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## District News



### Text and Email Alerts Available for Delays and Cancellations

Would you like to have school information such as delays, cancellations and sports scheduling changes texted and/or emailed to you? Through a free program made available from the computer cooperative that serves Parkway Local Schools, you can sign up on-line for the alerts.

Follow the instructions below to begin receiving alerts today:

1. Go to the Parkway web site at <http://www.parkwayschools.org> and find the "Rhino Alerts Text and Email signup" link on the homepage
2. Enter your name
3. Choose the alert category of "schools" and on the alert list choose "Parkway Local School Alerts"
4. Select your alert method as text or email and enter your email address or your phone number
5. If you selected text, you will have to click on the name of your cell phone provider
6. Enter the security characters and click on "subscribe"
7. If you want both email and text you may go back and make as many accounts as you wish

### Frieda Stober Retires

After almost twenty years of service, Frieda Stober retired on December 31. Stober served as the assistant treasurer during her time at Parkway. When asked about her future plans, Frieda said she would like to do more things around the house, as well as visit her family more often. She also mentioned she plans to volunteer more at her church. The staff at Parkway Local Schools would like to thank Frieda and wish her the best in her retirement.



*Superintendent Greg Puthoff presenting Frieda Stober with a plaque honoring her for her years of service at Parkway Local Schools*

### Parkway Recognizes Top Spellers

On December 8, 45 students in grades 4 - 8 participated in the Parkway Spelling Bee. Raegen Bransteter (8th grade) was the champion speller and Rachel Green (7th grade) was the runner up. Austin Smith (5th grade) took third place while Grace Linn (7th grade) placed fourth and Kelsey Eckhart (6th grade) placed fifth. These five students advance to the Mercer County Spelling Bee on February 1 at the Wright State University-Lake Campus. A special thanks goes to Mrs. Wagner and the choir class for setting up the stage, Mrs. Tribolet for the programs, Mrs. Frahm

for serving as the coordinator and a judge, and Mrs. Clay and Mrs. Sheila Boroff for serving as judges.



Pictured From Left to Right:  
**Front Row-** Austin Smith, Kelsey Eckhart  
**Back Row-** Raegen Bransteter, Rachel Green, Grace Linn



# High School News

Brought to you by Taylor Bates and Michael Nuttle



## Foreign Language Club Enjoys a Mexican Meal

On Thursday, December 10, Mrs. Imwalle and Mrs. Araki took the Foreign Language Club to the La Carreta restaurant in Celina, Ohio. Students were able to enjoy a Mexican dish and get a real taste of the Mexican culture.

This is the first year the foreign language club has been in existence since the retirement of Mrs. Mary Masser. Mrs. Imwalle and Mrs. Araki are excited to be leading the group, and hope that this meal is only the first of many wonderful activities to come. The activities they are planning this year include field trips and guest speakers to help students get a full appreciation of cultures they aren't normally exposed to. To be a member of the Foreign Language Club, students must be currently taking a foreign language at Parkway. Japanese and Spanish are the two languages available for students to take at Parkway High School.



## Preparing for First in Family to Attend College

If your child is the first in your family to attend college, they don't have to do it alone. ACT has information that can help students and their families figure out how to best prepare for college and a career.

Here are some things students can do to prepare for college. The sooner these tips are implemented the better.

- Develop reading, writing, and thinking skills.
- Limit TV time.
- Listen to music with positive messages.
- Join clubs in debate, science, or writing.
- Read, read, and read.
- Identify people who can help in and out of school.
- Ask questions.
- Visit colleges.
- Sign up for college outreach programs.
- Talk to college students.
- Join groups at church, at school, and in the community that focus on positive values and support for each member.

Brochures for first-generation college students and parents can be found at [www.act.org/path/secondary/resources.html](http://www.act.org/path/secondary/resources.html). For additional college and career planning information, visit [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

## Anatomy and Physiology Classes Bake Gingerbread Men

During the week of December 7, Mrs. Morton's Anatomy and Physiology classes took an unusual approach to learning the different muscles in the body. Mrs. Morton came up with a unique way of teaching by having her students make gingerbread men. The students mixed up ingredients and shaped the gingerbread men. With icing and food coloring, the students had to identify the different muscles, tissues, and tendons on both the front and the back of the human body, and show them on the gingerbread men.



*Tyler Deitsch enjoys his gingerbread man after learning about muscles.*

## Spanish Classes Break Piñatas

On December 22, Mrs. Imwalle's Spanish classes celebrated "Navidad" (Christmas). Each class brought in candy to fill up their piñatas, and during their class period they enjoyed participating in the tradition of breaking the piñatas. After the piñatas were broken, the students, and even Mr. Edgell, collected all of the candy to snack on later. Mrs. Imwalle has maintained this tradition for many years as it is a fun way for the students to learn about Spanish traditions.



(Above): Logan Hunter breaks a piñata during his Spanish class.  
(Left): Mr. Edgell takes time out of a busy day to collect candy.





# Middle School News

*Brought to you by Grant Ripley and Andrew Peel*



## The 12 Step Program for Good Character

By sharing the following 12 steps with your children, you can help them make smart decisions that lead to good character:

1. **Be the Message.** You be the message of good character by making the good choices even when it might be risky, costly, or when you think others might not be watching.
2. **Be Willing to Take a Stand.** You are not a mindless robot. Express your opinions, even when they might mean others might not agree with the stand you take.
3. **Be an Attraction Magnet.** How you dress is your business. How you act and what you say is your business. But remember how you dress, act and what you say will attract certain people. Think about this: Are the people you're attracting the kind of people you want around you? Will they enhance or hurt your reputation? In the end, it's more important to be respected than noticed.
4. **Hang Out With People Who Bring Out the Best in You.** It's true that who you hang around with, you become. If you choose to be the kind of person who brings out the best in others, you will attract the same kind of people.
5. **Be Willing to Confront Evil.** Be willing to take a stand and confront evil behaviors that you don't like. By taking a stand against behaviors that you wouldn't want taught to your younger brother or sister, you will send volumes to others around you.
6. **Happiness: It's Your Choice.** Don't expect anyone else to make you happy. Your happiness is based upon the choices that you and you alone make.
7. **Responsibility is a Sign of Maturity.** No one else is responsible for the choices that you make. You make good choices. You make poor choices. Either way – they are always your choice to make.
8. **Freedom and Independence are Based on Your Choices.** No one controls the choices that you make. Your demonstration of these choices will gain you freedom and independence.
9. **Trust is Demonstrated and then Earned.** Nobody is going to automatically trust you until your choices (even when you thought others might not be watching) are verified.
10. **The Future is Up to You.** The choices you make today will shape tomorrow. Every choice you make today will determine where your life will be tomorrow.
11. **Your Life is Your Ship.** You be the captain, not a passenger or a deckhand. It's your ship. It's your life. You chart the course of your ship.
12. **Your Attitude is Really Everything.** Your attitudes are more important than your aptitudes. You can't control what happens to you, but you can control what happens in you.

## Parkway Girls Attend Information Technology Career Day at Rhodes State College

On November 13 several female students from Parkway attended an Information Technology Career Day at Rhodes State College in Lima. The students who attended include: Lizzy Craft, Tegan Felver, Libby Davis, Kari Mast, Harley Noll, Shelby Coats, Courtney Barker, Kenzie Beery, Cierra Coffman, Courtney Dicke, Emilie Fisher, Cami Hellwarth, Shannon Joseph, Faith Monnin, Kateri Myers, Sarah Ridder, Kaitlyn Saus, Faith Shroyer, Erica Sill, Arielle Smith, and Cheyenne Stant.

The career day was designed to encourage more females to pursue careers in information and engineering technology. The girls performed hands-on work with computer programming to create an interactive game, used electricity to make a flying saucer, and learned to use computer control of robots by wiring an experimenter's board to manipulate lights. They also used forensic tools to analyze data on a hard drive, created a commercial using digital media, and produced professional-looking documents using desktop publishing software. Mrs. Ontrop and Mrs. McConahay arranged the trip and accompanied the students for the day.



**Pictured are:** (back row) Sarah Ridder, Shannon Joseph, Arielle Smith, Cheyenne Stant, Kateri Myers, Courtney Dicke, Erica Sill; (middle row) Faith Shroyer, Kaitlyn Saus, Emilie Fisher, Cierra Coffman, Kenzie Beery, Cami Hellwarth; (front row) Kari Mast, Lizzy Craft, Harley Noll, Tegan Felver, Libby Davis; Not Pictured: Shelby Coats and Courtney Barker



# Elementary Unleashed

Brought to you by Lindsay Shellabarger and Nick Foreman

"Every student can learn, just not on the same day, or the same way."

George Evans

## Miss Ohio Visits Parkway

For the month of November, there was a special fundraiser held in the elementary for the Change for Children Campaign. The Change for Children Campaign is represented by Miss Ohio, Erica Gelhaus, formerly of St. Henry. Students were encouraged to bring in money to help children in need, and were promised the reward of being treated to a pizza party and receiving pictures personally signed by Miss Ohio herself. The second place class was treated with a visit by Miss Gelhaus and autographed pictures as well. The winning class was Mrs. Frahm's fifth grade class and the runner up was Mr. Bader's second grade class. Mrs. Frahm said there wasn't a day throughout the whole fundraising time that her students didn't bring in money. The students said they picked up extra chores around the house and did special things for their parents to earn some additional change to bring in for the cause. Mrs. Frahm said they had their eye on the prize and were very determined to get it. In the end, there was a total of \$750 raised for the Children's Miracle Network. A special thank you is extended for all those who participated!



Mr. Bader's class posing with Miss Ohio.

## Third Grade Students Read Stories to Preschool Students

Mrs. Samples' third grade class worked hard constructing special Christmas stories to read to the preschool students. On Monday, December 21, they traveled down to the other end of the building to present their stories. Each student then paired up with a youngster and read their story to them.



Left: Nicholas Riley reading his story to Xavier Samples

Right: Isaiah Schnell reading his story to a preschool student



Left: Students reading their stories to their preschool partners

Below: Mrs. Frahm's winning class posing with Miss Ohio.



## Fourth Graders Learn About Soil and Minerals

On November 20, the fourth graders were treated to a special visit from Nikki Hawk and Laura Walker, representatives from the Mercer County Soil and Water Conservation District. The two women came in to speak to the students about soil. The students learned about the different horizons of soil and how precious our top soil really is. They also saw a Glenwood monolith, which showed them the O layer, topsoil, and subsoil. In addition to this, the students learned about erosion, and how it affects soil too. To conclude, sediment sticks were made by each student.

Three days later, the fourth graders traveled to the Celina Public Library to view the mineral collection donated by Ron and Ruth Langsdon in 2006. The Langsdons felt that a public library would be an ideal location for present and future generations to learn about and enjoy the minerals. While there, the students participated in hands on mineral identification activities. Then, the students went out and viewed the mineral collection while answering questions about them. It was a demanding and exciting week for the fourth graders as they learned all about soil and minerals.

