

Panther Press



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Principal's Pen:

December 2015

Dear Parkway Family,

We love our kids here, and consider everyone at Parkway to be a part of the Parkway Family. December brings us to a wonderful time of holidays, crisp winter days (maybe snow), and special time with our own families. But this time of the year is not always as happy and cheerful for some of our kids and families as the ads on TV try to make it seem. This is a tough time for some who can't afford to get their kids the kinds of gifts they wish they could. This is also a difficult time for some because of strained relationships between family and friends. Kids who are a part of those difficult situations often display unusual behaviors at home and at school.

Life is difficult. We get that. Parenting is hard. We also understand that one. All of us need help at one time or another, and we need to support each other when we are in those tough times.

First, I'd like to thank our awesome families for supporting families in our community with the recent food drive. It was an amazing success, almost doubling our contributions last year! We have had so many families and community members offer their support to our school in one way or another. Thank you.

Next, I'd like to offer as much help as we can to you during this time of year. Help to parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors who are all a critical part of raising and educating our kids. Beth Shirley and Melanie Stellmon are good places to start if you're looking for some extra support this season.

I would also like to recognize the help that our families give each other. I was out on duty the other day after school, and I overheard one parent calling another parent to make sure the student had a ride home. That was so awesome to watch, families helping families. So thank you Parkway Family, for caring about our kids and our school, it is so apparent (no pun intended), and that makes Parkway the best school!

I feel incredibly lucky to serve as your principal. Even though there are difficult things about any job, I love the kids and families we support here. Have a fantastic December, and remember that we are all here to support each other during the happy and rough patches we all experience.

Eric Price,

Principal

Important Events:

Dec. 7 — 6th Grade Music and Band Concert, 7 PM, CHS Auditorium

Dec. 15 — 1st Grade Caroling at Costco, 10:15-11:15 AM

Dec. 16 — End of the Month School Assembly, 10:15 AM

Dec. 18 — Early Release

Dec. 21-Jan.1 — Winter Break, NO SCHOOL

Jan. 15 — End of 1st Semester

Jan. 18 — Martin Luther King Day, NO SCHOOL

Parents Welcome!

At Parkway, we love for parents to get involved in school. To help blend security for your kids and active participation for the parents, we need to make sure a few things are in place.

Before volunteering, we ask that you complete a simple background check form. It is very easy and we get the results back quickly so you can begin.

Our teachers and staff like to make themselves available for meetings when you have questions. Since the teachers are in meeting most mornings before school and sometimes after, we ask that you call and set up an appointment with them that will work out for both of you.

Any time you visit the school before, during or after, please check in first at the front office. For the safety of all our students and staff, we don't permit children or adults in the hallways before, during, or after school without permission and a visitor badge. Please check in at the front office to receive your badge.

We look forward to seeing you at school!



Sports News

Since Rylan Rogers was 4, he's been wrestling. With Dad as coach and following in the footsteps of his 2 older cousins, Rylan is now a champion!

Accomplishments include winner of the Reno World and Big Foot Competitions, as well as 2nd place in the Tulsa Kick-Off Classic. Congratulations, Rylan! Keep on pinning for the win!

Thanksgiving Thank You



A big THANK YOU to Costco for donating 10 turkeys this holiday season! Maria and the staff

were so generous and giving to our families. Costco also provides cookies for our parents of Students of the Month. Thank you so much Costco! ...AND don't forget to look at the artwork each month, on the bulletin board at Costco! You just might see art you recognize!

Library News

Our Sucker-pull fundraiser and raffle basket at the Book Fair raised \$170.00. That money bought us 2 sets of Star Wars readers (20 books), double copies of the newest Dork Diary and Riordan series. It also bought us 6 Minecraft novels, and a set of 10 Goosebumps titles. Thanks for eating all those suckers!



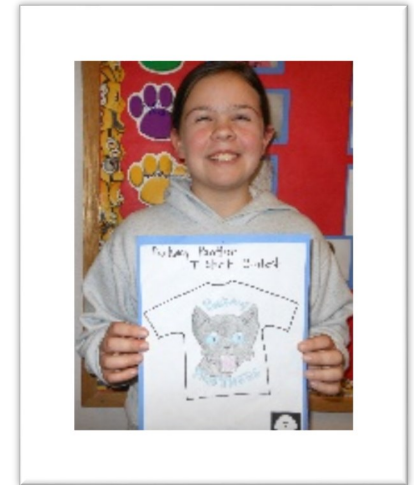
4th Grade News

Mrs. Akers' and Mrs. Fincher's classes recently attended the Distributive Education Classes of America (DECA) Conference at Clarkston High School. Zach and Hoyt's favorite business was Vision Quest Northwest. They learned that VQN uses drones for photography and for emergency purposes, like checking power lines in remote areas. Jessie, from Mrs. Akers' class, was most impressed with Baskin Robbins Ice Cream business. She liked how they spoke of their top selling ice cream flavors as well as how many tubs they use each year. Jayden, from Mrs. Fincher's class, liked dancing to Big Country News, and she likes Big Country's music. The kids learned about Jollymore's and Station 3 Restaurant, as well as about photographers. They liked learning new things about careers and about entrepreneurs. Congrats to Best Business Plan winners, Nadia Salazar, Dominic Daugherty, Clyde Pierce, Zach Clare and GiGi Hale!

Check out our Parkway website! Mr. Heinzerling works hard to keep it updated! It looks AWESOME!

T-Shirt Contest WINNER

Parkway will have a new t-shirt! Gabbie Smith from Mrs. Zimmer-Meyers' class was the winner of this year's t-shirt contest. Gabbie likes drawing animals with large mouths, and her friend Christina helped her create the panther eyes. You'll be able to order a shirt with Gabbie's design at a later date. Congratulations, Gabbie!



Welcome to Parkway!

Lynn Cahill

Hello! I am Lynn Cahill, the new autism room assistant. I have lived in Clarkston with my husband, Dennis, for the past 25 years. We have 6 daughters and 5 granddaughters. I was blessed to be able to stay home for several years with our girls and started subbing in the district a few years ago. I am excited to be here at Parkway because our three youngest daughters were Parkway Panthers. I have always loved this school, and I am looking forward to helping our students have a successful year!

Melanie Stellmon

Hi! I'm Melanie Stellmon, Parkway's new Parent Coordinator. I'm a past Parkway alumni, as well as starting my career in the Clarkston School District at Parkway in 1991. Parkway is a very friendly, caring school with a great staff of teachers, helpers and students! I am so grateful to be a Parkway Panther!



Make sure the office has your current phone information! You won't want to miss out on a **THING!!**

"It's a great day to be a Parkway Panther!"

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