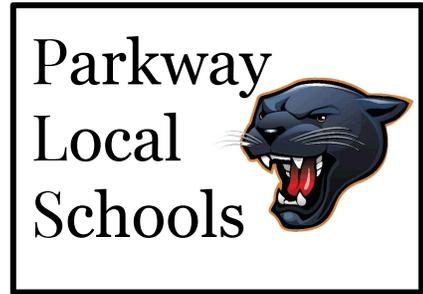


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District News

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Meet Our School Board:

January is Ohio's School Board Appreciation Month. Two new members, Mark Kimmel and Les Nichols, join our veteran members: Deb Call, Tara Patterson, and Talan Bates. In honor of this month, we proudly present the Black and Gold Unfold's School Board Spotlight.



Talan Bates: Talan Bates, entering his third year of service, graduated from Parkway in 1983. In college, Bates received a bachelor's degree in biology education and excelled in sports, receiving honors in track and field and travelling overseas in soccer. Bates worked at Parkway for many years in different positions and wishes to give students the same positive experience of being a Panther that he cherishes and remembers.

Deb Call: Deb Call, who joined the School Board last Spring, graduated from Parkway in 1989. Call has a Master's Degree in Elementary Education and is currently teaching second grade students at Crestview. She enjoys the family feel of the district, and its ability to unite for one goal.



Mark Kimmel: Mark Kimmel, newly elected to the board, has been involved in the fields of agriculture, construction, manufacturing, and is retired from the military after twenty years of service. Mr. Kimmel describes his strengths as a person of Christ and actively serves two churches.

Tara Patterson: Tara Patterson is entering her third year on the school board. Patterson enjoys the feeling of calmness that the village brings, and the peace of mind she has knowing that her children receive a quality education here at Parkway. Patterson describes herself as genuine- always meaning what she says and eager to learn other perspectives.



Les Nichols: Les Nichols, newly elected, is a father of five and was born and raised in the Parkway area. A Parkway graduate of the 1993 class, Nichols is joining the board with an open mind, and loves Parkway's small community.

Interested in Walking in the School?

During the winter months, the school will be open for walking Monday-Friday from 3:30-6:30. Please enter through the high school entrance. We request that all walkers sign-in on the sign-in sheet at the entrance. On Friday nights of home games, the building will be open from 3:30-5:30.



High School News

Correspondents : Cami High and Ruby Bennett



New Class at Parkway

Mrs. Clark is teaching a new class that has been added to Parkway's curriculum this year. This class is called "Global Foods." Global Foods is about comparing cuisines, ingredients, and preferred cooking methods of various cultures. The classes are going to look at traditions of a country, cultural perspectives, geography, and different political and historical events that have influenced what different people eat in that region. Specific countries that the student's will be studying are the United States, Canada, Latin-America and the Caribbean, Western and Northern Europe, Southern Europe, Eastern Europe and Russia, Southwest Asia and Africa, South and Eastern Asia, and Australia. The students will become familiar with the location of different countries as they read and discuss the area and general food characteristics. Students will also look at different foods and compare how each culture uses that same food for various recipes around the world. They will prepare dishes from different cultures and locations, and they will get a first-hand experience on how these dishes taste and are made. Food has always been a way to build bridges between cultures.

Pictured below are the three Global Foods classes.



Mr. Brandeberry Has Returned

Mr. Richard Brandeberry has returned to teach Industrial Arts for the remainder of the year at Parkway. He decided to return to keep the Industrial Arts program alive with his hands-on approach. Brandeberry earned a degree at Bowling Green State University in Industrial Arts Education. However, there are few colleges that offer the degree that he received, so Brandeberry will help the best he can until a new teacher can fill the role. Most industrial programs are taught electronically, which is what makes Mr. Brandeberry's hands-on teaching style unique. He became a computer teacher for about 4 years, but that was not for him, so he went back to teaching hands-on Industrial Arts.

Brandeberry teaches Wood 1, Advanced Woods, Electricity, Power Tech (Small Engines), Special Interest, and Drafting. Mr. Stoner, however, stepped in to teach drafting to students this year. Brandeberry has been teaching for 31 years, starting in Oklahoma. The first Ohio school that he taught at was Claymont High School in Southeastern Ohio, then he taught twenty-one years at the Arcanum school systems. Brandeberry transitioned to Parkway, where he has taught for the last seven years.

He says he is, "Living the dream" where he is right now because Parkway has a lot of materials and equipment at the students' disposal.



Scholarships + Course Scheduling

It's scholarship season! All scholarships are posted on Mrs. Ontrop's bulletin board and on her Google Classroom bulletin board. Get those in as soon as possible, so there is no missed opportunity.

Course scheduling for 2022-2023 school year will take place in early February.

Important Dates

- Jan 19 - ASVAB given to all sophomores
(Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)
- Jan 24 - CCP Meeting 6:30, Community Room
(College Credit Plus- all students and parents should attend)
- Jan 28 - Sophomores visit Vantage
- Feb 17 - Freshman Orientation 6:30 Auditorium
for all incoming Freshmen

Annual Notice

The Ohio State Board Of Education requires that Ohio School Districts notify all students enrolled in grades 6-11 and their parents of the College Credit Plus and the Credit Flexibility Program. Information for both of these programs is posted on the High School Guidance homepage.



Middle School News

Correspondents: Blake Strickler and Ashtyn Sipe



Students of the Month

5th Grade - Halen Burnett - Halen's hard work ethic and studious nature have been noticed by his teachers this first semester. He is a terrific student who comes to class prepared, has his homework done, and contributes to class discussions. He also has a cool, quiet personality and gets along well with his classmates. All in all, Halen is a well-rounded student and a great role model for his peers. Halen is a member of Spero and is the son of Richard and Amie Burnett.

6th Grade - Kymberly Hess - Kymberly is a great all around student who is a joy to have in class. She is very responsible with her work and always asks questions for a better understanding. Kymberly is a great classmate who is always willing to help others in need. Kymberly is a member of Alacer and is the daughter of Lisa Hess and Stevan Akers and Jason Lefeld.



7th Grade - Robert Shirk - Robert shows grit in class by working through difficult tasks, and trying to remain positive. Robert is kind to his peers and recognizes when people are down- he tries to encourage them and boost them up. He is a hard worker and very honest about his actions. He owns up to his own behavior and tries to maintain a PAWSitive attitude in school! Robert is a member of Wadiarius and is the son of Willis and Joanie Shirk.

8th Grade - Christina Tong - Christina is a model student who comes to class prepared and ready to learn. She is always on task and puts forth her best effort each and every day. Christina also works well with classmates and is willing to help out when needed. She is a PAWS-itive influence in the 8th grade class. Christina is a member of Potis and is the daughter of Aaron and Nicole Tong.



Spelling Bee

The annual Parkway 4th-7th grade School Spelling Bee was held on December 17th. The competition brought in a total of seventy-two students in this year's competition. The top five places will represent Parkway at the Mercer County Spelling Bee, while Natalie Moeller will also have the opportunity to represent Parkway in Lima for the Regional Spelling Bee.

The top five contestants consist of: 1st Place - Natalie Moeller (8th), 2nd Place - Kaleb Gilliland (8th), 3rd Place - Freya Blount (7th), 4th Place - Cameo Trent (4th), 5th Place - Charles Bennett (7th).

Congratulations to all Parkway Spelling Bee contestants!



Elementary News

Correspondents: Riley Samples and Kaitlin Shaffner



4th Grade Gives Back

Before Christmas break, the elementary was getting into the spirit, and the children were buzzing with excitement. As usual, the students were talking about what gifts they were going to get their teachers, but the generous fourth grade teachers had an idea. Instead of giving teacher gifts, they decided to have the children bring in an assortment of items for the residents of Divine Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center at Shane Hill. The teachers' goal was to teach students to give back to the community. In a newsletter that was sent home with students, the teachers explained that each homeroom was going to be collecting specific donated items between November 30- December 17.

This item drive was a huge success and brought in over 130 items, including but not limited to word find books, lip balm, hand lotion, crayons, markers, individually wrapped snacks, and fuzzy socks! The Divine residents and Parkway staff would like to thank students who brought in gifts and any adults who helped their child pick out appropriate gifts. Thank you to all involved for helping bring a little bit more holiday cheer to Shane Hill.



Students sitting around the gifts they brought in for the residents of Divine Rehabilitation.



The Elementary teachers performing their skit.

Paws-itivity!

The Students in the fourth grade class at Parkway Elementary will be hosting a pilot program to boost positive school climate called "Panther Paws." The group will be meeting every Friday to build positivity in their school and community. In the past week, the elementary teachers picked their top student who presented good and kind actions during their days at Parkway. Afterwards, the teachers put together an assembly to reflect positive companionship.

The teachers created a skit to show good and bad sportsmanship to demonstrate what students should do during games and activities. Then, they had each grade present their good sportsmanship by playing in a game of dodgeball. Teachers made sure the students told the truth, were kind to each other, and played the game fairly as was shown in the teacher skit.

The script started off with an example of negative sportsmanships. One teacher said, "Zach, it's my turn. You have to share the ball!" and another, "You have to pass it! I was wide open!" But, Zach replied, "I'm not going to pass it to you! You're not very good!" But, thankfully, the teachers changed the plot of the skit and displayed how to work with each other rather than against each other. Students and teachers had fun while teaching each other good sportsmanship and positive behavior.