



March 8, 2019

Parkway School-Wide Information

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

Please join us on Tuesday, March 12 from 5:30pm - 6:00pm for our PAC and Tuesday, February 12 from 6:00pm - 7:00pm! We will join together to build partnerships and community,

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.



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.*



Technology

iPads will be kept at school during the week of March 22-29. This helps us figure out which iPads need to be fixed, those that need software updated and those that are missing. Please make sure that your student has a block and cord to go with their iPad so that they can charge it in Foundations class each evening. Replacements for lost or stolen blocks/cords can be purchased from Ms. Corri. Original blocks and cords that don't work can be brought to Ms. Corri for a trade in. Any questions can be emailed to Ms. Corri at corrine.gilbertson@stpaul.k12.mn.us

If an iPad has been taken away or locked, students need to take the quiz at bit.ly/ipadretraining. If an iPad goes missing, even on the weekend, please email Ms. Corri right away at

Hotspots

Parkway has a limited number of hotspots available to checkout during the school year. Hotspots need to be returned at the end of the school year. The hotspots are available to families who are eligible for free and reduced lunch. The attached form has more information. Completed forms should be returned to the main office. If you have questions, please contact Kim Sabo at 651-744-3940 or kimberly.sabo@spps.org.

[Hotspot Application Form](#)

Student Spring Conferences

March 7th or March 19th
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

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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 provides comprehensive academic and college advising, as well as financial support for school, Cooke-sponsored summer programs, internships, and other learning enrichment opportunities. **Application deadline is March 14th** - encourage students to apply! See Ms. Conyers for more details or [Click here for more information.](#)

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 Communities

Learning Community

“The land is where our roots are; the children must be taught to feel and live in harmony with the earth.” -Maria Montessori

Next week our 6th grade community will be engaged in a 3 day erdkinder learning experience whether at The Audubon Center of the Northwoods for the overnight trip or at Parkway and Belwin Outdoor Science Center Monday through Wednesday.

Maria Montessori used the term erdkinder, “children of the earth”, to describe adolescents preparing to enter the larger, global community. Montessori supports the adolescent development through experiences in nature, developing independence, interdependence and self-reliance. The 3 day experience will include many community activities outdoors, a Socratic seminar on Chief Seattle’s 1854 speech, and learning about our impact on our environment.

****Please remind your student to dress for the weather, encourage your student to positively participate in all learning activities, and a reminder that cell phones and outside snacks are not allowed.***

Please review the [packing list](#) when getting ready for the overnight trip to Audubon- you can also find it posted on Schoology.

https://www.audubon-center.org/pdf_links/Form-WhatToBring.pdf

Classroom Updates

Science: Science: This week we kicked-off our roller coaster physics project! Students are excited to begin researching and designing with their engineering team.

Pictured are some highlights from our winter field day sled races. We collected data and calculated the average speed throughout the day. Our top sled race team ran 50m in 15s which is a speed of 3.33m/s!



Treehouse & Northshore Learning Communities

Classroom Updates

Science: This week in Science we will continue to explore the concept of race, prepare for our Field Experience to the Science Museum and deepen our understanding of inherited traits.

Students will become experts on predicting the probability of offspring get a specific form of a trait passed from parents to their offspring.

Electives

Classroom Updates

Visual Arts: Beginning students are done with the portrait lesson and now we are working on a visual art seminar. Intermediate students are done with lesson one based on racism or discrimination. We are now going to start our portrait project based on assumptions. In Studio art students are starting the mythical creature lesson.

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

French: French students celebrated Mardi Gras this week - on Tuesday of course since Mardi Gras means "Fat Tuesday"- by cooking *Beignets aux Pommes!* They were excited to share with many of the staff at Parkway too. *Délicieux!*

Creative Writing: This week in Creative Writing, students learned how to use email appropriately with subjects, greetings and salutations. They also learned that all electronic communication should be neutral or positive messages. Students also created word clouds of historical African Americans and/or women which practiced their skill at identifying character traits. The next big project will be using Google Slides to create animations.

Media Arts Exploration: Students have been learning about resources that are helpful/useful in Pebblego and Tumble Book Library. They have also been writing book reviews in Destiny Discover.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

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

Thursday, March 14, 2019

- Black History Month Celebration at 5:30pm

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

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

March 22, 2019 - March 29, 2019

- **iPads stay at school**

Friday, March 22, 2019

- School Play: *Taming the Shrew* at 6:30pm

Saturday, March 23, 2019

- School Play: *Taming the Shrew* at 1:00pm

[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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