



**February 8, 2019**

## **Parkway School-Wide Information**

### **NAAPID**

National African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID) is a day for all parents to come to their child's school, see what their day is like and to support their child's educational future. This year NAAPID is hosted on during the school day on February 11, 2018 and Parkway will be hosting the following events:

- Parents/guardians are invited to join their student in the classroom/lunch throughout the day.
- Parents/guardians are invited to drop in for informal conversations throughout the school day in room 1301 (Success Room)
  - Assistance with Schoology/Portal

*Parkway will also be hosting a student-coordinated program on the evening of February 21st!*

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### **Parkway's Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) and/or Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)**

Please join us on Tuesday, February 12 from 5:30pm - 6:00pm for our PAC and Tuesday, February 12 from 6:00pm - 7:00pm for our second PTO meeting!

**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.

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### **Thank You School Counselors!**

National School Counseling Week 2019 (#NSCW19) is Feb. 4–8, 2019. Sponsored by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), this week highlights the unique contribution of School Counselors within U.S. school systems



and the tremendous impact they can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career!

*\*Take a moment to thank your local school counselor(s).  
Follow #NSCW19 on social media!*

To learn more about National School Counseling Week, visit [www.schoolcounselor.org/nscw](http://www.schoolcounselor.org/nscw)

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## Black History Month Student Planning Committee

**Parkway is in full-swing for our Black History Month Celebrations!**

ALL students interested in being apart of the Student Planning Committee for our Black History Month Celebration are encouraged to join our Flipside After School Program from now through February 21. We will hold our planning meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 4pm.

Joining Flipside will guarantee your scholar a late bus home (and a snack)!

Those students interested will need to obtain an after school permission slip from Ms. Conyers, Ms. Kate or Ms. Sabo.

**CORRECTION: Our big program will be held on the evening of February 21st, 2019 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.** We are very excited about our upcoming celebration, and encourage ALL scholars to participate! Contact Mr. Johnson for more information.

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# THE TALENT SHOW

**Who can audition???**

Any Parkway student can audition! You can audition solo or in a group!

**How do I audition???**



It's super easy to audition! Just follow these steps!!

1. Use your school iPad to record your talent (it should be as close to complete as possible - costumes, music, dance routine, etc...)
2. Upload your video to google drive and share with Ms. Steph (Stephanie.bijoch@stpaul.k12.mn.us)
3. Bring your signed permission form to Ms. Steph.

**What are the important dates???**

The talent show will be **Thursday February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**. Check your calendar and check with you family to make sure this date works for you!

You will also have to schedule **TWO** more dates **BEFORE** Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> to practice at school with a teacher (You'll learn more about this if you make it!)

**How do I know if I have talent???**

**EVERYBODY** has talent! Here are some possible talent show acts:

- Singing
- Dancing
- Playing an instrument
- Telling Jokes
- Gymnastics
- Magic
- Acting in a skit

**Auditions are due to Ms. Steph by Monday February 18<sup>th</sup>!!!**

Questions? Ask Ms. Stephanie!!

Room #: 1103

Email: [stephanie.bijoch@spps.org](mailto:stephanie.bijoch@spps.org)



## Congratulations!

Congratulations to our Parkway Semester One Honor Roll Scholars!!! Parkway Student Honor Roll Ceremonies will be held on Thursday, Feb. 21st, 2019. All Parkway Families are welcome to attend. Your scholar will receive an invitation the week of Feb. 11th, 2019. Each Learning Community has a special time for the ceremony. The times are as follows:

*Treehouse-- 9:20am*

*North Shore--10:30am*

*Basecamp (6th grade)-- 1:40pm*

# Thinking College Early Fair

Thinking College Early Fair - Saturday, February 23, 2019

10:30a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Harding High School

6 - 12th grade students will learn the importance of college! Two and four year colleges, apprenticeship programs, college access programs, and community resources that support college and career attainment are encouraged to attend this annual event.

To view a great video from LAST YEAR's Thinking College Early Fair, please click this:

<https://www.spps.org/domain/12650>

The 2019 Thinking College Early Fair is sponsored by PROCEED (Progressive Center for Education and Economic Development) with support from the Saint Paul Public Schools.

[Event Flier](#)

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## Check Student Progress Parent Portal/Schoolology

The links below will allow provide more information on each tool, how to access your child's progress, answer frequently asked questions and allow you to login. You will use the same username and password as iUpdate for both systems. If you need assistance with your username or have questions, please contact Kim Sabo at [kimberly.sabo@spps.org](mailto:kimberly.sabo@spps.org) or 651-744-3940.

[Campus Portal](#)

[Schoology](#)

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## Technology Support

Please remember that iPads need to be charged at home unless the student is on check in/out. All iPads did be updated to iOS 12.3.1 at this time.

The retraining quiz website has changed. Please use [bit.ly/ipadretaining](http://bit.ly/ipadretaining) from now on.

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## 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.

## Basecamp Learning Community

[Learning Community](#)

**DUE DATE IS EXTENDED** due to the weather. Permission slips are now due February 15, 2019 for our overnight erdkinder field study at the



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

**Audubon Center of the North Woods in Sandstone, MN March 11-13.**

**\* We also need parent/guardian chaperones, please contact us if you are interested**

**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

[kristin.simonson@spps.org](mailto:kristin.simonson@spps.org)  
[allison.corradi@spps.org](mailto:allison.corradi@spps.org)



### Classroom Updates

**Science:** Our young scientists have started studying forces and motion. This week we investigated instantaneous and average speed. Students researched the speeds of some of the fastest animals and machines on Earth (see picture).

## Treehouse & Northshore Learning Communities

### Classroom Updates

**Science:** We are building on our knowledge of cells and DNA as we begin our new unit, genetics! Students are starting to learn about the differences between learned behaviors and inherited traits and how we inherit our traits from our parents. Stay tuned for more information coming soon about our field study to the Science Museum of Minnesota in March!

**Social Studies:** We have started our 3rd quarter focusing on the new theme: Integrity. We did an experiment where I left a \$5 bill on the table in front of the students and walked out of the room to see what they would do. All students passed this easier Integrity Test...but then I challenged them to think if they would have passed it no one else was in the room to see them and what they did. We will continue by taking up our first topic, the Industrialization of the United States from 1870-1920.

**ELA:** In English classes, we have launched our cycle three theme of Integrity! Now, we will be moving forward with historical fiction book clubs. Students will be reading historical fiction in partnerships or small groups. While some of the students will be reading about time periods they are familiar with, others will not be familiar. Ask your student what they are reading and help them understand by sharing your knowledge and researching the time period and historical events together!

## Electives

### Classroom Updates

**Visual Arts:** We are starting the semester off with community activities and a few art projects that focus on personal creativity. We then are working in beginning on a portrait lesson and in intermediate we are working with the art "The Door" by David Hammonds. In level 4 studio art students are learning the new process to the class and are working on art history and public art

research.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Thanks, Kent Miller ([kent.miller@spps.org](mailto:kent.miller@spps.org))

**Mr. Todd:** This week in System 44 students are reviewing how to pronounce and spell VCE words and words that have vowel teams in them.

**Creative Writing:** This week, students kicked off the theme of integrity in technology by doing a digital breakout. They also were learning about digital citizenship through new platform called DeckToys. We are finishing up the week by strengthening our use of accurate search terms for doing internet research.

## Upcoming Events

February 11, 2019

- NAAPID- School Day

February 12, 2019

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

Friday, February 15

- Valentine's School Dance during the school day

Monday, February 18

- No School – President's Day

Thursday, February 21

- Honor Roll Celebration
- Black History Month Celebration at 5:30pm

Friday, February 22

- Progress Reports are sent home

Thursday, February 28

- Talent Show at 6:30pm

[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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