



**March 15, 2019**

## **Parkway School-Wide Information**

### **Staff Meal Before Conferences Sponsored by PAC**

Hello Families and Supporters of Parkway Montessori and Community School. The second set of fall conferences are Tuesday, March, 2019. PAC would like to thank our teachers and staff by providing a meal from our families! If you are able to contribute any amount of money so we are able to order a meal, please send cash to Parkway Attn: PAC. Thank you in advance!

#### **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)

Yog hais tias koj xav tau daim ntawv no txhais ua koj yam lus los sis yog hais tias koj xav tau neeg txhais lus, thov hu rau Kou Vang ntawm 651-744-1000 los sis sau ntawv rau nws ntawm [kou2.vang@spps.org](mailto:kou2.vang@spps.org).



## American Montessori Society Conference

Four of our Parkway Montessori educators are presenting at the AMS (American Montessori Society) Conference March 21-24 in Washington, D.C. <https://conference.amshq.org/>.

- Kent Miller: “Bringing Visual Arts to the Socratic Seminar”
- Stephanie Bijoch, Kristin Simonson & Nicole Ramos: “Challenges and Solutions in Public Secondary Environments”

Kent, Stephanie, Kristin and Nicki are hoping to connect with other SPPS and Twin Cities Montessori educators at the conference, as well as with other Montessori educators from all over the world. They are excited for the learning and inspiration they’ll gain from the conference and look forward to sharing with Parkway families and colleagues upon their return!

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### 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](mailto:corrine.gilbertson@stpaul.k12.mn.us)

If an iPad has been taken away or locked, students need to take the quiz at [bit.ly/ipadretaining](http://bit.ly/ipadretaining). If an iPad goes missing, even on the weekend, please email Ms. Corri right away at [corrine.gilbertson@spps.org](mailto:corrine.gilbertson@spps.org).

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### 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](mailto:kimberly.sabo@spps.org).

[Hotspot Application Form](#)

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### Media Center

I am still waiting for students to write book reviews in Destiny Discover. I need about 100 more reviews. Time is running out, so please get them in by April 1st.

Come and see what books have been requested by other students! They are available for check out.

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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.



## 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

This week our community worked on developing a deeper connection with our environment as well as each other on our Erdkinder experiences. We had an amazing three days filled with environmental learning and community building.

### Classroom Updates

**Science:** Students are continuing to work through the engineering design process to research and plan their roller coaster prototypes with their design teams. We hope to begin building roller coasters next week!

**ELA:** This week readers will continue to dig deep into their book club books looking specifically at the power dynamics that characters face. Students will also begin gathering ideas and evidence to use the writing process to complete a compare and contrast essay.



## Treehouse & Northshore Learning Communities

### Classroom Updates

**Math:** We hope all our families had a great Pi Day on Thursday March 14! In Pre-Algebra we will delve into all matters circular in our next unit. We are finishing up our unit on writing and solving equations. We also loved the “Math Moves” exhibit as one component of our Science Museum Field Study.

**Social Studies:** We will be starting our World War 2 unit. We will explore how Adolf Hitler came into power and the role the U.S. played in helping stopping the Nazis and Japanese from taking

over the world. We will also be exploring the impact of the Holocaust.

**ELA:** In English classes, we are wrapping up our Historical Fiction reading unit. The students have been doing AWESOME and it has been so great to hear them speak with each other in their book clubs about what they have been reading. Soon, we will be transitioning into our next unit. The students will be back to reading a “Just Right Book” during class and will be creating a companion book to go with their reading.

## Electives

### Classroom Updates

**Visual Arts:** Beginning art students are working on the new landscape project. Intermediate art students are working on the new portrait project. Studio art students are working on the canvas painting project. If you have any questions please let me know.

Thanks, Kent Miller, (kent.miller@spps.org)

**French:** **French 1** students are ready to begin their skit project, “Au Carrefour!” They will be writing the script, creating props, designing an advertising poster and of course learning lines and acting in their skit about shopping for classroom supplies on sale at *Carrefour*, the Super Target of France. **French 2** students are finishing up their unit, *Bon Anniversaire!* They are working on mastering the -IR verbs this week.

**Media Arts Exploration:** It’s been a short week, but students are creating a presentation about the resources they have learned about.

**Creative Writing:** This week students have been finishing up their animations in Google Slides. The shortest has been 32 slides and the longest is 241 slides! Students are beginning to plan their Choose-Your-Own-Adventure stories for next week’s interactive stories project.

### Upcoming Events

*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: *Twelfth Night* at 6:30pm

*Saturday, March 23, 2019*

- School Play: *Twelfth Night* at 1:00pm

*Friday, March 29, 2019*

- Last day of Quarter 3

*April 1 - April 5, 2019*

- No School - Spring Break

[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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