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District News



Honoring Veterans



Parkway Schools held a Veteran's Day Assembly on Friday, November 11, to honor our local veterans. As the veterans arrived, they were greeted by the FFA Chapter with Carnations and a handwritten note of appreciation for their service.

The program began with Parkway High School's Student Government presenting the color guard as they marched around the gym to the cadence played by Aaliyah Baxter. Each military flag was carried by a student government representative including Meg Henkle, Ruby Bennett, Breanna Berry, Paige Stephenson, Paige Williamson, Avery White, Audrey Nichols, Francesca Steinbrenner, and Taylor Minnich.

The elementary students then stood to sing, "America, Land of the Free" by Roger Emerson, and "The Spirit of America" written by John Jacobson and Cristi Miller. After the elementary sang, middle school House Council representatives including Maggie Rich, Jackson Ross, Cami Langenkamp, Wyatt Pancake, Jaymin Peel, Piper Pennell, Alicia Miller, and Bailey Menchhofer read various speeches. Fifth graders Landyn Heiser, Meadow Hays, and Lydia Gibbons read acrostic poems, while sixth graders Kayli Ford and Hadley Stover shared their essays. The seventh grade House Council members wrote a Thank You letter that was shared by Albany Roth. Then to end the speeches, the eighth grade House Council students collaborated to write an essay explaining "What Freedom Means to Me." The essay was shared by Morgan Louth. Finally, the middle school student body sang "Proud to be an American" by Lee Greenwood.

To continue the Veteran's Day celebration, high school FFA Vice-President, Allison Hughes introduced United States Representative, Bob Latta, who gave a patriotic speech about the meaning of Veteran's Day. Allison then introduced the veterans by name, military branch, years that he/she served, and wars/conflicts/deployments that he/she served in. Allison also named family members in attendance and Parkway students who were related to the honorary veterans. The high school band ended the Veteran's Day assembly by playing the military medley, "Salute to the Armed Forces" arranged by Dennis Reaser. The song transitioned from the Navy to the Army, then the Air Force, and finally to the Marine Hymn. Each veteran proudly stood when his/her military branch song was played.

Parkway had a record number of veterans attend this year, with 54 in total honored. Parkway Local Schools and our communities would like to thank our veterans for their service to our country. Parkway Panthers are proud to be Americans.



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High School News

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Parkway's Career Navigation

Mercer County Career Navigator representative Sandi Holdheide came to Parkway on October 27, 2022, to meet with seniors. Ms. Holdheide introduced the seniors to a website called youscience.com, where they were able to answer questions on their likes and dislikes. They took their results and looked into possible jobs that they would be interested in pursuing in our surrounding area. Ms. Holdheide has continued to meet with many Parkway seniors to further guide them in their future interests.

In the spring of 2023, Parkway's juniors will attend a job fair at the Wright State Lake Campus. Last year, over sixty individual companies and over 800 students attended the job fair.

FFA National Convention

In late October, fourteen of Parkway's FFA members attended National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Part of the trip consisted of touring area businesses including, J&M Manufacturing in Fort Recovery, Ohio. Then they traveled over to Indiana to tour many different agricultural places including Poet Bioprocessing in Alexandria, Albanese Candy Factory in Merrillville, Fair Oaks Farms in Fair Oaks, and RDM Aquaculture Shrimp Farm in Fowler, Indiana.

After a few days of touring, the FFA members wore their official dress and attended the National Convention opening ceremony. Over the next two days, the members experienced many different speakers such as the National Officer team; the Keynote speakers, Tamika Catchings and Coty Back; and they enjoyed listening to the State FFA Band and Chorus. Between sessions, members had the opportunity to walk through the Expo Center where there were many colleges, businesses, and organizations present.

For the first time in Parkway FFA history, Senior Carter Hellwarth represented Ohio at the National level in the Prepared Public Speaking Competition CDE. Carter wrote and memorized a 6-8 minute agricultural-related speech entitled, "Victory Gardens." Afterwards, Carter was asked several questions about his speech topic, where he was judged on his knowledge of content and his ability to answer questions thoroughly. Congratulations to Carter for all of his hard work.

Preparation For Veteran's Day

Mr. Minnich's Junior Civics classes prepared 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders for Parkway's Veterans Day assembly by teaching them the history behind the *Pledge Of Allegiance* and *Star Spangled Banner*. The purpose of the presentation was to talk about citizenship and the importance of honoring our nation through our school and community.



Junior Tyler Rowan teaching elementary students the meaning behind the Pledge of Allegiance.

Choir Sings Backup For Neil Diamond

A few of the Parkway High School choir members participated in the Neil Diamond Celebration of Music at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center on Saturday October 8th. Parkway was invited along with Van Wert, Wayne Trace, Crestview and Lincolnview schools to be part of a back up choir for the show. Our students represented our school and community with pride.



Back Row: Ian Trisel, Hutch Ridenour, Elias Poe, Helana Sinning, Harli Grunden

Front Row: Katie Trisel, Emree Sinning, Amanda Barrett, Angela Lovell



Middle School News

Correspondent: Caiden Berry



October Students of the Month

5th Grade - Jackson England - Jackson is a laid-back, easy-going student but at the same time, he is organized, focused, and ready to learn. Jackson has the right blend of seriousness and silliness, which he uses daily to help the positivity of the classroom environment. Not only does Jackson have a terrific personality, but he is also an excellent student who works hard and achieves excellent grades. Jackson is the son of Joshua and Lisa England.

6th Grade - Kallie Brehm - Kallie is a great example of how a positive student should be. She is kind, respectful, and has a great attitude. She always shows a great desire to learn and excels in everything she does. Kallie is a top notch student all the way around. Kallie is the daughter of Marshall and Heidi Brehm.

7th Grade - Ethan Stolly - Ethan comes to class with a positive attitude everyday. His eagerness to learn and willingness to work is inspiring to others. Ethan is kind and thoughtful, and has been a great addition to the Panther student body! Keep it up Ethan! Ethan is the son of Chad and Karen Stolly.

8th Grade - Kyra Matter - Kyra has been an excellent addition to Parkway Middle School! She is an active participant in class and goes above and beyond what is asked of her. Kyra works well with others and is helpful in explaining confusing concepts to classmates. Kyra has a positive attitude and always strives to do her best work! Kyra is the daughter of Samantha Isbell and Bradley Matter.



Eighth Grade History Project

The 8th grade class did a project over the original 13 colonies, where they worked in pairs and selected a colony that interested them. Each group researched their specific colony's geography, climate, economy, religion, and culture. They also researched other colonies that they found as a threat so that they could explain to people why not to settle in that colony. The students then created trifolds to highlight their colony's strengths in each of the five areas.

Students, teachers, and community members walked through the community room where the projects were displayed and voted on the best colony. Rockford Subway donated a free 6 inch sub to the winners.

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Elementary News

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Fire Safety In The Elementary

Fire trucks from Rockford, Chatt, and Wilshire came to Parkway Elementary. The students learned the difference between trucks, were shown how to put on gear, and learned how to operate the fire truck. At the end of the presentation, all students received a gift bag filled with fire safety goodies including, stickers, crayons, and a coloring book.

Thank you to our community for helping our elementary students learn about fire safety.



October Students of The Month

Back Row- Heidi Hurt, Amelia Kreisler, Gabe McDorman, Sterling Strunk, Desirae Archer, Benson Brickley and Jack Ferguson

Front Row- Alivia Martin, Breckyn Henkle, Owen Stephenson

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