



January 4, 2019

Parkway School-Wide Information

All Families are Invited to Join Parkway's Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) and/or Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

Please join us on Tuesday, January 8 from 5:30pm - 6:00pm for our PAC and/or from 6:00pm-7:00pm. All parents/guardians are invited to attend!

We are searching for a Vice President for our PTO! If you are interested, please contact Kim Sabo at kimberly.sabo@spps.org.

Parkway Montessori & Community Middle School Mission: The Parkway Learning Communities are dedicated to growing interdependence by engaging learners in equitable, thought-provoking Montessori environment in which students see themselves as leaders in our global society.

Parkway Montessori & Community Middle School Vision: Our school will be an innovator in public, urban, Montessori Secondary Education by having a school culture that involves students, families, staff and community. It will be a place where culturally relevant cross-curricular opportunities are embedded in daily learning, and where adolescents will discover a sense of belonging and purpose within the Parkway community, our global society and the greater collection of knowledge.

Field Trips on January 10th

Pre-algebra students will be taking a field trip to Nokomis North Elementary School and the 8th grade field trip is to Harding and Johnson. Students were sent home with the field trip form. Please have students return their permission slips to their foundations teacher.

Please [click here](#) if you need to print an extra copy of either of the field trip forms.

SPPS School Choice Fair

Do you have a student who will be transitioning to high school?

Learn • Decide • Apply

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Date: Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019

Where: Saint Paul RiverCentre, 175 W. Kellogg Blvd.

- Learn about elementary, middle and high school opportunities
- Meet our fantastic teachers and principals from SPPS High Schools
- Free, onsite early childhood screenings (ages 3-5)

[Learn More](#)

Attendance

When a student is ill or has a appointment the parent must call and inform the school of the absence. Please call 651-744-1000 ext 1 to reach the attendance line please leave a message.

If you know in advance your child has a appointment and must be picked up during school hours please send a note to give to the office in the morning, the office will issue the student a early dismissal pass that will allow them to leave the class and be at the office.

Media Center

Guess what students???? You don't want to miss reading the "Book of the Week" that everybody is reading. Come by the library to see what it is, and be the next one to check it out. If you have not returned your old library books, please do so as soon as possible. Remind your Teachers to let you come to the library on your library days.

Basecamp Learning Community



**Audubon Center
of the North Woods**
Experience Your Environment

Learning Community

Permission slips due February 1, 2019 for our overnight erdkinder field study at the Audubon Center of the North Woods in Sandstone, MN March 11-13.

The cost is \$80, this includes all meals, classes, evening programs, and comfortable indoor lodging. We would like all 6th grade students to participate in this amazing learning and community building experience.

Please contact one of the following teachers if you would like to chaperone or if you need information about or need help setting up online fundraising with GoFundMe.com

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Classroom Updates

Science: We are finishing up our matter unit with the end of quarter 2. Students received their scores on the test they took before break- please talk with your student about their grade and encourage them to make up any missing assignments before the end of the quarter on January 24th.

Highlight from Science Class and Spirit Week:



Treehouse & Northshore Learning Communities

Classroom Updates

Math: Pre-Algebra Pre-Algebra students are adding integers moving into subtracting integers, pondering the big question: how are addition and subtraction related? This week we investigated a worm's journey. Ask your student to show you how long it took...and to show you how much their name was worth!

Social Studies: Students in Social Studies are getting into the part of History Day that they have all been waiting for: actually building and creating their projects. Most students are doing Exhibits so they will need someone in their group to buy a 3-fold board from Wal-Mart (\$3) or Dollar Tree (\$1).

ELA: Students will be crafting the research they did before winter break into an argumentative essay, or they may choose another topic of particular interest/importance to them to write their essay about. In addition to this, spoken word artist Frank Sentwali will be coming to Treehouse and Northshore classrooms very soon for a weeklong workshop. Students will be writing and performing their own spoken word poem.

Electives

Classroom Updates

Visual Arts: In Beginning Art students will start on their project #4 choice project. **In Intermediate Art** students will be working on their community service project art. **In Advanced** students will be creating their own project from the grouping of words based on themes they have researched.

If you have any questions please let me know. Thank you, Kent Miller. (kent.miller@spps.org)

French with Madame Jenny: Bonne Année! To kick off the New Year French 1 students are creating promotional presentations about famous Paris sites. Their goal is to convince us to visit. Ask them to practice with you and convince you! French 2 students are beginning their unit "Au Cinéma." This week they compared French movie titles with the American titles, discussing why a word-for-word translation does not always fit both cultures.

Upcoming Events

January 8, 2019

- PAC Meeting 5:30pm - 6:00pm
- PTO Meeting 6:00pm - 7:00pm

January 12, 2018

- School Choice Fair at the River Center from 9:30am- 2:00pm

[Click here to view Parkway's full school calendar\(includes athletics, Flipside/EDL and more\)](#)

[Click here to view Parkway's Website](#)

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