

Panther Press

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May 2016

Principal's Pen:

Dear Parkway Families,

I can't believe May is here already! The blooming flowers are beautiful, and it is one of my favorite times of the year. This is also the time we get to see our kids bloom. After a year of learning, we all get to see the growth they've made in so many ways.

May wraps up our season of testing, where our kids get to show what they know. We love to see kids be amazed at what they've learned this year. Sometimes it is hard to see the growth kids make, but just like pictures we see of our kids at the beginning of the year to the end of the year, we realize how much growth has occurred.

May also notes the change from school time to summer time. When your kids are giving you the "I'm bored..." line, here is a list of books that would be great to read together:

[The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein](#), [The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle](#), [Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin Jr & John Archambault](#), [The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry](#), [Charlotte's Web by E.B. White](#), [Where The Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak](#), [The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams](#), [The Adventures of Harold and the Purple Crayon by Crockett Johnson](#), [Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume](#), [The Big Orange Splot by D. Manus Pinkwater](#), [The Lorax by Dr. Seuss](#), [A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle](#), [Peter Pan by J. M. Barrie](#), [The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis](#), [The Lightning Thief \(Percy Jackson and the Olympians, Book 1\) by Rick Riordan](#)

The Asotin County Library would have most of these, so don't go out and spend a ton of money, but spend some time this summer jumping into another world with your son/daughter and having some great conversations about life!

Thank you for being such an awesome support of our kids. Families are truly the foundation of what makes Parkway a fantastic place to be!

Eric Price,

Principal

Make your kids a high priority! Enter into their world!

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

Important Events:

- May 2-4:** Camp Wooten
- May 4:** Kindergarten Round-Up, Clarkston District Office, 1294 Chestnut St.
- May 10:** Parent Council, 5:30 PM Teacher's Lounge
- May 11:** Kindergarten Concert, 1 PM practice, 7 PM Concert, CHS Auditorium
- May 17:** 6th Grade Environmental Awareness, Hells Gate
- May 19:** 6th Grade Massed Band Concert, Afternoon Rehearsal, 7 PM Concert, CHS Auditorium
- May 24:** District Track Meet
- May 25:** 5th Grade Field Trip to WSU
- May 27:** End of the Month School Assembly, 10:15 AM
- May 30:** School Board Meeting, 6 PM
- June 2:** All school Aquatic Center, 10:00-12:00
- June 3:** Early Release - 12:00 PM, Last day of school! Summer Break!

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Books for Bikes

Mr. Kevin Keatts from the Masons donated 2 bikes to give away for the A/R Reading Program. Students kept track of their reading, turned in their tally sheets, and the winners were randomly drawn by Mr. Keatts. Congratulations to Nathan Gall and Garrett Short. Keep up the good work!

PARENT REMINDERS:

- ◆ As we near the end of the school year, it is imperative that you check your child's backpack and/or folders for information coming home.
- ◆ School starts at 8:40 AM when the first bell rings. If you are dropping off your child, please do so by 8:40 so they have time to arrive in class promptly and be ready to learn.
- ◆ Have questions? Check out our Parkway website!
- ◆ Please stop by the lost and found table as soon as possible. Any leftover clothes and coats will be donated to charity at the end of the school year!
- ◆ PARENT LINK: Be in the KNOW! Make sure the office has your current phone information to receive phone messages and texts about Parkway's latest news. You won't want to miss out on a THING!



Parkway Archers

Congratulations to the Parkway Elementary Archery Team. On March 12th, the team traveled to Spokane, where they competed at the 2016 NASP Washington State Championship. Our team placed 6th out of 23 middle school teams. Ean Ulrich, placed not only 1st out of 87 fifth grade boys, but 1st out of 152 archers in the elementary boys division! Luella Skinner placed 1st out of 104 sixth grade girls, and Zach Clare placed 1st out of 64 fourth grade boys in Washington State. We also had five students qualify for the national tournament. Luella Skinner, Ean Ulrich, Gavin Wood, Zach Clare and Megan. Way to go archers!

Master Gardeners

By Gigi Hale, Mrs. Akers' class

Since November, the Master Gardeners have come to Parkway to teach 4th graders about growing flowers and vegetables. At first, we received little books and got meal worms that turn into beetles. Later, we planted beans, onions, carrots, and daisies in the raised flower beds. We planted tulip bulbs and many different flower bulbs outside Parkway to bloom in the Spring. It looks really nice! We wanted to grow a garden because Mrs. Akers and Mrs. Fincher love gardening. It is really fun to go outside in the garden and clean up and plant. Sometimes the Master Gardeners share a lot of stuff with us. A few weeks ago, one of the leaders brought in an egg from her chicken. It's a lot better than playing on your phone or just watching TV!

Special Info from Band!

Thursday, May 19 - Massed Band, CHS Auditorium. Students walk over at 12:50 - rehearse from 1:00-3:45. Parents, make arrangements to pick up your student at 3:45. Students and family return by 6:30 p.m. to CHS Auditorium. Concert starts at 7:00 p.m.

Fundraiser Success

The Chocolate Sale Fundraiser was a huge success this year! Top sellers are Nathan Gall, Lizzy Vassar, Mason Ruberti, Rachel Gall, Gabby Bolen and Savonni Garrett. The proceeds from the sale will help provide new and updated technology for our students.