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PARKLAND'S TOP 3% RECOGNIZED AT COMMENCEMENT

During the Parkland graduation ceremony, students graduating within the top 3% of the class are recognized. The students graduating with highest honors in the top 3% of the class wore a red and gray honor cord over their graduation gowns. Their names in alphabetical order are: Nur Maria Bookwala (George Washington University), Nina Yuanyuan Cao (Harvard University), Robert J. Corba III (Hamilton College), Alexandra Isabel Fry (University of Virginia), Roy Ghosh (Stanford), Ty Golden (Rutgers), Maanasi D. Gothoskar (Penn State Schreyer Honors), Brian S. Hanion (Michigan State), Nina E. Johnson (Cornell), Sumedha Kanthamneni (UCLA), Aryaman Khandelwal (Princeton), Andrew Corbin LeBoeuf (University of Virginia), Willam Edward McMahan (New York University), Joseph Carl Mockler (University of Pittsburgh), Katrina Emily Olenwine (University of Pittsburgh), Vikram Pandian (University of Texas at Austin), Sung Min Park (Boston College), Garima Vrajesh Patel (University of Pittsburgh), Tyler Timothy Prehl (West Chester University), Rohith Ramanujam Kumar (Texas A&M University), Habeeb A. Salau (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), Courtney A. Sicinski (George Washington University), Warren Christopher Snover (University of Pittsburgh), Seungkwon Son (University of Pennsylvania), and Samuel N. Zahn (University of North Carolina Chapel Hill). Congratulations to you and all 765 of our 2018 graduates!



Class of 2018 Exit Survey

Entering College - 86%
Four-Year College - 63%
Two-Year College - 23%
Business/Tech - 1%
Workforce - 13%
Military - 1%

WHAT LIES AHEAD FOR THE CLASS OF 2018?

This fall, one student will be enrolled in the U.S. Naval Academy and three will go to the U.S. Military Academy. Enrollment at Penn State University's Main Campus is 35 students, and 20 will attend a Penn State branch campus. Locally, college enrollment includes Cedar Crest College (9), DeSales University (9), Kutztown University (37), Lafayette College (1), Lehigh University (8), Moravian College (4), Muhlenberg College (6), Lehigh Carbon Community College (133), and Northampton Community College (8). Some other popular choices include Bloomsburg University (22), Drexel University (6), Duquesne University (7), Temple University (31), University of Pittsburgh (39), and West Chester University (21).



Join Us for Homecoming Week!
Homecoming Football Game and Float Parade
Friday, October 5, 2018
Parkland vs. Whitehall

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BREAKING GROUND AT VETERANS MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

School Opens in the Fall of 2020



From left to right: Richard Sniscak, David Jandl, David Kennedy, Chase Godusky, Vanshika Chiluka, Kathy Rader, Greg Butz and Jamie Bortz.

FAST FACTS: VETERANS MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Veterans Memorial will be Parkland's ninth elementary school and will house approximately 700 students in grades K-5. Students from the new school will likely move into Springhouse Middle School following the completion of their elementary education.

The parcel is approximately 18 acres in size and is located on the west side of Twin Ponds Road between Long Lane and Schantz Road.

The total cost of the new elementary school project will be approximately \$35.8 million, including site work and road improvements near the school.

Enrollment patterns and projections are being studied and attendance boundaries are planned to be shared with students and parents in the fall of 2019.

The announcement of the name was made by David and Jackie Jandl and their children during the June 19, 2018, School Board Meeting where Mr. Jandl expressed his passion for serving military veterans stating, "What segment in our community is more worthy of being honored than veterans, particularly those veterans who have lost their lives while protecting our freedoms."

On Thursday, August 16, 2018, the Parkland School Board and Administration held a ceremony to commemorate the groundbreaking of the new Veterans Memorial Elementary School which was named by David and Jackie Jandl and their children as an expression of appreciation for their recent land donation to Parkland School District. The donated land will house a newly constructed Parkland Elementary School in the middle of one of the District's fastest growing areas of new residential construction.

Participating in the Groundbreaking Ceremony was Robert M. Fegley VFW Post 8282 located in Breinigsville, the Jandl Family, PA State Representative Gary Day, Ms. Ellen Kern, Chief of Staff for Pennsylvania Senator Pat Browne, Mr. Greg L. Butz, President and CEO of the Construction Management firm Alvin H. Butz, Inc., Ms. Jamie Bortz, Architect from KCBA Architects who designed the school, Ms. Kathy Rader, Supervisor from Upper Macungie Township, and Parkland School Board Directors, administrators, students and families.

The design of the new elementary school was driven by the District's vision statement "Educating for Success, Inspiring Excellence." In addition to core spaces that accommodate approximately 700 students, the building will feature an interactive and highly visible literacy center directly off the main entrance that reflects the prominence of literacy in the curriculum. This key space is complemented by two local literacy centers: one focused on reading for K-2 students and the other focused on media and technology for grades 3-5. A STEM Learning Center at the heart of the school and outdoor learning spaces complete the design which features two classroom wings, gym, stage, cafeteria and performing and visual arts spaces. An efficient site layout will establish safe and segregated vehicular circulation for cars and buses, as well as ample areas for recreation and community activities. The building will have expansive natural light and a warm, colorful interior suited to the educational and emotional needs of students in their first formal years of schooling.

THE STATE OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT, ACCORDING TO 800 PHS STUDENTS



On October 10, 2018, Parkland High School will host an educational program focused on the First Amendment in partnership with the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the Freedom Forum Institute, Muhlenberg College, Nauman, Smith, Shissler & Hall Law Firm, the Pennsylvania News Media Association and PBS39. The program will include a survey that examines all 800 Parkland seniors' views and knowledge about the First Amendment which focuses on freedoms of religion, speech, press, assembly and petition. The survey results will be compiled and analyzed by the Public Opinion Institute at Muhlenberg College and compared with the First Amendment Center of the Freedom Forum Institute's national annual survey. The televised forum will include a presentation of original research by the First Amendment Center on Americans' awareness of the First Amendment, analysis of the students' survey results and a question and answer session.

The national survey reveals that three out of four Americans support the First Amendment and the freedoms it guarantees, but more than a third could not name a single freedom and another third were able to name only one. The Pennsylvania Bar Association was brainstorming ways to increase awareness of the First Amendment, especially ways to reach students. "No one at the Pennsylvania Bar Association has done a one-time educational program on this scale," said Craig J. Staudenmaier, former Bar/Press Committee chair. Alice Stinebaugh, social studies department chair at Parkland High School is working to set up the program at PHS and stated, "We're celebrating the 230th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution and the 50th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Constitution. This program will help students understand this cornerstone of our democracy."



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Parkland Community,

Welcome back to the 2018-2019 school year. As this newsletter goes to print, we are preparing for another school year in Parkland and making plans to welcome approximately 9,500 students into our K-12 classrooms.

Over the last year, there has been a renewed nationwide effort to secure schools. Here in Parkland, we have continued to focus on ways to improve, and I wish to share some new initiatives related to safety. Silent alarms have been installed in key areas throughout all of our buildings, allowing alerts to be sent directly to the Lehigh County Emergency Response Center. Maps for our 911 system have been reviewed and updated to allow emergency responders to pinpoint precise locations of 911 calls. Additionally, we have enabled our phone system to allow me or any building principal the ability to pick up any District phone and broadcast emergency messages within the District or buildings. An upgrade to our security camera software system was performed to include artificial intelligence that allows administrators to search footage using descriptors (e.g. find all males wearing blue pants and a black shirt). This enhanced capability will greatly improve speed and accuracy in searching video footage within the District's fleet of more than 1,000 cameras. At the start of the school year, our entire staff of 1,350 employees went through state police training on how to respond to an assailant. It includes options for staff to use their judgement to run or hide or fight in order to remain safe in any situation and has been

nationally endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Providing equity for all students is another focus area and every student in grades 6-12 will be issued a Chromebook. To ensure that every child has access to Wi-Fi at home, kajeets (filtered mobile hot spots) are available for loan at all media centers. Additionally, we are promoting Everyoneon.org, a program that provides \$10/month Wi-Fi access for families who qualify (see the website for more information).

In late June, we announced a new partnership with St. Luke's Sports Medicine. The agreement provides preventive care, urgent and emergency care, rehabilitation care, sports performance services, and physicals and related services to students and staff. In addition, St. Luke's will provide a variety of educational programs tied to its Temple/St. Luke's School of Medicine for students. The sponsorship monies provided by St. Luke's are valued in excess of \$115,000 annually and will be directed to the District's General Fund to help mitigate the tax impact on residents.

Our facilities team had another busy summer as they performed several capital improvement projects, protecting our community's investment in education. Modular classrooms were installed at Cetronia and Fogelsville in an effort to house students in the rapidly growing southern portion of our School District until our Veterans Memorial Elementary School opens in two years. A new air conditioning system was installed in the District's head end room to protect our computer networking system. Concrete work was performed at Cetronia and Parkway Manor. A new chiller was installed and roof work was completed at Springhouse. Fogelsville underwent a boiler conversion as they were able to convert our boiler system to utilize natural gas. The annual energy cost savings of this project is projected to be about \$50,000 per year. We also replaced the sound system at the football stadium.



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**The District achieved this
ranking by scoring highly
on various factors including
test scores, student-teacher
ratio, and reviews from
students and parents.**

The Parkland School District maintains the theme "Academics, Arts & Athletics....Educating the Whole Child" as a framework to guide the efforts of the entire school community. Our Cabinet believes this theme describes those values that our School Board, Administrative Team, and Community desire in educating our youth.

Our Parkland School District Comprehensive Education is anchored by three primary developmental pillars that focus upon Academics, Arts and Athletics. These remain essential areas of focus with requirements that cross-connect and reinforce each other through a variety of programs, clubs, and activities. Within these three core areas, we have established requirements for completion and advancement.

I encourage you to peruse this newsletter and plan to join us at one of our many fall and winter events. I wish you all a wonderful BACK TO SCHOOL season.

Sincerely,

Richard T. Sniscak
Superintendent of Schools



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19 PARKLAND STAFF RECEIVE SUPERINTENDENT'S PARKLAND PRIDE AWARDS FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND

The Superintendent's Parkland Pride Award is a program that recognizes outstanding achievements of employees and volunteers within Parkland School District. We invited you to tell us about a Parkland School District staff member or volunteer who had gone the extra mile this school year to make you proud to live in Parkland or be a part of the Parkland staff. Nineteen winners were announced on August 28th. There were 68 nominations; 44 people plus an entire department (bus garage staff of 11 people) were nominated in all. One nominee (Jude Sandt) was nominated by 15 people inclusive of students, parents and staff. Here are the award winners (listed alphabetically by last name):

Matthew Carlson, School Psychologist, OMS
Timothy Chorones, Fogelsville Elementary Principal
Mike Messerschmidt, Orefield Middle School Teacher
Donna Reinert, Cetronia Elementary Librarian/Media Specialist
James Rivera, Parkland High School Behavior Specialist/Home School Visitor
Jude Sandt, Parkland High School Assistant Principal
Amber and Paul "Wes" Spence, Parkland High School Teachers

Bus Garage Staff - Worked Weekend of Bus Fire as follows:
Duane Betz, Daniel Blewitt, David Butz, Paul Frantz,
James Haldaman, Andrew Hargrove, Geroge Husack,
Brandon Maiuro, Ryan Seckington, Vickie Schadler,
Kerry Stefanyak, and Val Strock



Visit our Parkland Pride Awards web page to view the Honorable Mentions and all of the nominations as well as a video about our winners at <https://www.parklandsd.org/departments/superintendents-office/parkland-pride-awards>. The names of each year's Superintendent's Parkland Pride Award Winners will be added to a plaque that will be perpetually displayed in the Administration Center. In addition, each winner was treated to a luncheon with the Superintendent, sponsored by the Parkland School District Education Foundation.

EVERY SECONDARY STUDENT WILL BE GIVEN A CHROMEBOOK



creative and personalized learning opportunities to our classrooms last year.

For example, middle school teachers incorporated Schoology into their curriculum in 2017-18. Schoology is an online Learning Management System (LMS) that allows teachers to design lessons, create engaging content, and assess student understanding. Classrooms that utilize Schoology allow students to keep track of assignments and projects by storing them all in one portal. Teachers provide feedback within the portal, thus allowing a more engaging space for parents to better access and understand what their child is learning and how well they are learning.

Students will continue to use Schoology and CLEVER, in conjunction with their Chromebooks, as a digital textbook for many different tasks including note-taking, homework assignments, coursework, collaborative research projects, and more.

DISTRICT LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

Parkland School District is committed to creating an environment where we meet the needs of all whom we serve. We strive to make our facilities and technology accessible to all students, staff and visitors in accordance with WCAG 2.0 Level AA guidelines. As part of this commitment, Parkland School District is introducing the AudioEye toolbar to its website. This feature will provide a comprehensive set of tools enabling our website visitors the ability to experience interfaces that are most accessible to their needs.

Our new website also includes an enhanced search capability to help users quickly find what they are looking for. Also, icons at the top of the site allow people to click on our most visited web pages. A new athletic portal allows users to search athletic schedules and information. Individual sports and school calendars can be synchronized with personal calendars. Plus, the site features a cleaner, more user friendly design. We hope you enjoy it!



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PARKLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

A Community of Learners

The following classes will be offered this fall to Senior Citizens, ages 55 and older, who reside in the Parkland School District. The classes are FREE of charge. Please register before the class deadline of September 14, 2018 either online at www.parklandsd.org/seniors/ or complete the registration form on the facing page and mail to: Community Relations, Parkland School District, 1210 Springhouse Rd., Allentown, PA 18104 or FAX 610-351-5509. Because this program is very popular, we ask that people do not register unless they can attend a majority of the sessions. All classes will be reserved via a lottery system. Please note that registration forms received after 9/14/18 will be added to a waiting list and will be notified after class rosters are finalized and if a class spot becomes available. Parkland School District will send out course notifications starting on September 20th. Kindly refrain from contacting the office until after September 24th if you have not yet received confirmation. Thank you.

WATER AEROBICS

Parkland High School Pool Saturdays
Saturday, Oct 6 – Nov 17, 1-2 PM
Wednesdays, Oct 10 – Nov 14, 6-7 PM

The class features low impact aerobics (conducted in shallow water) specifically geared to seniors. The class will focus on the use of all muscles and limbs, breathing and stretching. Water shoes or old clean sneakers are suggested for safety. Swim noodles are provided at the pool. Swimmers should enter through the lower entrance at the back of the Athletic Wing. Two classes will be offered this fall in the Parkland High School Pool located at 2700 North Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown, PA 18104.

DOABLE YOGA FOR SENIORS - Sponsored by South Whitehall Township Recreation

Cetronia Elementary School Gym
Mondays, Oct 1 - Dec 10, 4:30-5:30 PM
Wednesdays, Oct 3 - Dec 12, 4:30-5:30 PM
(No class on Nov 21)

Marie will once again be sponsored by South Whitehall Township Recreation to instruct yoga for Parkland seniors. The class will provide a gentle practice to improve the connection between body and mind. Through a combination of a seated and standing flow, you will learn to maintain or increase range of motion as well as improve balance. Guided meditation will also focus on stress relief. Please bring your own yoga mat. All classes will be offered at Cetronia Elementary School, 3635 Broadway, Allentown, PA 18104.

QIGONG (pronounced “chee gong”)

Parkland Administration Center Board Room
Wednesdays, Oct 3 – Nov 21, 11 AM-12 Noon
(No class on 10/10)

Qigong is an exercise for health and longevity and an essential part of Classical Chinese Medicine. Qigong focuses on coordinating one's intention, breath and movement. No equipment is needed; the exercises are done standing. Please wear comfortable shoes and clothing that allows free movement. The Parkland Administration Center is located at 1210 Springhouse Rd., Allentown, PA 18104.

THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT

Troxell Building Library
Monday, Oct 15, 6-8:30 PM

Learn about the fast-emerging world of mobile applications (apps, for short). An app is a piece of software that can run on the Internet, on your computer, or on your mobile phone, tablet or other electronic device. In this class you will learn how to search for, download and add apps to your mobile devices and then, learn how to have fun with them. Prerequisite: A valid email address (will need to download apps), an iPhone, smart phone, iPad or a tablet. The Troxell Building is located at 2219 N. Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown, PA 18104. Please enter the building through the back parking lot.

MICROSOFT OFFICE 2016

Ironton Elementary School
Monday and Wednesday, Nov 12 & 14,
5:30-8 PM (Note: Doors will open at 5:20 PM)
WORD

On Monday, learn Word from the very beginning. Find out what's new in Word 2016 and how you might use it for your personal needs, hobbies, non-profit volunteering, or running your own business. You'll get hands-on experience with formatting, cut, copy and paste, auto-correction options, and graphics. You'll also learn about working with numbers, bullets, lists, charts, and tables.

EXCEL

On Wednesday, learn how Excel can help you manage your life! Work with cells and rows to help organize daily tasks. No need to make a pencil and paper spreadsheet any longer! Through this fun, hands-on, “step-by-step” class, you'll learn how to keep track of your family finances by creating a budget spreadsheet or plan the perfect party. Use Excel as a database to maintain lists of your CD/DVD collection, your books, or your stamp collection. Learn to mail merge by making an address list and then create mailing labels. Ironton Elementary School is located at 3135 Levans Road, Coplay, PA 18037.

DIGITAL CAMERA AND PHOTO EDITING

Ironton Elementary School
Monday and Wednesday, Dec 3 & 5,
5:30–8 PM (Note: Doors will open at 5:20 PM)

Take photos and use the free online photo editing software, Pixlr. You can combine image design and paint tools with photo editing and adjustment features in this image editing program. Anyone with access to the Internet can apply a quick fix in lighting, cropping, contrast, or add a personal touch to photos with creative effects, and borders. When your photos are perfect, it's time to share them with friends and family. This class is offered just in time to create the perfect holiday gifts using your own photos. Ironton Elementary School is located at 3135 Levans Road, Coplay, PA 18037.

CREATE MEMORIES IN A SNAP

Cetronia Elementary Media Center
Monday, Oct 22, 5:30-8 PM
(Note: Doors will open at 5:20 PM)

If a picture is worth a thousand words, then let us show you how to create memories in a SNAP...with Snapfish and Animoto. With a free account in Snapfish, you can upload and store your photos, share with others, order prints, and create unique gifts such as photo albums, cards, and calendars. Animoto allows you to tell your story using your photos and video clips. By selecting one of their many designs, you can create a professional looking video, add music and share your memories.

GOOGLE AND PINTEREST

Kratzer Elementary School Media Center,
Maximum of 18 participants
Monday, Oct 29 5:30-8 PM
(Note: Doors will open at 5:20 PM)

THE WILD, WONDERFUL WORLD OF GOOGLE

Surf the world in Google and explore the many features you never knew existed. Learn advanced searching methods. Participants should have knowledge of how to use a computer mouse and know how to surf the Internet. This is a fast-paced class with advanced instruction using online tools. Intermediate computer users only should sign up for this class.

PINTEREST

Have you been hearing these buzz words and don't know what all the fuss is about? Don't be left behind. Pinterest is a social bookmarking site where users collect and share photos of their favorite events, interests and hobbies and best of all, you can browse pin boards created by other people. We'll help guide you through the ins and outs and get you on the Pinterest bandwagon.

55 ALIVE/SAFE DRIVER AARP REFRESHER COURSE

Parkland Administration Center Board Room
Four or eight-hour sessions as follows:
Tues, Oct 9, 5-9 PM; Mon, Oct 22, 9 AM-1 PM;
Thurs, Nov 8, 5-9 PM; Weds & Thurs, Nov 28 & 29, 9 AM-1 PM (for first time course takers or expired certificate holders only); and
Wed, Dec 12, 9 AM-1 PM

Sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), the course includes either four or eight hours of classroom instruction that refines existing skills and knowledge and develops safe, defensive driving techniques. Upon completion, Pennsylvania residents age 55 and over may be eligible for auto insurance discounts. PennDot has approved a four-hour AARP Driver Safety Class for any senior who has previously taken the “55 Alive” eight-hour Driver Safety class in the past. *To be admitted to the four-hour course, you must present to the instructor written proof that you have taken a Pennsylvania approved Driver Safety Course within the past three years. Therefore, if it's been 37 months since you have completed a class, you will be required to take the eight-hour class to qualify for the insurance discount. Proof may be in the form of a copy of the course certificate or the insurance policy that shows the driver course discount. Please also bring your driver's license, a pen, and your AARP membership card with you if you are a member. The Parkland Administration Center is located at 1210 Springhouse Rd., Allentown, PA 18104.

ZUMBA GOLD - NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Parkway Manor Elementary School Gym
Thursdays, Sept 13-Dec 20, 4:30-5:30 PM
(No class on Oct 25)

Zumba Gold is a dance fitness class designed for the active senior and will be taught by a certified instructor who is volunteering her time to teach Parkland seniors. The class will feature dance routines set to Latin music as well as some pop hits. Parkway Manor is located at 768 Parkway Rd., Allentown, PA 18104.

SENIOR CITIZENS ANNUAL WINTER CONCERT & DINNER

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The hotline opens Oct 2nd to reserve a spot at the this favorite event!

**Seniors should call
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on or after

Tuesday, October 2 at 1 PM
*to Allow Equal Access for
all Seniors in the Community*

Parkland School District is pleased to announce the dates for our popular Senior Citizen Holiday Dinner Concerts that promise a fun-filled evening of food and entertainment. Parkland Senior Citizens are invited to enjoy a complimentary dinner at Parkland High School and then adjourn to the auditorium for sounds of the holidays. Seniors can choose to attend the Parkland High School Chorus Concert on Thursday, December 6th or the Band Concert on Thursday, December 13th. On both nights, doors open at 5 PM in the high school cafeteria. Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM and the concerts begin at 7 PM. Residents should RSVP to only one event so that we can host as many people as possible.

Please call 610-351-5597 and follow the prompts to leave your reservation on our automated voice message system. In order to ensure that all seniors in the community have equal access to both dinner concerts, **WE WILL NOT OPEN OUR RESERVATION HOTLINE UNTIL 1 PM ON OCTOBER 2, 2018.**

At that time, reservation requests will be accommodated in the order they are received until the dinner concerts are full.

You will only receive a call back if you have a specific question. Your RSVP will be recorded and you can simply check in under your last name when you attend the dinner.

NOTE: ALL GUESTS MUST BE 55 OR OLDER AND RESIDE WITHIN THE PARKLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT.

For any questions pertaining to the Senior Citizen Program at Parkland, please contact Nicole Mehta McGalla, Director of Community Relations & Development, at 610-351-5630 or mcgallan@parklandsd.org.

REGISTRATION FORM PARKLAND SENIORS

A Community of Learners

COURSE CONFIRMATIONS WILL BE SENT TO PARTICIPANTS THE WEEK OF 9/24.

Please register online at www.parklandsd.org/seniors/ or complete the registration form below **by 9/14/18** by checking only (1) date per class. If you are available for alternate dates, indicate preference by number. Be sure to write clearly and include your phone number. Room locations will be posted in the main lobby of schools.

WATER AEROBICS

Please choose only (1) class below:

- ___ Class 1: Saturdays, Oct 6 – Nov 17, 1-2 PM, PHS Pool
___ Class 2: Wednesdays, Oct 10 – Nov 14, 6-7 PM, PHS Pool

DOABLE YOGA FOR SENIORS

- ___ Mondays, Oct 1 – Dec 10, 4:30-5:30 PM, Cetronia Elementary Gym
___ Wednesdays, Oct 3 – Dec 12, 4:30-5:30 PM, Cetronia Elementary Gym

QIGONG

- ___ Wednesdays, Oct 3 – Nov 21, 11AM-12 Noon, Parkland Administration Center
(No class on 10/10)

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MICROSOFT OFFICE 2016

- ___ Monday, Nov 12 and Wednesday, Nov 14, 5:30-8 PM, Ironton Elementary School Computer Lab

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55 ALIVE/SAFE DRIVER AARP REFRESHER COURSES

Please choose only (1) class below. **Note: 4-hour sessions listed below are for those who have completed 8-hour Driver Training Safety courses in the past or have not taken a course within the last 3 years. Refer to details on facing page for more info.**

- ___ Class #1 Tuesday, Oct 9, 5-9 PM, Administration Center Board Room
___ Class #2 Monday, Oct 22, 9 AM-1 PM, Administration Center Board Room
___ Class #3 Thursday, Nov 8, 5-9 PM, Administration Center Board Room
___ Class #4 Wednesday, Nov 28 and Thursday, Nov 29, 9 AM-1 PM (for first time course takers or expired certificate holders only), Administration Center Board Room
___ Class #5 Wed, Dec 12, 9 AM-1 PM, Administration Center Board Room

ZUMBA GOLD – NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED, ALL ARE WELCOME

Thursdays, Sept 13–Dec 20, 4:30-5:30 PM, Parkway Manor Gym (No class on 10/25)

Registrations will be accepted through Friday, 9/14/18. Registration forms received after 9/14 will be added to a waiting list and will be notified after class rosters are finalized and if a class spot becomes available. To register online for the lottery process, please complete the form at www.parklandsd.org/seniors/ or MAIL a copy of this form to: Community Relations, Parkland School District, 1210 Springhouse Rd., Allentown, PA 18104 or FAX to 610-351-5509. Thank you for your interest!

NAME _____

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS _____

ZIP CODE: _____ EMAIL: _____

SAYING FAREWELL.... Congratulations 2018 Retirees

Parkland celebrated 52 retirees with a combined 1,182 years in public education at the end of the school year. Outback Steakhouse generously donated and served food during a retirement lunch in June. We wish the following people a wonderful new life journey:

Parkland High School

Denise Anderson
Margaret Bednar
Alice Doran
Paula Kutz
Jeffrey Geisel
Cecilia Lutz
Kim Pilgert
Theresa Stack
Joanne Strzelecki



Fogelsville Elementary *Orefield Middle School*

Susan Bayer
Debra D'Argenio
Rosemary Luczejko
Jane Markwich

Debra Moyer
Karen Cope
Patricia Bielec
Dianne Caspersen

Transportation

Ruth Piper
Jeffrey Seeds
Lynn Patterson
Steven Krasnansky
Timothy Lichtenwalner
Charles Donald
Ronald Stahley
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Phil Vitovich
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SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES AND PROGRAMS, SERVICES FOR PROTECTED HANDICAPPED STUDENTS, AND SERVICES FOR GIFTED STUDENTS

In compliance with state and federal law, notice is hereby given by the Parkland School District (PSD) that it conducts ongoing identification activities as a part of its school program for the purpose of identifying students who may be in need of special education supports and services (PA Code Chapter 14), services via section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (PA Code Chapter 15), and/or gifted education services (PA Code Chapter 16).

Special Education Services: If your child is identified by the District as possibly in need of such services, you will be notified of applicable procedures. Individualized services and programs are available for children who are determined to need specially designed instruction due to the following conditions: Autism; Deaf-blindness; Deafness; Emotional disturbance; Hearing impairment; Intellectual disability; Multiple disabilities; Orthopedic impairment; Other health impairment; Specific learning disability; Speech or language impairment; Traumatic brain injury; Visual impairment.

Section 504/Chapter 15 Services: Parkland School District will provide each protected handicapped student, without discrimination or cost to the student or family, those related aids, services or accommodations which are needed to provide equal opportunity to participate in and obtain the benefits of the school program and co- and non-curricular activities to the maximum extent appropriate to the student's abilities. In order to qualify as a protected handicapped student, the child must be of school age with a physical or mental disability which substantially limits or prohibits participation in or access to an aspect of the school program. These services and protections for "protected handicapped students" are distinct from those applicable to all eligible or exceptional students enrolled (or seeking enrollment) in special education programs.

Chapter 16: While gifted is not included as one of the disabilities categories under the IDEA 2004, the Pennsylvania State Board of Education's regulations as set forth in Chapter 16, Special Education for Gifted Students, provide that gifted students are considered to be children with exceptionalities and are in need of specially designed instruction. If you believe that your school age child may be in need of special education services and related programs, Section 504/Chapter 15 services, Chapter 16 services, screening, and evaluation processes are available to you at no cost, upon written request. Whether or not your child is enrolled in the district's public school program.

Consent: School entities cannot proceed with an evaluation, or with the initial provision of special education, Section 504/Chapter 15, Chapter 16, and related services, without the written consent of the parents. For additional information related to consent, please refer to the Procedural Safeguards Notice which can be found at the PaTTAN website, www.Pattan.net

Requests for school-age evaluation and screening should be made in writing to the Director of Student Services, 1210 Springhouse Road, Allentown, PA 18104.

Preschool Services and Programs: Children age three through the age of admission to first grade are eligible for Early Intervention services if they have developmental delays and, as a result, need Special Education and related services. A child is considered to have a developmental delay when one of the following exists: (i) The child's score, on a developmental assessment device, on an assessment instrument which yields a score in months, indicates that the child is delayed by 25% of the child's chronological age in one or more developmental areas; or (ii) The child is delayed in one or more of the developmental areas, as documented by test performance of 1.5 standard deviations below the mean on standardized tests. Developmental areas include cognitive, communicative, physical, social/emotional and self-help.

Parents of young children with concerns about their child's seeing, hearing, learning, talking, moving about, manipulating objects, understanding, showing emotions, getting along with others, playing with toys, taking care of himself/herself, should contact the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit - Project Connect at (610) 769-4111. Project Connect can provide information to parents about evaluations, programs, therapy, parent supports, and referral to community agencies at no cost to the parent.

Potential Signs of Developmental Delays: For a list of general "warning signs" of possible delay, please refer to "Related Files" on the following webpage:

<http://www.parklandsd.org/departments/student-services/special-education/public-notice/>

WELCOME TO PARKLAND Congratulations to Newly Appointed Administrators

Tom Derhammer – Supervisor of Information Technology

Bill Dreisbach – Director of Athletics

Liz Duld – Systems Analyst/PIMS Coordinator

Katie Gitto – School Psychologist at Jandl and Kernsville

George Husack – Assistant Director of School Services for Transportation

Ed Kobus – Manager of Data Systems

Laura Shappell – School Psychologist at PHS

Patricia Denicola - Assistant Director of Business Administration

District Asbestos & Environmental Plans can be found online at:

www.parklandsd.org/departments/school-services/

PARKLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT HEALTH AND WELLNESS COUNCIL

Healthy choices at school keep our children ready to learn. The school wellness policy helps our school create an action plan for nutrition and physical activity at school. Parents can share their opinions and help make sure the policy is meeting the needs of our students.



Our wellness policy is available at:

<https://www.parklandsd.org/departments/student-services/health-services/health-wellness-council>

If you'd like to be involved on the Health and Wellness Council, contact Lori Seier, Director of Food Service at seierl1@parklandsd.org or call 610-351-5670.

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Our Allentown Medical campus is just minutes from Parkland High School and offers orthopedics, physical therapy as well as walk-in Care on Demand – with extended weekend and evening hours – so you can get the care you need when you need it the most.

Student athletes can also receive top orthopedic care from Parkland Alumnus and Lafayette College team physician **Dr. Nick Slenker** at our Allentown campus. Dr. Slenker works with a team of highly trained physicians and physical therapists with just one goal in mind - to help injured student athletes get back in the game.

CoordinatedHealth.com/Slenker



Coordinated Health's Dr. Nick Slenker leads Parkland High School students in the dissection of a human knee cadaver.

FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

2018-19 CALENDAR AT A GLANCE – IMPORTANT DATES

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

September 4, 2018

OPEN HOUSES

Schnecksville Elementary	Wednesday, September 5
Kernsville Elementary	Thursday, September 6
Parkway Manor Elementary	Thursday, September 6
Cetronia Elementary	Thursday, September 6
Fogelsville Elementary	Thursday, September 6
Ironton Elementary	Thursday, September 6
Kratzer Elementary	Thursday, September 6
Parkland High School	Wednesday, September 12
Springhouse Middle School	Thursday, September 13
Orefield Middle School	Thursday, September 13
Fred J. Jaendl Elementary	Thursday, September 20

DISTRICT-WIDE EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS

Wednesday, November 21
Friday, January 25
Friday, March 8
Friday, April 12
Friday, May 17

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences – November 15-20
(note: Elementary Students will dismiss at 1:45 PM on these days)
Middle School Parent-Teacher Conferences – November 20-21
(note: Middle School Students will dismiss at 1 PM on these days)

LENGTH OF SCHOOL DAYS

Elementary School (K-5)	8:50 AM - 3:30 PM
Middle School (Grades 6-8)	7:45 AM - 2:38 PM
High School (Grades 9-12)	7:40 AM - 2:53 PM

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS – SCHOOLS CLOSED

September 19, October 8, November 6, January 21

CAFETERIA PRICES

Elementary Lunch \$2.60
Secondary Lunch \$2.85
Elementary Breakfast \$1.40
Secondary Breakfast \$1.60
Adult Lunch \$3.85
Adult Breakfast \$2.35
Milk \$.50
Reduced Price Lunch \$.40
Reduced Price Breakfast \$.30

KEYSTONE TESTS - Winter

Literature - December 5-6
Biology - January 8-9
Algebra - January 10-11

KEYSTONE TESTS - Spring

Literature - May 13-14
Biology - May 15-16
Algebra - May 20-21

OTIS LENNON TEST

Grade 1 - February 4-8

PENNSYLVANIA SYSTEM OF SCHOOL ASSESSMENT (PSSA TESTS)

Grades 3-8 English Language Arts -
PSSA Testing Window April 15-17, 23-26
Grades 3-8 Mathematics and
Grades 4-8 Science -
PSSA Testing Window April 29-May3



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Y-Care is a before and after-school program for grades K-5 and is offered on site at all elementary schools.

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PAINTING & DRAWING AT PHS: ☐ \$180 Adults ☐ \$100 HS Students

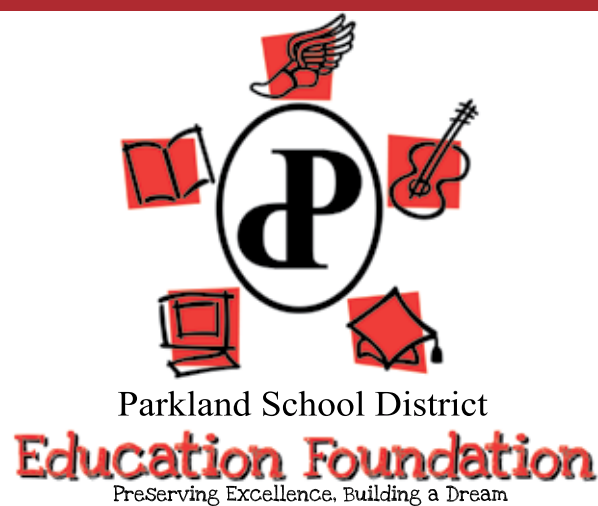
Please make checks payable to **Parkland School District** due by the first night of class

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Name (please print) _____

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KNOW AN OUTSTANDING ALUM WHO HAS MADE AN IMPACT ON THE WORLD?

Alumni Wall of Honor Nominations Due November 30

The Parkland School District Education Foundation is accepting nominations for its Distinguished Alumni Wall of Honor at Parkland High School. The program is designed to showcase notable alumni who have brought honor to the Parkland School District. Inductees will be recognized at the Foundation's 8th Annual Gala in May of 2019. Alumni are selected based on career accomplishments, volunteer service and contributions to others. You can find detailed selection criteria and the nomination form on the Foundation website: <https://www.parklandsd.org/departments/parkland-education-foundation/2018-distinguished-alumni-gala>. Applications must be postmarked by November 30th, 2018.

WHAT IS THE PARKLAND EDUCATION FOUNDATION?

As a parent of four kids in the District, I can honestly say that I did not fully understand the impact the Foundation has on the Parkland School District before I took the job as the Director. When I talk to other parents in the District, I realize that I was not alone. School districts are faced with mounting economic challenges, even districts that are believed to be financially solid. State funding is being decreased and the demands and mandates are increasing. Parkland School District has seen a rapid increase in students living in poverty and thus qualifying for free or reduce lunch and breakfast pricing. The number of eligible students is 25% of our student population, which may be surprising. The Parkland Education Foundation was created in 2011 to meet the needs of a rapidly changing diverse student population and to ensure Parkland's ability to keep providing innovative enrichment opportunities for all types of students in academics, arts and athletics.

The Parkland Education Foundation is a non-profit, tax exempt organization whose primary goal is to raise funds to promote, enhance and supplement public education. To continue our standard of excellence at Parkland we need community partners who believe in investing in public education. Education foundations are a reality of the times that we live in. The majority of school districts in the Lehigh Valley and the United States at large have an education foundation to support them.



We are not a Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO). Our PTOs do an amazing job of providing each school with specific needs and creating a sense of community within each school. We both exist for the betterment of the Parkland students. The Foundation works with teachers and administrators to bring innovative and necessary items to the district at large. We seek corporate community partners that can help us with our efforts. We aim to create a Parkland community that encompasses all of our schools and strive for equity among elementary, middle and high school programs.

The Foundation's grant program allows teachers to apply for funding to support innovative projects and add new technology to their classrooms that are above and beyond what the District's budget allows. During the most recent grant cycle, the Foundation awarded just over \$134,660 worth of grants to the teachers and staff of the Parkland School District. A few examples of grants that were given this year include: DaVinci Science Center field trips for all 4th grade students across the district; ukuleles for elementary music classes because it is the easiest instrument to learn and has been proven to start a love of musical instruments at a young age; robots at every school for teachers to incorporate into classroom lessons; LCD microscopes to the middle schools so that science teachers can use a more modern technology to teach our students; graphing calculators that will be loaned to students who can't afford to buy their own for various math assignments. Every student in the Parkland district has been touched by the Foundation in one way or another.

This is the community we live in and we all benefit when we provide our students with opportunities that will allow them to reach their potential. We need people like you to help us to achieve our mission. There are so many ways you can help, from giving your time, your money or encouraging the business you work for to partner with us. "No other investment yields as great a return as the investment in education. An educated workforce is the foundation of every community and the future of every economy." - Brad Henry

Please contact me if you would like to help or to learn more about the amazing things we are doing for Parkland. We are always in need of great volunteers – volunteers can put in a few hours or volunteer all year long!

Lisa Ervin
Executive Director, Parkland Education Foundation
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FALL PLAY

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October 14 • 3:00 p.m.



On December 12, 2014, the citizens of Newtown, Connecticut were handed a tragedy. 26 lives were taken at the Sandy Hook Elementary School. These 26 innocent deaths, like pebbles thrown into a pond, created ripples and vibrations that were felt far beyond the original rings. Based solely on actual interviews with members of the community, this "Our Town" style play explores a small town shaken by a horrific event.
Recommended for ages 14+.

CHILDREN'S SHOW

November 9 • 7:00 p.m.
November 10 • 3:00 & 7:00 p.m.
November 11 • 3:00 p.m.



Based on one of the most popular Disney movies of all time, *Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's Mary Poppins* is capturing hearts in a whole new way: as a practically perfect Broadway Junior musical! The jack-of-all trades, Bert, introduces us to England in 1910 and the troubled Banks family. Young Jane and Michael have sent many a nanny packing before Mary Poppins arrives on their doorstep. Using a combination of magic and common sense, she must teach the family members how to value each other again.



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In accordance with TITLE VI, TITLE IX, Section 504 and the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Parkland School District does not discriminate either in the educational or vocational programs and activities which it operates or in the employment of personnel, on the basis of sex, handicap, disability, race, color, national origin, age, or religion. If you are physically or mentally disabled, visually or hearing impaired, you may qualify for special services/instruction/equipment modifications so you can successfully complete the education program or participate in activities. All inquiries concerning this policy/questions regarding specific programs, services, and facilities for the disabled should be directed to the District Equal Rights Officer, Assistant Superintendent, Parkland School District, 1210 Springhouse Road, Allentown, PA at (610) 351-5505.

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