

NOV 2011



PARKWAY MANOR NEWSLINE



A PTO Publication



Dates to Remember...

November 4

- Picture Retakes
- Movie Night 7pm

November 8

- Election Day Bake Sale

November 14

- PTO Meeting
9:00AM in the Faculty Lounge

November 17, 18, 21, 22, 23

- EARLY DISMISSAL at 1:45PM
- Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 24, 25, & 28

- NO SCHOOL/Holiday

Upcoming....

December 6

- 5th Grade Winter Concert

December 8

- Holiday Boutique

Photo Submission Deadline!

Remember to submit
your digital photo's
of Halloween by
December 1st!

Submit via email to
tlsussman@verizon.net
or send a CD/DVD to
school ATTN: Yearbook

THANK YOU!

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Closing or Delaying School for Inclement Weather- A Most Challenging Decision

Among my most challenging responsibilities as Superintendent of Schools is making the decision regarding school delays or cancellations. And yet, given the geographical location of our school district, inclement, wintry weather will always be a seasonal challenge.

Because it is getting to be that time of year again, I want to share a few thoughts about the process that is utilized in making inclement weather decisions in Parkland. Hopefully, this information will demystify the process and minimize the frustration associated with not knowing how decisions are made.

In much the same manner as everyone else, we learn about approaching weather conditions from television, radio and computer reports. Once the weather alert occurs, our Transportation and School Services Departments begin to make preparations.

If the weather front is occurring in the evening or overnight, Transportation will have a couple of drivers out at about 4:00 a.m. First they will check those roads that are typically most problematic. From north to south, our school district spans 75 square miles and varies greatly in road and weather conditions. At the same time, we will be speaking with the municipalities and Penn Dot about plowing/cindering/salting schedules. We also speak to key personnel in surrounding school districts to ascertain any information that may be helpful.

Typically, by 5:00 a.m., we will have gathered all of the most current information that is available. This information is coupled with our knowledge of Parkland School District demographics:

- Weather conditions vary greatly across the district
- We have in excess of 1,000 bus stops
- Our buses will travel in excess of 1,000 miles during a school day
- We transport approximately 10,000 students per day
- Our buses will be operating within the typical traffic flow
- Many of our bus stops may be affected by snow plowing
- Our Grounds Department will need time to plow parking lots and clear walkways

Based upon all the data and knowledge we have about our weather conditions and demographics, I typically will make a decision by 5:30 a.m. Once I make the decision regarding a delay or cancellation, I start to make the necessary contacts. The message is posted to our web site home page at www.parklandsd.org. The radio and television stations are notified and key personnel are called. This year will be the fourth season that we will also be utilizing our emergency phone system so staff and parents will receive a phone call to the number designated for this purpose. If your phone contact information has changed, please notify the school office as soon as possible.

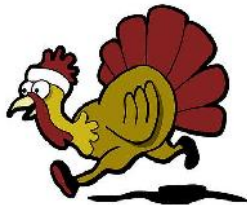
On most of these occasions we will make ONE decision early in the morning- to close or delay- and that will be final for the day. We believe this is easier for most parents as you make plans for the day. Once in a great while the timing of a weather event is such that buying a little extra time with a delay MIGHT allow us to safely open school. In these rare events, the message will state that we will provide an update by a certain time. The same means of communication will be used to provide an update when necessary.

Please remember- it is the responsibility of parents / guardians to make arrangements for the care of your children in the event that we need to close or delay our schools for weather or any other potential emergency situation.

This information is being shared to provide you with some insight into what happens behind the scenes during bad weather events in Parkland. Please know that student safety is the central focus of this exercise. Entrusted with the safety of approximately 9,400 students, we will always err on the side of caution in making weather-related decisions. No decision is more important.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING! Let's hope for a mild winter and an early spring!
Richard T. Sniscak, Superintendent of Schools

Turkey Trot!



Hey all you little turkeys ...let's get out there and walk for a great cause. This year we will be having a Turkey Trot to raise money for Make a Wish Foundation in memory of Justin Ortuno. From November 1st through November 15th students will have an opportunity to trot 10 times around the walking path. Each lap is worth 20 cents. We are asking that each student gets at least one sponsor. If each student raises \$2.00, the Turkey Trot would be a huge success. So let's get trotting...the best part...if we raise \$1,500 dollars Mr. Bartman will wear his turkey hat!

Please look for the flyer on e-communications.

HELP US HELP OUR SCHOOL



Did you know there's an easy way to help us raise money for our school—for books, reading programs and anything else that can use extra funding? It's called Take Charge of Education, and it's helping our school right now.

Here's how it works: Visit Target.com/tcoe or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate our school, then use your REDcard whenever you shop. When you use your REDcardSM (Target® Visa® Credit Card, Target Credit CardSM or Target Check CardSM), Target will donate up to 1% of your purchases to the eligible K–12 school of your choice.*

Don't have a REDcard? It's easy to apply. Get started in person at any Target store or go to Target.com/redcard.

Grandparents, alumni, friends and neighbors are all welcome to participate in the program. The more people we involve, the harder the program works for our school. If you're already participating, thank you! Check out our school's progress anytime at Target.com/tcoe.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Tanner Lewis, Jada Rodriguez, Madison Houser, Evan Moge, Justin Bower, Madison Dugan, Brianna Holumzer, Brittney Vaca, Nora Shearer, Savannah Brown, Julia Young, Briana Duka, Grace Fifield, Matthew Feder, Abigayle Lytle, Dhruvil Pathak, Paul Stillittano, Kayla Kistler, Nandini Kulkarni, Riti Mital, Abigail Giordano, Jad Khansa, Isabella Vidal, Ricky Wu, Ryan Norris, Ethan Atiyeh, Ali Muntasir, Olivia Nyce, Nicholas Golovanov, Elijah Raad, Katarina O'Mara, Michael Oliver, Sarah Abu-Nabaa, Andrew Circo, Nicholas Rappa, Peter Lambrinos, Ee-Ning Ooi, Hector Sanchez, Jeremy Budiardjo, Geoffrey Levy, Jake Wiener, Nadine Tandazo, Toseef Mughal, Laura Weinlader, Adrienne Lai and Avery Besz

Mrs. Monarek

Mrs. Tavarez

Mrs. Barhight

Mrs. Haberle



Ongoing PTO Programs

Gently Used Books

Donations can be placed in the bin located outside the cafeteria.

Inkjet & laser cartridges and cell phone recycling

You or your child can drop them in the container across from the cafeteria entrance.

Box Tops

Please continue to cut and collect your box tops and look for upcoming contests throughout the year!



Office DEPOT
Taking Care of Business

Do you shop at Office Depot?

When you shop at Office Depot, 5% of your purchase will be donated to Parkway Manor Elementary School every time you make a purchase as long as Account Number 70084859 is credited. At the time of purchase all you need to do is mention 'Back to School Rewards'. Yes, that's it! Mention Back to School Rewards (Year Round) and the cashier will look up the Parkway Manor Elementary School Account Number and credit Parkway Manor 5% of your purchase. All proceeds are to benefit Parkway Manor Students.



Health Room News

We are still in the midst of vision and hearing screenings, as mandated by the state. Hopefully, we will finish these as well as obtaining a height and weight on every student by mid December.



We would like to take this time to remind you to please return any physical or dental examination forms that have been given to you. **All Kindergarten and new students to the school** must have a current physical exam and dental exams. Also, **all third grade students** need dental exams. You will receive written notification in early November if your child's requirements have not been met. Please let us know if you have appointments made in the near future to meet these requirements. Contacting us with this information will save paper and postage.

All students in all grades will need a second varicella vaccine to protect against chicken pox and a second mumps vaccine by **May 6, 2012**. You started receiving written notification of this requirement last year and you will again receive written notification in early November if your child is in need of any immunizations. In many cases, your child has already had this vaccine, but the health room does not have written proof. It is a state mandate that the health room receives written proof that these vaccines have been given. Please check with your physician and if your child has had it already; then you can have your physician fax these documents to us at 610-351-5859.



If you have any questions just give us a call. Thank you to all the parents who have already returned these forms and immunization records! We look forward to working with all of you, encouraging your children to have a healthy, safe, and academically successful school year.

We wish you a Happy Thanksgiving.

Respectfully
Judith Herb, RN, BSN, Certified School Nurse
Christine Waterhouse, RN, Health Room Aide

The Parkland Community Advisory Council (CAC) Invites You to Our November Meeting

The November CAC meeting topic will be "Curriculum Updates/ School District Ranking/Teacher Perspective of Parkland" and given by members of the Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development Department on Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Center. The public is invited to attend.

Friday, November 4th at 7:00PM

Animated Feature

Voices by: Owen Wilson, Michael Caine, Jason Issacs

Walt Disney Pictures/Pixar Animation;

Directed by Brad Lewis and John Lasseter

Rated G; 113 minutes; 2011

Star racecar Lightning McQueen, and the incomparable tow truck, Mater, take their friendship to exciting new places when they head overseas to compete in the first-ever World Grand Prix to determine the world's fastest car. But the road to the championship is filled with plenty of potholes, detours and hilarious surprises when Mater gets caught up in an intriguing adventure of his own: international espionage. Torn between assisting Lightning McQueen in the high-profile race and towing the line in a top-secret spy mission, Mater's action-packed journey leads him on an explosive chase through the streets of Japan and Europe, trailed by his friends and watched by the whole world.



Time: Movie starts at 7:00pm, doors open at 6:30 for seating.

Place: Parkway Manor Gym

Price: \$1.50 per ticket per person

Ticket sales start Mon 10/31 thru 11/4/11 for Cars 2. All sales times will be from 11 am- 1pm in the cafeteria. AM and PM Kindergarten can purchase tickets in the office.

With your ticket purchase you will receive a drink, a soft pretzel and a bag of candy! Everyone that's buys a ticket get a chance to win the movie goodie basket in a raffle.

Please remember this is a family event and children must be accompanied by an adult. Kids bring your pillows or blankets to sit on.

Also please enter through the back of the school at the gym doors.

Please check this web site for a movie review of this movie www.kidsinmind.com

Domino's Nights!



Parkway Manor Elementary School Domino's Pizza School Nights will be held on 11/16, 12/21, 1/18, 2/15, 3/21, 4/18 and 5/16. When you order on these days 15% of your order will be donated to our school. Orders will be accepted throughout the day & night. You can use your own coupons or the store's specials. Just mention Parkway Manor when ordering or Check our e-Wednesday communication for additional coupons, specials and download the form.

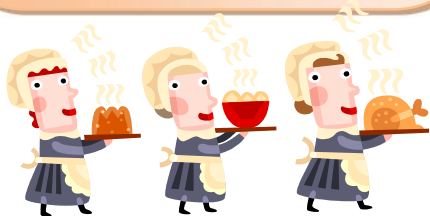
Whether you pick-up or have your order delivered 15% of your purchase will be donated to our school!

Dominos Pizza
4229 Tilghman St.
610-395-1515

THANKS for a Great Book Fair! The Parkway Manor PTO would like to thank all of our Book Fair Volunteers for making this year's Fall event a big success! This event helped raise money that we were able to use to put more books into the classrooms and the school's library for all of our kids to enjoy.

Thanks, too, to everyone who purchased items from the fair. Every purchase helped our school, our teachers, and our kids!

Happy Reading!
Beth Kushnick, Jen Oxfeld & Ilene Ringold, Co-Chairs for Fall Book Fair



Spirit Wear Sale is Back!

Going on Now!

Order forms due soon – check out the new design and the great selection of products to purchase! It's not too early to start your holiday shopping.

Look for more information in the weekly e-communications!

Questions? Contact Rachel Shurman @ 610-398-1044

Go Panthers!



In response to No Bullying Month in October, I went into the fifth grade classrooms and presented "The Bullying Exercise." This lesson helps students understand various roles students may play in a bullying situation. Students described their feelings and actions in the role of a bully, target, follower, passive bully, passive supporter, defender, possible defender and disengaged onlooker. Below are some words of wisdom from among the many excellent responses received from our students.

Brendan Fraley: "It's better to be a defender because when someone bullies you, you shouldn't be alone and feel like you are in a dark hole."

Megan Cole: "The bullying might stop if more people helped the person being bullied."

Owen Campaign: "There are many parts or roles going on and not just a bully and a student. You can change your role by changing your attitude."

Austin Gardner: "Some people don't help the bullied student. They want to stop it, but are afraid the bully will hurt them emotionally or physically."

Grace Gilmore: "Everyone has a role. You just have to choose the right one."



Remember our Panther Pride Pledge is to respect others and be kind.

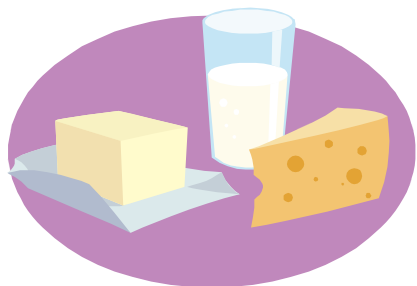
We are being "responsible" when we stand up for others being bullied. Respect, responsibility, kind, and safe are words we can use at school and at home.

Janice L. Carroll, School Counselor



November 2011 - Healthy Snacking for the Whole Household

Presented by the Parkland Health and Wellness Council



Low-Fat Dairy Foods

Dairy foods are a great source of calcium, which can help to build strong bones. However, dairy products also are the biggest sources of artery-clogging saturated fat in kids' diets. To protect children's bones and hearts, make sure all dairy foods served are low-fat or fat-free.

Yogurt - Look for brands that are low-fat or fat-free, moderate in sugars (no more than about 30 grams of sugars in a 6-oz. cup), and high in calcium (at least 25% of daily value [DV] for calcium in a 6-oz. cup). Examples include Danimals Drinkable Low-Fat Yogurt, Go-Gurt by Yoplait, or cups of low-fat or non-fat yogurt from Stonyfield Farm, Dannon, Horizon, and similar store brands. Low-fat or non-fat yogurt also can be served with fresh or frozen fruit or low-fat granola.

Low-Fat Cheese - Cheese provides calcium, but often its saturated fat price tag is too high. Cheese is the number two source of heart-damaging saturated fat in children's diets. Even with low-fat and reduced-fat cheese, be sure to serve with other foods like fruit, vegetables, or whole grain crackers. Choose reduced-fat cheeses like Trader Joe's Armenian Style Braided; Borden or Sargento Light Mozzarella string cheese; Frigo Light Cheese Heads; Kraft Twist-Ums; Polly-O Twisterellas; the Laughing Cow's Light Original Mini Babybel; or Cabot 50% Light Vermont Cheddar.

Low-Fat Pudding and Frozen Yogurt - Low-fat or fat-free pudding and frozen yogurt should be served only as occasional treats, because they are high in added sugars.

Other Snack Ideas

Nuts - Since nuts are high in calories, it is best to serve them along with another snack such as fruit. A small handful of nuts is a reasonable serving size. Examples include peanuts, pistachios, almonds, walnuts, cashews, or soy nuts. Look for nuts that are unsalted.

Trail Mix - Trail mixes are easy to make and store well in a sealed container. Items to include: low-fat granola, whole grain cereals, peanuts, cashews, almonds, sunflower seeds, pumpkin seeds, and dried fruits like raisins, apricots, apples, pineapple, or cranberries. Look for dried fruit that has no added sugar.

Lunch Meat - Choose lower-fat, reduced-sodium brands of turkey, ham, and roast beef and serve with whole wheat bread, pita, tortillas (as a wrap sandwich), or crackers. Cut sandwiches in half to make snack-sized portions or roll them up into pinwheels and secure them with toothpicks.