



**March 1, 2019**

## **Parkway School-Wide Information**

### **Important Message from St. Paul Public Schools**

Dear Saint Paul Public Schools Family,

We are writing to share important information about online safety, and the possible real-life consequences sharing inappropriate content or making threats on social media may have on students.

This week, Saint Paul Public Schools (SPPS) has received a number of threats about our schools that are being shared on social media. This behavior is unacceptable, and those responsible will be held accountable.

SPPS takes all threats seriously and fully investigates any threats that involve our school. We need your help. Please remind your child to use social media responsibly.

At school, we stress the importance of using all mobile devices appropriately - iPads and smartphones. We talk with students about internet safety, cyber-bullying, sending and receiving inappropriate images and threats, and sexting (using text messaging to discuss things of a sexual nature).

It is important for students to understand that almost anything that is posted online can remain on the web indefinitely.

If your child(ren) use social media:

- Please issue clear guidelines about acceptable use
- Have open discussions about expectations
- Follow your child(ren) on their social media channels
- Look at their social media on their devices: Have clear and open monitoring guidelines.

Please remind your child(ren) that caution should be used on social media -- and that bad behavior and inappropriate content should be immediately reported to a trusted adult. There is no such thing as anonymity on the internet, and that questionable behavior may result in negative backlash -- in social media groups and elsewhere.

Threats that are made or shared on social media will be forwarded to the district's Security and Emergency Management team. The district's security team works closely with Saint Paul Police to investigate each incident.

That said, sharing inappropriate content or threats on social media can have real-life consequences, including suspension and/or expulsion and may result in criminal charges. We will follow our standard discipline procedures as outlined in the [Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook](#).

Sharing rumors can also significantly disrupt the school day and cause unnecessary fear and panic. In light of this, SPPS would like to ask you not to share false rumors about our schools on social media. If you have questions or concerns about safety, please call your school immediately.

Students are often aware of situations before adults, so please remind your child that it is important for them to report concerns to a trusted adult. Concerns may also be submitted on the Tipline on the MySPPS app or online at <https://www.spps.org/safety>.

Thank you for supporting your child and Saint Paul Public Schools.

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## Student Spring Conferences

**March 7<sup>th</sup> or March 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Both dates are 4:00 – 7:00 PM**

Conferences are an important opportunity to sit down and discuss your student's progress in school. By attending conferences, you also send a positive message to your child that school is important. Keep in mind that you are an equal partner at the conference. If you have questions or observations, the conference is a good time to share them with the teacher. Don't forget to share what you know about your child. Your information helps the teacher better understand and teach your child.

- Families can pick up their child's schedule at the main entrance.
- Conferences require no appointments.
- Families will be seen on a first-come, first serve basis.
- Please call the office with any questions or concerns
- EDL and sports will not run on either conference dates

### **Translation and Interpreter Request**

Si necesita este documento traducido o si necesita un intérprete, por favor contacte a Ms. Frazier en el teléfono 651-767-8324 o correo electrónico [elba.frazier@spps.org](mailto:elba.frazier@spps.org)

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## Montessori Education Week

This week at Parkway we celebrated “Montessori Education Week!” Students had the opportunity to explore The Montessori Census which shows us all of the Montessori Schools in the world, learn about who Maria Montessori was and what she believed about education, discover some famous people who also went to Montessori schools, and share their favorite part about going to a Montessori School! We encourage you to take a few minutes to chat with your student about what makes their education at Parkway Montessori meaningful to them!

### Who was Maria Montessori?

From Italy

Born 1870

Died 1952



1st Female Doctor in Italy

Founder of Montessori Education

### Why Montessori?

Students who go to Montessori School have...

- More Self-worth
- Better Leadership Skills
- More Community Awareness
- Higher Self-Confidence
- Respect for the Environment
- Increased Aptitude

Source: NandanAcademy.com

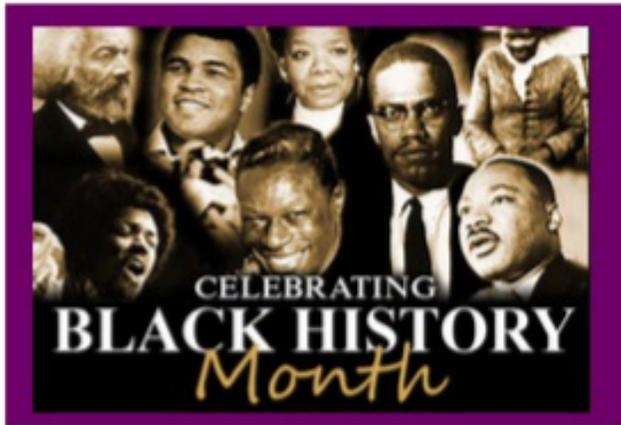
### The Timeline of Montessori

- 1870 Maria is born
- 1891 Maria begins studying education
- 1890 Maria becomes a doctor
- 1907 The 1st Children's House opens
- 1913 Maria comes to the U.S.
- 1918 Maria dies
- 1949 Maria wins a Nobel peace prize
- 1994 The 1st public Mont. MS/HS opens in Ohio
- 2013 The 1st public Mont. MS opens in MN

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### Look who else went to a Montessori school!

- David Blaine
- Justin Chik
- Jeff Bezos
- Rayman
- CFO Amazon
- Boyz n the Bay
- Taylor Swift
- Dr. Dre
- Simi Curry



This is an event you will not want to miss!



Honor Roll Recognition!



Guest Speakers



Student Performances!

## YOU'RE INVITED

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

### Black History Month Celebration

Please join us in celebrating African-American students and culture at Parkway Middle School for our Black History Month Celebration!!

Our program will begin at **5:30 pm** in the auditorium.

Our night includes student presentations, a raffle, and entertainment! **Light dinner** will be served after the program.

#### PARKWAY MONTESSORI & COMMUNITY SCHOOL

1363 Bush Ave  
St. Paul, MN 55106

Evening Celebration:  
5:30 pm in the auditorium  
followed by a Light Dinner

*\*Meals are first come, first served.*



## Summer Programming

Summer Programming Registration is now open! Use iUpdate to register your scholar for summer enrichment opportunities! [Click here](#) for more Summer Program information.

## Young Scholars Program

Jack Kent Cooke Young Scholars Program: The Cooke Young Scholars Program is a selective 5-year, pre-college scholarship for high-performing 7th grade students with financial need. It



## Classroom Updates

**Science:** We are finishing up investigating, calculating and graphing average speed. This week students took a quiz to demonstrate their understanding of speed and motion. Pictured are some highlights from our Hot Wheels Lab.



## Treehouse & Northshore Learning Communities

### Classroom Updates

**Math: Algebra** (Ms. Denae and Ms. Andrea): Students are working on Unit 4 (Functions) and should be bringing work home to finish. We are also working in class on retakes for 8242 test. In **Pre-Algebra** we are working on writing expressions and equations and solving and checking those equations! Algebra here we come! Please remind your students to work on Pre-Algebra at least 20 minutes each night finishing what was started in class or sharpening their skills on IXL.

**Science:** In Treehouse, students are diving into the concept of race and its relation to science. They are then going to do a socratic seminar to discuss what they learned. In North Shore, we are learning about genotypes and phenotypes. Next week, Treehouse and North Shore students will be back on the same page when we learn about how we can use Punnett Squares to make predictions about offspring. Please make sure to sign your students Permission Form for the Science Museum of Minnesota. Treehouse students are going on Tuesday, March 12 and North Shore students are going on Wednesday, March 13. **Permission Forms are due Monday, March 4.**

**Social Studies:** In Social Studies we finished up our project: What Does An American Look Like? The students really enjoyed selecting inherited and learned traits to put on their poster. They were also very curious about what their classmates did. We will be starting our unit on World War 1 and the Great Depression before we head into a big month studying World War 2.

**ELA:** In English classes, we are focusing on connecting the students' learning in Science class to their historical fiction books. We will be analyzing the impact of racial and cultural identities in the stories they are reading. We will also be helping to prepare for the field study to the science museum (March 12th and 13th) by watching the second installment of the documentary "Race: The Power of Illusion."

## Electives

### Classroom Updates

**Band and Orchestra:** I am back from maternity leave and we are working on 3-4 songs for the concert that will be on May 23rd. Please put this on your calendar now. Students have a playing test due on March 11th from SmartMusic. It is great to be back!

**Guitar:** Students should be working on Unit 3 in guitar class. This is a self paced course and students need to be responsible to get each unit done in a timely fashion. The goal is to be on Unit 8 by the end of the year.

**Visual Arts:** In **beginning** we are working on our portrait lessons. In **intermediate** we are working on our racism/discrimination project. In **studio** students are working on hatching, cross hatching project. If you have any questions please contact me. ([kent.miller@spps.org](mailto:kent.miller@spps.org)) Thanks, Kent Miller

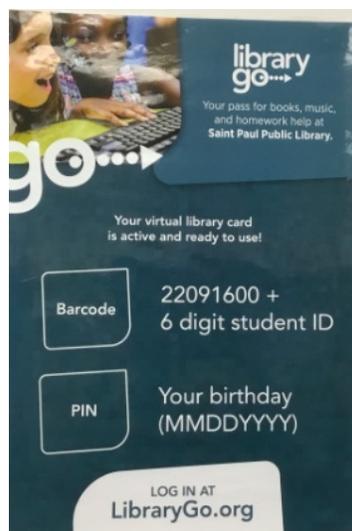
**French:** In **French 1** we are learning all about the Euro, comparing and contrasting it with our currency, the dollar. Ask your student what makes the Euro banknotes and coins so *magnifique!* In **French 2** we are talking about French holidays, birthdays, the seasons as we master how the French calendar.

**In System 44** this week students are learning how to spell and pronounce words that end with the letters -ing, -ang, -ong and -ung.

**Media Arts:** Students have been learning about Destiny, Librarygo, Mackinvia, and Pebblego. Ask your student which ones have homework help available, databases they can search, and instructional games they can play. Students will continue to learn about other resources that are available for them to use.

**Creative Arts:** Students in Creative Arts have been doing research this week on two different brands or versions of a product and comparing/contrasting them to see which product is the best for quality, features and price. Students will be writing reviews for a product either for a product they have actually used, or for the product in their research that they felt was the best choice. Next, students will be learning how to use proper etiquette when sending and replying, and forwarding emails.

**Media Center:** New Books have arrived. Stop by the library to see what's new and also take a look at the "Book of the Week".



*Friday, March 1*

- No School for students, Professional Development Day for staff

*Thursday, March 7, 2019*

- Conferences from 4:00pm-7:00pm

*Thursday, March 14, 2019*

- Black History Month Celebration at 5:30pm

*Tuesday, March 19, 2019*

- Conferences from 4:00pm-7:00pm

[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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