

HEAD OF THE CLASS

Parkside Elementary School



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February 2012

February Calendar

2	1:15 Dismissal
8-10	Lolligrams Sold at Lunch
7	PTL Meeting 6:30 PM
10	Parkside Variety Show SVHS 7:00 PM
13	Kindergarten Conferences <i>KAM and KPM in Session</i>
14	Kindergarten Conferences <i>KAM and KPM <u>Not</u> in Session</i>
15	Kindergarten Conferences <i>KAM <u>Not</u> in Session</i> <i>KPM in Session</i>
16	11:15 Dismissal Grade 1-5 Conferences Kindergarten Conferences <i>KAM in Session</i> <i>KPM <u>Not</u> in Session</i>
17	11:15 Dismissal <i>KAM in Session</i> <i>KPM <u>Not</u> in Session</i>
20	No School / President's Day
21	No School / In-service
24	2 nd Grade Field Trip
28	Jump for Heart

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe we are in the month of February and the weather feels like spring. Eventually we will get back to cooler temperatures and recess will be held outdoors so be sure to bundle your child with a coat, hat and gloves. Also, due to the recent stretches of warm weather the lost and found box is filled with hats and gloves that I am sure will be needed in the very near future. Please remind your child to check the lost and found if you believe they have misplaced items at school. In the event we do experience late openings or school closings, information can be found at the following sites:

Penn-Delco website at www.pdsd.org

Comcast channel 11

Verizon channel 40

District call center 610.497.6300

February is Heart Health Month and our Physical Education teacher, Mr. John Clark, will be hosting a Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser at Parkside Elementary during school on February 28 to promote heart health; the fundraiser will benefit the American Heart Association. Additionally, our second grade students will host their annual Valentine fundraiser. Students will have the opportunity to purchase heartwarming lolligram messages at school for family and friends to be distributed on Valentine's Day. Each year second grade teacher, Mrs. Clark, hosts this event to benefit a local cancer society.

Parkside Elementary is the little school with the big heart! Thank you for the continued overwhelming support of our charitable efforts.

Best,
Mrs. Ford



THE WALNUT STREET THEATER COMES TO PARKSIDE

PANTHER PATROL COMMITTEE

*Jen McCarty, Meghan Cullen, Alison Cobb
Kathy Sculley, Maureen Irving, Sarah Gerrity*

Earlier this year the Parkside Panther Patrol Committee developed and hosted a Panther Patrol Family Night to help parents and students understand how Parkside Elementary is committed to providing a caring and safe environment for everyone. In addition to family night, the Panther Patrol Committee, with the help of the Parkside PTL, presented an assembly by the Walnut Street Theater of Philadelphia on bully prevention. The Panther Patrol Committee members volunteer to meet regularly in an effort to facilitate a variety of school programs that promote a positive school climate at Parkside Elementary. Thank you to the committee members for their work throughout the year and to the Parkside PTL for supporting and funding school climate programs.



Panther Patrol Family Night



Walnut Street Theater

SPOTLIGHT ON THE CURRICLUM

Rosemary Fowler, Supervisor of Elementary Curriculum

Written by the Elementary Guidance Counselors:
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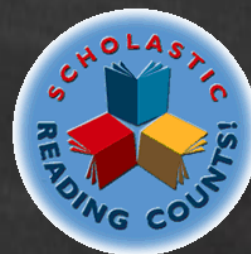
The elementary guidance program is a proactive, comprehensive, and developmental approach to addressing the wide variety of needs that our students present. One key component to this balanced approach is the use of classroom guidance lessons. Our curriculum is designed to provide our students with the foundational skills and knowledge needed to find success in both their educational and interpersonal endeavors.

Understanding and coping with our emotions is essential to finding success and happiness in life. A significant challenge for children is learning to both accept and manage feelings of anger. In each grade level, this topic is explored in guidance class. Our first grade curriculum begins the discussion with lessons on recognizing body language and using one's words to express feelings. In second grade, we teach a variety of coping skills such as counting to ten, taking deep breaths, and talking it out. In third grade, we reinforce many of the previously taught coping skills and explore the connections between triggers to anger, chosen actions, and consequences. In fourth and fifth grades, the topic is addressed as part of our unit on conflict resolution. Students learn a structured approach to the resolution of conflicts. As part of this approach, the use of the

"I statements" is employed to express their feelings and to help them in the successful resolution of conflicts.

Home/School Connection ~ Discussing difficult emotions with your children is critical in the process of helping them develop a self-image and ultimately finding success in handling these feelings. Encourage your child to use the coping skills above by role-playing practice sessions of imaginary conflicts together. Establish mutually agree upon timeout areas and other options for your child to de-escalate when feeling angry.

It's wise to direct your thoughts towards problems – not people, to focus your energies on answers – not excuses.



Congratulations
200,000+
Word Readers!

Abigail Das	1,895,690
Emma Mansfield	1,747,123
Julianne Cadden	1,386,855
Hailey Lipka	902,601
Leanna Dankel-Paylor	820,583
Lanre Olatona	776,970
Jenna Johnson	736,155
Alayna Pro	728,118
Andrew Kmett	655,333
Jayming Liu	643,218
Michael Difurio	640,408
Samuel Dykes	617,066
Angela Eang	560,352
Joshua Rybak	498,985
Ruby Bonilla	478,616
Billy Dykes	446,632
Rayming Liu	421,659
Sharif Hassan	421,290
Ryane Cornog	408,987
Noah Rodgers	404,552
Kevin Bartholf	377,500
Austin Bull	374,890
Deanna Miller	356,429
Hagen Thomas	327,864
Sean Stone	305,599
Brianna Kanefsky	303,326
Levi Das	298,484
Trevor Jex	298,049
Kelly Coleman	290,223
Alayna Lloyd	290,133
Samantha Saunders	286,841
Emily Woznicki	276,912
Damaris Oxendine	275,666
Zara Wahdan	271,596
Chantrea Hun	268,390
Dylan Walters	268,022
Isabella Rowley	247,508
Haleigh Kehner	241,581
Stephen Vadino	239,660
Alex Strauber	233,384
Allexander Underwood	227,023
Faythe Hilnovsky	217,372
Joey Tumulo	208,672
Tristan Sninchak	205,157
Marissa Schwitters	203,088

PANTHER PRIDE



Thank you to all who support the charitable efforts that happen each month at Parkside Elementary. We truly are the little school with the big heart!



- ✓ Fair Acres Trinket Drive – trinkets collected last month for Fair Acres will be delivered and used for BINGO prizes.
- ✓ Pretzel Sale – all proceeds from the sale will support local families in need.



PERCY'S PICKS

As part of an ongoing positive behavior program, Core Essential traits are introduced each month at Parkside Elementary to ensure a positive school climate for all students. The following students have been chosen by Percy the panther for exhibiting excellent habits in SELF-CONTROL.

Deanna Miller
Christopher Ricketti,
Jacob Putt
Michelene Caruso-
Drennan
Alyssa Lofthouse
Maria Baez
Sophia Coleman and
Rhyuhn Green
Shanae Tay
Cassandra Hansel
Lucas Rowley
Roman Glickman
Matt King
Reaksa Hun
Cierra Fornwalt

Julia Parks
David German
Gianna Huczko
Rayming Liu
Kirsten Hansen
Levi Das
Angel Toogood,
Alayna Pro
Kayla Dorsey
Jay Liu
Tara Rybak
Mike Brees
Brianna K
Juliane Cadden
Nathan Burnell

