

*Our mission is to improve student learning.*

## ***Principal's Pen:***

**January 2016**

Dear Parkway Family,

As we bring in 2016 this month, we recognize many new and different occurrences for students and parents. As our kids progress through different grades, subjects, and even developmental stages of their lives, we want to make sure they are OK both socially and educationally. A natural question parents should be asking is, "How is my son/daughter doing?" We all try to create the best situation in classes so more kids can learn more, but often times kids encounter difficulties with learning.

When a student is having a tough time in school, we try to add extra layers of support for them. Families are a huge part of that support system. When kids are experiencing difficulties, families can help in multiple ways. The first place to start would be with the home room teacher to identify the concern and ask what ways you can help at home. Melanie Stellmon is a great connection as our parent coordinator who can assist families if they have any questions.

Please talk to your kids often about school, and reinforce the importance of their education. I hope your 2016 is a fantastic year, and I want to thank our Parkway families for being so supportive of their kids' learning!

***Eric Price,***

Principal

## **Up and Coming News & Reminders**

- **Parent Council** encourages all parents to become involved! Join us every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, at 5:30 PM in the staff lounge.
- **Parkway School Carnival**, March 3, 6:00-8:00 PM. Volunteers needed to run booths.
- **State Assessments** start March 7, 2016
- Check out our **Parkway website!** Mr. Heinzerling works hard to keep it updated! It looks AWESOME!

## **Important Events:**

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

**Jan. 12** — Parent Council meeting, 5:30, Staff Lounge

**Jan. 15** — End of Semester

**Jan. 18** — NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King Day

**Jan. 26** — 5th Grade Concert, 7:00 p.m., CHS Auditorium

**Jan. 28** — Student of the Month Assembly

**Feb. 3** — 3rd & 4th Grade Concert, 7:00 p.m., CHS Auditorium

## **Thank You!**

Warmest of thanks to our holiday family contributors:

**Washington Trust Bank,**  
*Clearwater Paper, Vista Outdoor, Congregational Presbyterian Church in Lewiston, Clarkston Fire Department, Clarkston Police Department, Excel Transport, Scott Arnone/Edward Jones, KLEW TV, Printcraft Printing, Crossfit Rove and Costco.*

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## Welcome to Parkway!

### Jake Fincher

Jake is from Spokane, Washington. He went to the University of Idaho. He loves birdwatching. Jake's new position is with Kindergarten through second grade students, supporting positive behaviors. Welcome, Jake!

### A/R Points Bike Contest!

The Masons here in Clarkston donate two beautiful new bikes to Parkway every year. Students earn points toward winning one of these bikes by amassing Accelerated Reader points. For every 10 AR points, they can put a raffle ticket in the drawing for the bike of their choice. The bikes are on display in the library and are awarded at our last assembly before summer. The winners ride their bikes home! So get working on those reading points!!!

### Nominate Your Favorite Teacher

Simply go to Dailyfly.com, click on "Our Community" tab. You'll find Teacher of the Month. Sponsored by KATWfm Radio, Happy Day, Printcraft Printing and Alliance Title. Winning teachers receive gift certificate and prizes!



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



### Celebrate the Family!

The first week in February ~  
Breakfast with your student!  
Look for more info to come!

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

### From the Parent Handbook:

Excused and Unexcused Absences: Students are expected to attend all classes each day. The following are valid excuses for absences and tardiness:

- Participation in school-approved activity.
- Absence due to illness, health condition, family emergency or religious purposes, court, judicial proceeding.
- Absence for parental-approved activities.
- Absence resulting from disciplinary actions, or short-term suspension
- Extended illness or health condition.
- Excused absence for chronic health condition.

Assignments and/or activities not completed because of an excused absence or tardiness may be made up in the manner provided by the teacher.

\*If your student is sick or needs to be excused from school, please phone, email or send a note with your student the following day.