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## District News

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### Don Miller Recognition

Mr. Don Miller was recognized following the boys' basketball game against Lincolnview. Don has coached for over 50 years! He has coached middle school basketball, baseball and girls' basketball, and is currently still coaching boys' basketball. Many of his past athletes signed a ball/helmet for him.

Parkway schools would like to thank Don and his supportive wife, Susie, for all of their time and effort supporting our school.



### Hall Of Fame

Mark Esselstein was the first Head Softball coach in Parkway High School history. Over a 33-year span, he guided the Panthers to an overall record of 551-172. He is the winningest Softball coach in Parkway and Midwest Athletic Conference (MAC) history. During his tenure, the Panthers never had a losing season. Coach Esselstein guided the Panthers to 13 MAC titles and had an overall MAC record of 128-27. For his career, Coach Esselstein led the Panthers to 13 District titles, 3 Regional titles and 3 appearances in the State Final Four. He was named the Northwest District Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association (NWDFSCA) coach of the year 3 separate times. He was also inducted into the Ohio High School Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association (OHSFSCA) in 2008. Congratulations to Coach Esselstein!



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# High School News

Correspondents: Ruby Bennett and Brandon Chalfant



## Parkway Drama's *Once Upon A Mattress*

The High School drama department is excited to present: *Once Upon a Mattress*. Prince Dauntless, played by Carter Hellwarth, is looking for a princess- any princess. Unfortunately, his mother the queen, played by Emily Clutter, doesn't approve of the wild girl from the swamps, played by Shay Boroff. Will the wild princess be able to pass the royalty test? Come see this musical comedy March 17, 18, and 19. More information is available on the Parkway High School Drama Facebook page.

## Important Dates

February 27- Vantage Open House 5-7:30 PM  
 March 1- Juniors to Career Connections at Wright State Lake Campus  
 March 1- Priority deadline for Vantage  
 March 2 - ACT (For all Juniors)  
 March 6 & April 10- 2 hour delay  
 April 3-7- Spring Break  
 April 11 and 12 - EOC Test (English)  
 April 13 - Accuplacer Test (CCP students)  
 April 24 - 27 - EOC Test ( Algebra I, Geometry, Biology, American History, American Government)

**SENIORS: Don't forget to check Mrs. Ontrop's bulletin board for scholarship deadlines! New scholarships are added consistently!**

## Winter Homecoming

Parkway had its Winter Homecoming Ceremony on January 20th, followed by the dance on January 21st. Freshman, Jordyn Schaefer was escorted by Eli Schumm. Sophomore, Emerson Esselstein was escorted by Xavier Samples. Junior, Frankie Steinbrunner was escorted by Fletcher Smith. Senior Candidate, Abby Baltzell was escorted by Trenton Garwood and Bryce Stearns. Senior Candidate, Aaliyah Baxter was escorted by Jack Wagner and Roman Leszinske. Homecoming Queen, Emree Sinning was escorted by Drew Wagner and Hutch Ridenour. The 2021-2022 Queen, Cami High did the crowning, escorted by Aaron Buffenbarger and Derek Smith. The dance was held after the Lincolnview game on the 21st. Congratulations to our 2022-2023 winter homecoming court!

## College Sport Signees

Congratulations to the following seniors who will continue their sport at the collegiate level. Allison Hughes signed with Edison State to play basketball, Eddie Nichols signed with Walsh University to play football, and Morgan Hunter signed with Wittenberg University to run track and field.

## SMILE Coffee Shop

The SMILE Coffee Shop is a miniature in-school cafe ran by Mr. Hughes' students. The goal of the coffee shop is to provide its student workers with real-life skills and experiences that they would use in a job outside of high school. The cafe is in its third year and it continues to grow. The SMILE group sells all different kinds of coffee every morning to the students and staff from 7:30am to 10:30am. SMILE students make and sell a variety of goodies other than coffee! They make spicy pretzels, caramel corn, muffins, and cookies that they currently sell to staff. In the future, the goal is to sell their treats to students as well.

Recently, the SMILE group started making and selling salads to the staff. They have to follow directions and figure out how they can make them to perfection. The salads are a hit and the staff love them! Also this year, the students started making referee goodie bags which include cookies, spicy pretzels, and other small items as a Thank You from the school.

The SMILE students have been extremely busy, but at some point, they would like to sell their products to the student body in addition to the staff. The SMILE students will continue to grow in their skills and create new items for the student body and staff to enjoy!

## CCP

College Credit Plus is a state initiative to give all students access to college. Students in grades 7-12 can earn high school and college credits at the same time. Students must be an Ohio resident and must take an assessment exam to be eligible. Students can take more than one college class to get a headstart in their career. **The Intent to Participate forms must be completed and turned into Mrs. Ontrop by April 1, 2023.** Watch for SAT and ACT dates, as some classes require them for admission. Please check each college deadline as they arrive quickly!

Contact Mrs. Ontrop for any questions.

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# Middle School News

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## Students of the Month

**5th Grade - Adelaide Molloy** - Adelaide is a bright student with a positive attitude. She is polite, studious, and hard-working. Adelaide enjoys being at school and participating in discussions and group work. She strives to do her best every day and it reflects in the pride she put into her work. Adelaide is the daughter of Robert and Tina Molloy.

**6th Grade - Ezekiel Laux** - Zeke comes to class everyday with a great attitude and a desire to learn. He asks good questions to obtain a better understanding of topics being taught. Zeke's teachers appreciate his positive personality and his kindness he displays to others. He is a great example of what a PAWS-itive student looks like! Zeke is the son of Ben and Sara Laux.

**7th Grade - Addilynn Kraner** - Addie is a responsible student who takes a proactive approach to her academics. She puts in good, consistent effort daily and adds valuable insight to class discussions. Addie is a friend to all and is willing to help in any situation whether it's for a classmate or a teacher. Her positive, light-hearted attitude and dedication make her a role model for her peers. Addie is the daughter of Rob and Stacie Kraner.

**8th Grade - Zavior Bailey** - Zavior is a leader in class displaying maturity and hard work. He gives his best effort and comes to school with the priority of education over socializing. Zavior is a great example of an all-around PAWS-itive student! Zavior is the son of Ashley Meyer and Dane Bailey.

## Fifth Grade Reads *Wonder*

Mrs. Staley's 5th grade class has been reading the book *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio to study for upcoming tests. Students have been working together in groups to answer questions in a Jeopardy game-show style format. Students are having fun and learning at the same time!



## Sims Speaks to Middle School Classes

Grant Sims, the Head of Elections in Williams County, visited the middle school American History classes and discussed what life was like for America after the Revolutionary War. His presentation included the challenges Washington faced as first president, the purpose of the electoral college and how it has evolved, the purpose of the president's cabinet and how it has evolved, and the ideas of Hamilton vs. Jefferson.

The middle school would like to thank Mr. Sims for a educational experience!

## Stover With The Tea

Mrs. Stover's middle school students are meeting several times a week to discuss interesting and important past historical events and linking them to present day topics. Students record their discussions, edit the content, and share the material to the Youtube Channel named, "Stover with the Tea."

Currently, 7th grade is recording a discussion on Roman Culture, with a focus on Julius Caesar and 8th grade is recording a discussion about the ideals of Hamilton vs Jefferson.

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# Elementary News

Correspondent: Roman Leszinske



## Bt Corn

In 4th grade ELA, Ms. Hellwarth's class talked about *Basillus Thuringiensis* or "Bt Corn." Bt Corn is a genetically modified corn that has been slightly changed by scientists to kill off pests and insects to reduce pesticide usage. The students made group posters to display what they have learned.

## "Game On" Elementary Fundraiser

Starting on January 31, the elementary students had a fundraiser competition to win different daily prizes such as 4 mini fridges filled with cash and a 250 dollar Amazon gift card. The money received from the fundraiser goes towards helping fund field trips, recess items, PBIS Rewards, Paw Wows, and assemblies.

## Panther Paw Wow

On February 3, the Parkway Elementary held their monthly Paw Wow. Each month, a different grade is designated to perform their talents in front of the elementary student body. This month, the second grade performed a dance number that they had prepared throughout the month. During the Paw Wow, the students of the month were announced, and the Spirit Stick competition was held.

Congratulations to the 1st grade students for winning the Spirit Stick again in back to back months.

## Show Your Spirit Week

During Spirit Week in the elementary, Parkway students and teachers decorated their classroom doors with different pictures and images to show their spirit and Panther pride. Check out our Parkway Homepage under Newsletter for pictures of classroom doors!

## Students of the Month

**Front L-R:** Anderson Stover, Rowyn Sealscott, Iris Strobel, Brooke Schwieterman

**Back L-R:** Dakota Bollenbacher, Delainey Fox, Pazley Norris, Allie Kraner, Ella Stroh and Marcus Crouch

## Neil Armstrong Museum

The third graders have been learning about science and local history. Last month, the entire third grade went to the Neil Armstrong Museum. This field trip allowed them to expand on all of the success Neil Armstrong has achieved.

The third graders have also been learning about local history. They started with United States history, then transitioned to Ohio's history, then narrowed down to Rockford's history, and finally learned about our school's history.

