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District News

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Parkway Taking Flu Prevention Measures

As many already know through the news and personal experience, the influenza virus has been causing illness early this year. In addition to the regular seasonal flu, the H1N1 virus also known as the "Swine Flu," has been affecting many this season. H1N1 spreads from person to person through droplets or contaminated surfaces (cough, sneeze, runny nose). H1N1 is known to cause greater disease burden in people younger than 25 years of age than in older people. It can infect others from 1 day before getting sick to 5 to 7 days after. This illness can be very serious, especially for younger children and children of any age who have one or more chronic medical conditions. The warning signs of this virus include fever (over 100° F in adults, and as high as 103° to 105° F in children), chills, headache, and a dry cough. Other symptoms consist of muscle/joint aches and pains, fatigue and weakness, loss of appetite, and diarrhea and vomiting in children. Contact a doctor immediately if you child develops fast breathing or trouble breathing, bluish or gray skin color, or if your child is not drinking enough fluids and is experiencing severe or persistent vomiting.

To help stop germs from spreading, Parkway has installed hand sanitizing dispensers in all media centers, cafeteria lines, and computer labs. Sanitizing wipes are also available in all computer labs. Everyday in the kindergarten through fifth grade classrooms desks and chairs are sprayed with disinfectant. This same procedure is done twice a week in the middle school and high school, and



once a week in all locker rooms.

As H1N1 vaccines become available, they will offered to Parkway students with parental consent. To help plan for the vaccinations, a vaccination consent form was sent home with every student in the district. For more information on the flu, please visit the Ohio Department of Health's website at <http://www.odh.ohio.gov>.



Boys Basketball Raffle

The Parkway High 5 Organization will be holding a raffle during the boys basketball season. Tickets will be available during the Panther Pizza Preview on Friday, November 20, the girls home game on November 28, and the boys home game on December 5. Tickets are \$20 each. During each of the 10 home boys basketball games, the last digit of Parkway's score and the last digit of the opposing team's score will be used to determine the winning ticket number. The winning ticket holder will receive \$100. The proceeds of this fund-raiser will support activities for Parkway elementary students.

Preventing the Flu

-Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after use.

-Wash your hands often. Alcohol based cleansers are also effective.

-Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.

-Clean toys and household surfaces regularly.

-Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

-If your child is sick with flu-like illness, it is recommended that you keep them home for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone, except to get medical care or other necessities. Keep your child away from others as much as possible to keep from making others sick.

-Flu shots can be given to children 6 months and older.

-A nasal-spray vaccine can be given to healthy children 2 years and older.



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FBLA Opens Supply Shop

The Parkway Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Chapter is opening a supply shop for students in need of school materials. The supply shop is open before school until 8:15 a.m. and during high school lunch periods (11:40 a.m. - 12:51p.m.) in the High School Commons. Items and prices include:

Notebooks	\$.50
Steno Pads	\$ 1.50
Glue Sticks	\$.25
Bottle of Glue	\$.50
Big Erasers	\$.50
Pencil Top Erasers	\$.10
Colored Pencils (one box)	\$ 1.50
Crayons (one box)	\$.50
Markers (one box)	\$ 1.50
Pencils	\$.25
Pens (red/blue)	\$.50
Expo Marker Eraser	\$ 3.50
Ruler	\$.75
Loose Leaf Paper	\$ 1.50
Tab Dividers (one pack of five)	\$ 2.25
Folders	\$.25
Pencil Sharpener	\$ 1.25
2 Gig USB Pen Drives	\$12.00



Red Ribbon Week

During the week of October 26th through the 30th, Parkway Local Schools celebrated Red Ribbon Week. The elementary kicked off the week with Sweat Suit Day on Monday, and continued with Pajama Day, Red Day, and College/Pro Team Day. They concluded the week with Spirit Day on Friday. The middle school began their festivities with an assembly hosted by America's Fun Fitness Coach, Jim Steffen. Throughout the week the kids regularly answered questions of the day pertaining to drinking and drugs. On Tuesday they viewed a video on getting a "natural high." The high school commemorated Red Ribbon week with daily drawings for assorted prizes such as shirts and frisbees. They also watched the "natural high" video and attended the assembly hosted by Jim Steffen.

Yearbooks Have Arrived

The 2008-2009 yearbooks have arrived. Graduates from the class of 2009 can pick up their books from the high school office. There are still a few extra books available for sale. The cost is \$50 each. To purchase an extra book, contact Mr. Hamrick at hamricc@parkwayschools.org or by calling 419-363-3045 ext. #565.



Order forms for the 2009-2010 yearbook will be coming in the mail soon from Jostens. Order your book early as prices increase in the spring.

Parkway Manufacturing Class Offers Corn Hole Sets For Sale

The Parkway Manufacturing Class has been busy at work creating corn hole sets to sell. Corn hole is a fun outdoor game where players toss beanbags at a game board. The objective is to get the bean bags in the "corn hole" cut into the game board. Corn hole is developing into a very popular activity for tailgaters, especially at football games. The sets include two boards and two sets (four bags each) of corn bags. The bags come in a variety of colors. Score keepers are also available. Packages range from \$45.00 to \$85.00 for boards and scorekeepers cost \$18 each. Orders are being accepted until Thanksgiving. For more information, contact Mr. Hinkle at hinkled@parkwayschools.org or by calling (419)-363-3045 ext. #561.





High School News

Brought to you by Taylor Bates and Michael Nuttle



High School Drama Club Presents: Willy Wonka

This year, the Parkway High School Drama Club presented Willy Wonka as their annual production. Willy Wonka is a tale of a candy bar inventor, Willy Wonka. Wonka is about to retire but he has no one to leave his life's works to. He holds a contest in order to bring in five lucky contestants to see who would be best suited for his position. After going through a series of rooms, with some laughs along the way, Charlie Bucket is selected to be the successor. Overall, the production was well done by the entire cast and crew to tell the tale of Willy Wonka. Zach Searight played the lead role of Willy Wonka. He did a wonderful job playing this funny, nutty, and sometimes absent minded chocolate phenom. Landon Brehm also did a wonderful job depicting Charlie, an ambitious boy from a poor family wanting the chance to meet Willy Wonka before his factory closes. Congratulations to everyone on a job well done!



(Left) Jackie King, (Right) Joel Cesar, Zach Searight, and Landon Brehm act out a scene from Willy Wonka.



FCCLA Hosts "Keep Our Drive Alive"

During the week of October 19th, Parkway's Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) hosted a National Teen Driver Safety Week. The theme, "Keep Our Drive Alive," was the cornerstone of the group's mission. FCCLA members played an active role in helping with driving safety awareness. Each day students participated in

"It was a blast! It was really a privilege helping my classmates learn more about driver safety."

-Amie Baker, PHS Junior and FCCLA Member

activities that helped them learn about safe driving topics, such as wearing your seat belt and not texting while driving. At the football game against New Bremen, students who participated were recognized on the field at halftime. The class with the highest turnout was rewarded with a pizza party the following week. The seniors ended up with the highest attendance, but in the end, everyone won with the knowledge they gained about safe driving.



SchoolRooms

The Parkway school district has purchased a subscription to a new program called SchoolRooms. SchoolRooms offers a safe and innovative environment that helps engage both the reluctant and the studious learner. Using a single access point, parents, teachers, and students can search online content that has been teacher certified and standards aligned. Organized by subjects, SchoolRooms offers an affordable alternative to expensive supplements and remediation materials. Visit www.infohio.org/schoolrooms for more information.

How can SchoolRooms help you?

Teachers:

- It's standards aligned and curriculum based.
- Blends 21st century learning skills and traditional content.
- Individualizes student instruction.
- Integrates technology into the curriculum easily and professionally.

Students:

- Search safely in a learning environment created by educators.
- Increases skills and knowledge for assessment tests.
- As a tool to learn the English language.
- To spend less time finding information and more time learning.
- For information for reports and projects, tests, and homework.

Parents:

- To keep up to date with new curriculum.
- To help children with homework and projects.
- To help children with difficult subjects.
- To feel secure with safe, valid searching.
- Provides information on today's educational, social, and parental issues.





High School News Continued



Parkway FFA Attends 82nd National Convention

Students from the Parkway FFA, during the week of October 19th through October 24th, attended the FFA National Convention held in Indianapolis, Indiana. There were 17 students that attended and were able to experience many different tours as well as enjoy the convention.

The students, as well as Mr. Post, loaded the bus Monday night and started on their trip to St. Louis, Missouri for many tours. Tuesday morning began with a tour of Anheuser Busch. The students were able to see the company's brewery. The packaging line, gift shop, and the Clydesdale horses were also part of the tour.

The next tour was of Purina Feeds. The students were able to see the Purina livestock feed testing sites and had a representative present a power point. Purina Feeds provided the students with lunch as well. They finished out the day by going to the top of the 635 foot St. Louis Arch where they were able to see the Mississippi River, Bush Stadium, and many other attractions in St. Louis.

Wednesday morning started out with a mid-morning tour of Monsanto. Monsanto displayed their research and development plant, headquarters, and genetics plant for the students to tour and get a better knowledge of how the company works. Finally, in the afternoon the bus entered Indianapolis. After reaching the National Convention, the group attended the opening session of the 82nd FFA National Convention. The keynote speaker of the session was Mike Rowe, the Discovery Channel's "Dirty Jobs" host and narrator of "Deadliest Catch." His speech was about being proud of who you are and to be involved with daily agricultural life.

Students awoke on Thursday morning and went to a tour at Agrigold in Lebanon. They listened to speakers giving power points about what their job is and how it affects the company. Then the group was able to tour the lab where they make new genetic hybrids of seeds.

The Parkway FFA students attended leadership sessions and were able to walk around the career show. The career show included different colleges, businesses, and companies trying to advertise. The Parkway FFA students ate as a group at the Spaghetti Factory and then walked to the third session of the conference. The keynote speaker was Hugh Grant.

Friday morning students attended the fourth session with keynote speaker Harvey Alston. His speech was about being happy, with each letter of the word meaning something. "H" meant Heart, "A" meant Attitude, "P" meant Pride, "P" meant People, and "Y" meant You. He said that in order to be happy, you must have each of these letters and their meaning. Following, the students toured the Buck Creek Winery. Here the students were shown the fermenting process of wine and they were able to view the vine orchard.

The group then attended the seventh session with keynote speaker Josh Sundquist. He spoke about his life experiences

with having only one leg. He used his life experiences to show students that you can't let things get in your way of achieving your goals.

Saturday morning consisted of the Parkway FFA Chapter watching five alumni FFA members receive their American Degrees at the ceremony in the Lucas Oil Stadium. The five members were Sara King, Travis Guggenbiller, Michelle Thomas, Ethan Hayes, and Danny Knapke.

Overall, the convention and trip was a huge success. The trip was a lot of fun, yet it was very educational for all students who attended.

(Thank you to Danielle Matthews for her contributions to this story.)

1, 2, 3 Career Planning

Career planning is as simple as 1-2-3. Well, maybe it's not easy, but career planning has three steps that people will cycle through and repeat throughout their working life.

By following these steps, your students can make the career decisions that are right for them. They will know what their options are and what it will take to reach their goals.

First, take a realistic look at your strengths, weaknesses, and interests. Consider:

- What do you think about yourself?
- What can help you achieve your goals, and what obstacles could get in your way?
- What types of work, school courses, and activities appeal to you? What interests you?
- What do you do well now, and what skills have you gained through experience?
- What values do you have regarding work?

Second, explore your options. It's hard to know what you want to do "when you grow up" if you aren't even aware of the possibilities. Here are just a few ways to find career information:

- Explore your career options using ACT's. (www.actstudent.org/wwm/index.html)
- Spend time with people whose activities interest you.
- Volunteer or work in a job that interests you.
- Discuss your career and educational plans with your parents, counselor, or other interested people.

Third, consider issues that can affect your plans and take appropriate actions to accomplish your goals. Consider:

- What do you need to study?
- What schools offer the training you need?
- How will you pay for school?
- Are you ready to search for a job?
- How will you balance your work and going to school?
- How will you manage family or relationship commitments?





Middle School News

Brought to you by Grant Ripley and Andrew Peel

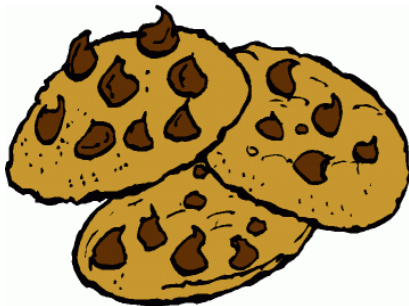


8th Grade Visits Vantage

On November 9, the 8th grade students visited Vantage Career Center. Vantage is a technical school that is open for students in the 11th and 12th grades from high schools including Antwerp, Continental, Crestview, Delphos St. Johns, Delphos Jefferson, Ft. Jennings, Kalida, Lincolnview, Ottoville, Parkway, Paulding, Van Wert, and Wayne Trace. Vantage has many programs such as carpentry, auto body, interactive media, cosmetology, culinary arts, and early childhood education, just to name a few. The 8th graders had an opportunity to learn about each program so they know what opportunities exist when they get to 11th grade.

Cookie Concert

On November 19, the 5th and 6th grade students will have their annual cookie concert. This is a time where the first time band students get a chance to gain experience in playing in front of a crowd and so parents can get the chance to see how their son/daughter is progressing in band. Following the concert, there will be cookies and punch provided for the parents and students.



7th Grade Science Trip

The 7th grade earth science students from Mrs. Muhlenkamp and Mr. Peel's classes visited the Mercer County Library to learn about their extensive mineral collection. This was a culminating activity after the students have been studying minerals and their properties. Professor Ken Strickland and Marilyn Thobe presented an informational program about minerals and gave the students an opportunity to tour and learn about the collection donated to the library by Ron and Ruth Langsdon.



Students in Mrs. Muhlenkamp's class closely examining the minerals.



Professor Strickland speaking with the 7th grade students.

Practice Ohio Achievement Tests

On October 26, the middle school students took their practice achievement tests. These tests help prepare the students for the real Ohio Achievement Tests that they will be taking in March. During the scheduled 2 hour delay on October 28, the middle school teachers graded these practice tests to see what areas all students need to work on before the tests in March. The teachers also identified the individual needs of students so that those areas can be concentrated on in review sessions.

October Students of the Month

The October Students of the Month have shown excellence in one or more of the following pillars of character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. Below are the Students of the Month for the month of October.



Left to Right: Tyler Kittle, Brandon Gibson, Raegen Bransteter, Turner Bransteter, Samantha Wehe, and Allison Pancake



Middle School News Continued



Dealing with Adversity...Are you a Carrot, an Egg, or a Coffee Bean?

A daughter complained to her father about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved, a new one arose.

Her father, a chef, took her to the kitchen. He filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Soon the pots came to a boil. In one he placed carrots, in the second he placed eggs, and the last he placed ground coffee beans. He let them sit and boil, without saying a word.

The daughter sucked her teeth and impatiently waited, wondering what he was doing. In about twenty minutes he turned off the burners. He fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. He pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then he ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl. Turning to her he asked, "Darling, what do you see?" "Carrots, eggs, and coffee," she replied.

He brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. He then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, he asked her to sip the coffee. She smiled, as she tasted its rich aroma.

She humbly asked, "What does it mean, Dad?" He explained that each of them had faced the same adversity, boiling water, but each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard, and unrelenting. But after being

subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior. But after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water. "Which are you?" he asked his daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg, or a coffee bean?"

How about you? How do you handle adversity when the opposition turns up the heat? Are you a carrot, an egg, or a coffee bean? What are you teaching your children to be? Carrots, eggs, or coffee beans?

Upcoming Events

- 11/25-30 Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL!!!
- 12/1 J.H. Girls Basketball @ Decatur St. Joe
- 12/3 J.H. Girls Basketball @ Versailles
- 12/6 Rockford Christmas Walk
- 12/8 J.H. Boys Basketball v. New Bremen
J.H. Girls Basketball @ New Bremen
- 12/10 J.H. Boys Basketball v. Versailles
- 12/14 6th Grade Winter Concert

Red Ribbon Week

October 26-30 was Red Ribbon Week at Parkway Middle School. To introduce Red Ribbon Week, Jim Steffen, America's Fun Fitness Coach, came to Parkway to demonstrate an alternative for students to turn to instead of falling for the temptation of drugs. He told the students in both the high school and middle school how to "get high" on exercise. He said that working out just a little bit every day can give you more self confidence and a better outlook on life; the opposite to the outcome of drug use. He demonstrated many different ways to use the inflatable exercise ball to help keep you in excellent health and also to have fun and enjoy working out as well.

Throughout Red Ribbon Week there was a drawing each day for students to win cool prizes. There was also a "question of the day" drawing each day, where the students answered a different question on a half a sheet of paper to have the chance to win a T-shirt.

Stop Bullying: All F.O.R. it!



Kindness: Pass it on!!!



Elementary Unleashed

Brought to you by Lindsay Shellabarger and Nick Foreman

*Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.
-Malcolm S. Forbes*

Fifth Graders Travel to Camp Willson

On October 6th and 7th, Parkway's fifth grade students took their annual trip to Camp Willson, located in Bellefontaine, Ohio. Throughout their trip, the students split up into groups, and went to different activities located around the camp. The activities included:

- Astronomy- students learned about constellations and the life cycles of stars.
- Instincts- students learned about the instincts of plants and animals and other living things.
- Shake, Rattle, and Write!- students were able to express themselves through creative writing in this activity.
- Team Challenge- students were tested on their teamwork skills while also improving their cooperation, listening skills, and patience with group members.

The students also got to experience horse riding along the trail that ran throughout the entire camp. After learning about so many different things, the students went to the recreation hall where they played many games and other fun activities. Hanging on the wall of the recreation hall were boards displaying different traits that can build strong character in each student. These traits included Caring, Responsibility, Honesty, and Respect. If a student showed any of these characteristics during their activities, they were honored by having their name written up on the board. We took the time to sit down with 5th graders Amanda Ross, Audrey Hague, Alisa Gray, and Zach Coats to ask them about their trip. Unanimously, these students agreed that horseback riding was their favorite activity at Camp Willson. They also said they enjoyed the "Ga Ga Pit", which is a game similar to dodgeball. All agreed, however, that everything they did was fun, and that they learned many new things in an exciting and fun way.



Above: Students working on an astronomy experiment



Above: All of the students at Camp Willson



Above: Students enjoying the horseback riding portion of the trip



Above: Students playing in the "Ga Ga Pit"



Above: Students posing as pigs as punishment for having piggy waste



Above: The "Cockroach" dance

Elementary Unleashed



Kindergarten Visits Farm

The kindergartners took a field trip to Menchhofer Farms on Wednesday, October 20. The kids took a wagon ride to the pumpkin patch to pick one pumpkin, two gourds, and one Fuji apple. Then the students rode the wagon back to the farm, where they got a tour of the barn while looking at farm animals in the process. They learned about the different kinds of animals the Menchhofer's raised which included cows, pigs, sheep, goats, and donkeys. The kids were then rewarded with a campfire and enjoyed s'mores as a special treat. The field trip ended with the students learning how pumpkins grow and the different kinds of seeds that exist in different kinds of plants and fruits.



Above: Students searching for pumpkins in the pumpkin patch. Below: Students learning about the sheep the Menchhofer's house on the farm.



Destination Book Fair: Read Around the World

Starting on November 5 and continuing through November 19, the Parkway Elementary Media Center will be hosting "Destination Book Fair: Read Around the World." The book fair contains many titles for preschool up through fifth grade for sale during parent teacher conferences or during actual school hours. The book fair doesn't have just books, however. It is a great place to purchase a variety of gifts including posters, school supplies, and other items. By hosting this book fair, funds are raised for the school's media center, library books, and the Accelerated Reading program. Students in grades one through five have attended the book fair with their classes during their regular scheduled class times. Items were allowed to be purchased during this time. Parents, grandparents, and the community are also welcome to come in and visit during the times listed below.

Parent Teacher Conferences

- November 5th, 12th, and 19th
4:30-7:45 p.m.

Regular school hours

- November 5th - 19th
8:30-3:00 p.m.

Make checks payable to Parkway Local Schools. Credit cards will NOT be accepted. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Miller or Mrs. Piper at 419-363-3045, extension #136.



Changing Temperatures!

As we enter the fall and winter months, the Elementary staff wants to remind parents to make sure their children are dressed properly. The staff wants to ensure that students stay as healthy as possible, so taking precautions as to what children are wearing can aid in this goal. The rule for wearing shorts to school is that the high temperatures of the day must reach at least 65 degrees. There may be a chance that the temperature could reach 65 degrees by the afternoon, but students may get quite cold at the bus stop or walking to school in the morning if they wear shorts. Overall, just use good judgment when evaluating your child's apparel. Also, having the child's name printed inside jackets, sweatshirts, hats, etc. can help in reducing the amount of clothing articles that wind up in the lost and found box.

"Big Mike" from the Harlem Wizards visited the elementary on Wednesday, October 7. He made a special visit to the elementary lunch periods and spent some time with Mrs. Klosterman's class. He also performed tricks and selected students to participate with him. Students who volunteered to participate with Big Mike received 2 tickets to the Wizards' game that was played on October 11 in Coldwater.

