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District News

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End of the Year Comments From the District Office

Dear Students, Parents and Community Members:

It seems like just a few days ago I was writing a letter to the Parkway community for the first edition of The Black & Gold Unfold in September. The school year has gone very quickly. I have been very impressed with the quality of the Black & Gold Unfold. Our students in the School Publications class and their teacher, Mr. Hamrick, have done an outstanding job writing the articles, taking pictures, and creating the newsletter. They have covered events and activities from all grade levels. I hope you have enjoyed reading the newsletter and

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Greg Puthoff, Superintendent

looking at the pictures, as we are continuing the newsletter next year. When you see me throughout the district, please share your thoughts about our newsletter or any other items that concern the school district. I am always open to ideas or concerns from the community. Parkway Local Schools will always be part of and support all the communities that make up our

district.

As we are ending the school year, I am amazed at the quality and quantity of work that comes from our students, teachers and classified staff. I have talked to students who have stayed up late to finish homework after a late night or weekend school activity. I have seen staff members working late at night or over the weekend to be prepared for the next school day. I have been to school events throughout the year and have witnessed the quality of our students and staff, plus the dedication of our parents and community members in supporting our district. I am blessed to be the superintendent of the Parkway Local School District.

I want to thank Mrs. Gloria Schwartz and Mrs. Kathie Stachler for the dedication to the students of Parkway. Both teachers are retiring at the end of the school year and I wish them a pleasant retirement. You will be missed!

Have a safe summer.
Greg Puthoff, Superintendent

- Boys Basketball Team
- Recognized for GPA
- The Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association has released its list of the top 50 boys academic teams for 2008-2009. The Parkway team was 8th out of 803 schools in Ohio. The team's grade point average was an impressive 3.67. Congratulations to the boys for working hard at academics as well as athletics!

Upcoming Events

May 13- High School Academic Awards Night at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium

May 14- Kindergarten to Shane's Park for Field Day

May 15- Kindergarten to Shane's Park for Field Day

May 16- Junior High Large Group Contest

May 17- High School Graduation Ceremonies at 1:30 pm in the High School Gym

May 18- Field Day for Grades 3, 4, and 5 in the Afternoon

May 19- Field Day for Grades 1 and 2 in the Afternoon

May 20- Last Day for Students



District News Continued



Let's Keep the Parkway Athletic Booster Club Going!

The Parkway Athletic Booster Club is in desperate need of new active members. There are many members who financially support the organization. The Boosters are very thankful to have such support, but it also takes active members being involved. Whether you have an athlete or not, anyone is welcome to be a new member.

On average there are only about 5-6 very active members who regularly attend the meetings. Four of them hold offices to keep the club active and have done so for several years. It's time for some new ideas. The meetings are generally held on the first Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the high school community room.

The Booster Club supports all athletics at Parkway. Recent projects included the new building by the football field. This was completely paid for by the booster club. They also supply money to the coaches for supplies and equipment.

Please consider getting involved and come to the reorganization of the Parkway Athletic Booster Club. To learn more about how you can make a difference for the athletes of Parkway, attend a special meeting on **Monday, May 11th at 7:30 pm** at the high school.

Parkway Staff Has Baby Boom

Bethany Balliet
(Expecting)
August 10th, 2009

Lucus Minnich
(Expecting)
August 20th, 2009

Mary Eichler
(Expecting)
May 31st, 2009

Sheena Stover
(Expecting)
May 28th, 2009

Suzann Litteral
Kohen Dale Litteral
January 17th, 2009



Ryan Twigg
Tyson Riley Twigg
March 25th, 2009



Harry Florence
Jazzlyn Marie Florence
October 24th, 2008



Ashleigh Clay
Makynlie Harper Clay
March 16th, 2009



Leah Fullenkamp
Eliza Rosemary Fullenkamp
March 6th, 2009



Brenda Williams
Creighton James Williams
December 1st, 2008



Doug Hughes
Megan Marlene Hughes
October 10th, 2008



Krista Evans
Bryant Douglas Evans
April 3rd, 2009



High School News

Brought to you by Claire Burtch and Tara Luth



A Fantasy to Remember

The 2009 Parkway High School prom was held on Saturday, April 4. The theme this year was "A Fantasy to Remember." The theme focused on the four storybook characters of Cinderella, The Little Mermaid, Peter Pan, and Aladdin. Sophomore servers included: Britany LaBrun, Landon Brehm, Brandi Roehm, Jason Ford, Amie Baker, Dan Shellabarger, Carra Seals, Eleesha Long, and Connor Jutte.

The students entered through Cinderella's castle, walking a pathway of clouds to an under-the-sea mermaid's paradise. The pathway of clouds then led to Peter Pan's forest in Never, Neverland and finally led to the exit through the Cave of Wonders, complete with a flying carpet and magic lamp.

Promenade concluded with the crowning of the 2009 King and Queen. Candidates for King were Levon Archer, Craig Bills, and Josh Fisher. Candidates for Queen were Deanna Knapke, Chelsie O'Neill, and Ashley Stose. Levon Archer was crowned 2009 King, and Chelsie O'Neill was crowned 2009 Queen.

Students then exited into the dining area. The meal was catered by Perfect Party Catering and was very good. Next was the dance. The DJ was D & D Music Factory.

Following the dance was after-prom where students could play card games, hillbilly golf, corn hole, Guitar Hero, Rock Band, dodge ball, or participate in a tricycle obstacle course. Parkway Juniors and Seniors could then win a variety of



Above: 2009 Prom Queen Chelsie O' Neill and 2009 Prom King Levon Archer.

prizes that were being raffled.

Overall, the prom was a great success. The Junior Class would like to thank all the area businesses for their generous contributions to this year's prom activities. 🐾

Trivia Challenge:

National Honor Society vs. High School Staff

On Wednesday, April 8th, the National Honor Society hosted an assembly for the student body to raise money for St. Jude Children's Hospital. The assembly was a Trivia Challenge between the high school staff members and the members of the National Honor Society. Each student who attended this assembly paid one dollar.

The competition consisted of five rounds of fifteen questions. Each round four teachers were placed against four students. At the end of the round, each team rotated in different players.

This year was a very close

competition which made it really entertaining. The teachers, who are undefeated for the lifetime of the event, won 32-29.

In February, the National Honor Society did their iFlurtz fund-raiser. iFlurtz is an annual fund-raiser where students fill out a survey and are then matched up with other students in the high school based on their compatibility. Students pay two dollars to receive their results. The NHS raised a total of four hundred dollars and donated all proceeds to St. Jude's. 🐾

The Black & Gold Unfold is created by high school students in the School Publications class. The advisory committee for this publication includes Superintendent Greg Puthoff, High School Principal Brian Fortkamp, Middle School Principal Stephen Baumgartner, Elementary Principal Mark Esselstein, and Advisor Curtis Hamrick. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about this publication, please email them to Mr. Hamrick at hamricc@parkwayschools.org



High School News Continued



Invisible Children Organization Presents to High School

On Friday, April 17th, the Invisible Children Organization did a presentation for the high school student body. Alyssa Evans, Parkway senior and supporter of Invisible Children, contacted Invisible Children volunteers in attempt to raise awareness in our school.

Invisible Children is a nonprofit organization founded by three young filmmakers who traveled to Uganda in the spring of 2003. These boys from Southern California were looking for a story. What they found was a tragedy that disgusted and inspired them.

They were introduced to a society of Ugandan children called "night commuters" on one of their first nights in Uganda. They traveled to a bus park at night, where they saw over 1,000 children lying packed side by side on a tightly spaced veranda, guarded by a single armed soldier.

They learned that the children of northern Uganda were constantly in fear of being abducted by the LRA (Lord's Resistance Army), a rebel group led by Joseph Kony. In the mid-eighties Kony didn't agree with the policies of the Ugandan government and came to lead the LRA. At first he had adult supporters, but soon he lost them and started abducting children to fight his war. 90% of Kony's army is made up of children.

These children are treated horribly. According to a 2003 study of 301 former child soldiers conducted at the University of Ghent, 77 percent of child abductees had seen someone murdered and 39 percent had been forced to kill someone with their own hands. Those who manage to escape the rebel ranks hide from the LRA during the day because if they are caught they will be brutally murdered for betrayal.

After the boys had discovered this terrible tragedy, they returned to the United States and made a video documenting their findings titled "Invisible Children".

Now these boys and many others try to help these children by raising awareness of the Ugandan war and the children that fight it.

One of their efforts is called the Rescue. It took place on April 25 in 100 cities in 10 countries across the world. The objective of this event was to gain the attention of the media and government figures. Attendees in Ohio marched around the Ohio State University campus and wrote letters to various government leaders.

The disaster in northern Uganda has been invisible to most for years, but the passionate few who are informed in America are working to change that.



UPCOMING EVENTS

High School Awards Ceremony
May 13th, 7 p.m

Exams
May 15th, 18th, 19th, 20th

Graduation
May 17th, 1:30 p.m.

Last Day of School
May 20th

Summer Physical Education
June 1-5th, 8-12th



State Track and Field
June 5-6th

Sports Physicals
Dr. Sell: June 24th
Dr. Easley: June 16th
Dr. Jarvis: June 16th
Dr. Miller: June 16th
Dr. Al: June 16th
Dr. Hohman: June 16th
Carrie Stoller CNP: June 16th
Chris Ulrich CNP: June 16th

First Day of School
August 24th



Middle School News

Brought to you by Alissa Belna, Abby Hodge, and Zach Strobel



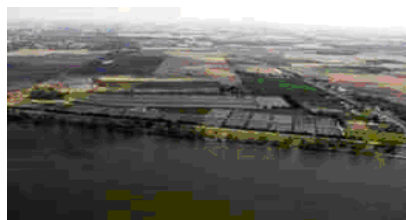
Middle School Students Visit Fish Hatchery

Mrs. Muhlenkamp's sixth grade science classes went to the St. Mary's Fish Hatchery on April 21st. Mr. Steinke, Middle School science teacher; Mr. Fortkamp, High School princi-



Parkway 6th grade students learn how eggs are collected from a fish at the St. Mary's Fish Hatchery

pal; and Mr. Brian Wuebker, student teacher, served as chaperones for the trip. The students had a chance to see the whole operation as well as a slide show presentation about what they do at Ohio's State Fish Hatcheries. St. Mary's Fish Hatchery is located on over 160 acres in western Auglaize County on the eastern shore of Grand Lake St. Mary's.



St. Mary's Fish Hatchery located in Auglaize County

Washington D.C. Trip

Parkway eighth graders went on the annual trip to Washington D.C. from April 12th through the 18th. The students were all very excited as the trip began. All the students were very well behaved, and the guides had nothing but good things to say about them. While on the trip, students had an opportunity to tour many landmarks and government facilities. This year the students were taken on a tour inside the White House, which Parkway hasn't been able to do in almost a decade.

The chaperones also enjoyed the trip as some of them went to Washington D.C. as Parkway students when they were in the 8th grade. They said their outlook has changed a lot from when they were there as students.

The weather for the trip was rainy and somewhat cold the first two days they were there, but the rest of the week was beautiful weather to walk and enjoy the Capitol of the United States.

The eighth graders and their chaperones returned to Parkway worn out from the trip. They had a busy schedule, but the students agreed that the trip was a great experience. All the memories they made during this trip will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

Students Who Reach Reading Goal are Rewarded with Tin Caps Game

All of the Middle School Students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades participate in the Accelerated Reader (AR) program which helps motivate students to read by rewarding them. Each student has a different reading goal depending on how much they read, how they score on tests, and a number of other things. Throughout the school year students work toward reaching their individual goals which results in receiving their reward. In the 4th nine weeks there were around 150 students who reached their reading goal. All of these students will be rewarded by being taken to the Fort Wayne Tin Caps (formally the Wizards) game on May 6. The Accelerated Reader program is a very good way to open children's minds to reading and help them to enjoy it.





Middle School News Continued

Brought to you by Alissa Belna, Abby Hodge, and Zach Strobel



Get R.E.A.L. Week

Get R.E.A.L. is a program that is a week long event in the middle school. Get Responsible Enough About Life is focused on teaching kids about character, responsibility, and typical everyday things. This year the middle school staff worked together to create the activities for the week. On Tuesday, May 5 the students watched a movie about eating habits. They then discussed the movie and created KWL charts. KWL charts help students identify what they already know, what they want to learn and finally what they have learned. Students created these with the help of teachers. There was also a Health Fair on Tuesday, where students learned



A panel of high school students lead a discussion with middle school students during Get R.E.A.L. Week

about healthy snacking, self esteem, and first aid. On Wednesday, May 6 students who met their goal for Accelerated Reader (AR) attended the Fort Wayne Tin Caps game (formerly known as the Wizards). On Thursday, May 7 there was an assembly titled "Trust Me". The students followed the assem-

bly with a discussion. On Friday, May 8 the students participated in many things. Breakout sessions



Middle School students learn about a water treatment plant as part of Get R.E.A.L. Week

were held in the morning. These sessions consisted of yoga, basketball, goal setting, and also touring the community. The eighth grade toured the bank, fire department, library, post office, and town museum. The afternoon was filled with more fun activities including a 5K walk that was held around the town. There were over twenty volunteers from the local area that offered their expertise. We appreciate these generous individuals. Get R.E.A.L. week was a wonderful event that helped the youth become responsible about life.

**Character Word
of the Month:
Trustworthiness**

Upcoming Events

May 15-16 -Junior High

Large Group Contest

May 18 -Sixth grade
spring choir concert @
7:00 p.m.

May 19 -Seventh & Eighth
grade spring choir concert
7:00 p.m.

May 20 -Middle School
Academic Awards 8:30
a.m.

Students of the Month



Parkway Middle School announces its Students of the Month for April. These students have shown exemplary skills in five of the pillars of character: responsibility, respect, kindness, honesty, and effort. Pictured are: (back row) Olivia Smith, Morgan Steinbrunner, Michael Eckhart; (front row) Kayla Walls and Chloe Prichard. Not pictured: Mariel Schreima



Elementary Unleashed

Brought to you by: Taylor Lautzenheiser, Samantha Beerbower, and Cody Slone

Achievement Tests

School is winding down, so what does that mean? Achievement Tests. The first and second grade students started taking their Diagnostic Test on April 14th. These tests exhibit how much the students have improved and also measures how much of their learning they have comprehended (the students previously took this test at the beginning of the year). The 3rd through 5th grade students are taking the Ohio Achievement Tests (OAT), which covers all primary subjects and reveals to teachers at what level the students are performing.

Kindergarten Screening

Kindergarten screening took place on April 21st and April 22nd. There were different stations set up to test the students to see what learning stage they were at before entering kindergarten.

Ask a First Grader

"What will you do during summer vacation?"

"Swimming"

Clarre E.

"Go on walks"

Tory A.

"Playing outside"

Rachel H.

"Aquarium"

Andrea M.

"Ride my bike"

Attumn A.

Coffee Filter Flowers

What you will need:

- >Markers
- >Newspapers or protective cover (for work area)
- >Coffee Filters
- >Pipe Cleaners

How to make them:

- 1) Cover work area with newspaper or other protective covering.
- 2) Let children draw or color on 5-7 coffee filters with markers. Random markings are just fine as detailed drawings wont show up.
- 3) Place one coffee filter decorative side down on the table. Stack other coffee filters decorative side up on top.
- 4) Fold coffee filters in half. Scrunch middle of the coffee filters (starting at the bottom coffee filter)
- 5) Wrap pipe cleaner tightly around scrunched area to hold in place. Straighten pipe cleaner to use as flower stem.
- 6.) Let the children make a couple and put them in a basket.



Old-Fashioned Strawberry Shortcake

INGREDIENTS

- 3 pints fresh strawberries
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoon white sugar
- 1/3 cup shortening
- 1 egg
- 2/3 cup milk
- 2 cups whipped heavy cream

DIRECTIONS

- 1) Slice the strawberries and toss them with 1/2 cup of white sugar. Set aside.
- 2) Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Grease and flour one 8 inch round cake pan.
- 3) In a medium bowl combine the flour, baking powder, 2 table-spoons white sugar and the salt. With a pastry blender add in the shortening until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Make a well in the center and add the beaten egg and milk. Stir until combined.
- 4) Spread the batter into the prepared pan. Bake at 425 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown. Let cool partially in pan on wire rack.
- 5) Slice partially cooled cake in half, making two layers. Place half of the strawberries on one layer and top the other layer. Top with remaining strawberries and cover with the whipped cream.

