch will be here for Re-take Day on Wednesday, October 20. New students, absent students and those wanting their picture taken again will be photographed.

Friendly reminder to parents to write their child's names on lunch boxes, water bottles and jackets. This helps find the rightful owners of lost items much easier!! Thank you!

Parent Teacher Conference Dates

Conferences will be held on the following dates:

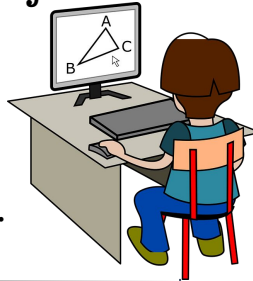
November 4

November 11

November 18

November 22

Times are 4:30 - 8:00 p.m.



State Testing

Third Grade will be taking their ELA State Testing on the morning of Tuesday, October 19 and Wednesday, October 20. Please make sure your child gets a good night's sleep the night before testing. The school will be providing muffins and juice for students on these days.

Watch Out for Head Lice

With the school year starting out, I wanted to just pass along a little reminder that Head Lice is out there and anyone can get it. Though they do not spread disease, they are a nuisance.

What can you do?

→Screen your child. Take a quick look through your students' hair once a week to make sure that a small problem does not reproduce into a bigger one.

→Have your student wear their hair pulled back in a ponytail, bun, or braids.

→Remind your student not to share hats or brushes and combs.

→Also, be aware head lice most often spreads at sleepovers.

For more reliable information go to:

https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/gen_info/index.htm



Highlights from the first Paw Wow of the year



Please read the new Absence Policy for 2021-2022 on the back side of this page.

New Absence Policy 21-22
(from Elementary Student Handbook)

Parents are required to call the school by 9:00 a.m. when their children will not be in attendance. The attendance line is on 24 hours a day for parents to report their children's absence. If absences are not phoned in by 9:00 a.m., the parent/guardian will be called; however, the absence will be unexcused regardless of reason. The office will give you a warning and remind you of the school procedure. If a parent/guardian cannot be reached, the office will try all emergency contact numbers until someone is reached (the absence will still be unexcused). If no adult on the emergency medical form is able to be reached, the truant officer will be called to help locate the student. On the third warning of not calling in your child to be absent before 9:00 a.m., the truant officer will be called.

The Parkway Local Schools attendance policy is aligned with the Ohio Revised Code. If changes are made that require changes to this policy, parents will be notified of the changes, and the updated policy will be added to the district website.

The determination as to whether an absence is excused or unexcused rests with the building administration.

Students are considered tardy to school if they are not in the building by 8:00 a.m. Students arriving late must report to the office. Three tardies in a 9-week grading period will be considered as equal to one unexcused absence. Missing the bus, oversleeping, and car problems are not acceptable excuses for being tardy.

Students are permitted to miss no more than five days per semester. Any absence beyond the five allowable per semester will require a doctor's excuse to be counted as an excused absence. Any absence beyond the five without a doctor's note will be considered unexcused. Three unexcused absences may result in truancy charges being filed.

Excused absences that will not count toward the five days allowed per semester:

1. A student is in the hospital.
2. A student is confined at home by doctor's orders for an extended illness. A doctor's medical note is required. (Medical notes will only be accepted when the student was seen at the doctor's office or hospital).
3. Religious holidays.
4. Funeral of a family member or close relative.
5. Medical appointments (verified by Doctor's excuse).
6. School related absences.
7. Approved family vacations.

A student is considered absent for the morning if he/she arrives after 10:00 a.m. and absent for the afternoon if he/she leaves before 1:30 p.m.

Students who are absent should make up all work missed within a reasonable period of time after returning to school. It is the student's responsibility to ask his/her teachers for make-up work.

Students who miss 20 or more days may be required to attend Summer School in order to be promoted.