



# Parkside Penguin Press

OCTOBER 2021

Dear Parkside Families,

As we get further into our school year, I wanted to share with you some of our goals for this year.

**News from the Principal,  
Mrs. Ellis**

Our school vision is **Parkside staff are dedicated to helping students grow academically, socially, and emotionally to achieve personal excellence. Our staff prides itself on creating a welcoming environment of inclusion, care, and respect.** We strive to meet this vision everyday in our interactions with our students and school community.

Each year as a staff we look for areas to improve our practices or instruction and affect student growth. This year, we will be focusing on some best practice math routines. This focus will assist in developing mathematical understanding, create capable and confident learners, and understand and critique the world through math. We will be using Number Talks in our classroom to mentally solve problems to help students focus on number relationships, encourage and elicit students' individual strategies, and help students construct important mathematical ideas. As students share their solutions and strategies, they have opportunities to collectively reason about numbers while building their mathematical understanding. We have great math minds at PSE and want to keep our students engaged and growing!



## Parkside PTO



Trunk-Or-Treat - weather permitting on Thursday, October 28th from 5-6:30 p.m.; free to all!

Sign up to decorate a TRUNK or bring a treat:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4eaaa829a1f58-parkside>

Own a business or know someone who owns a business? Our Penguins are looking for sponsorships to provide t-shirts for our Penguin DanceFit 21 fundraiser! Donations are 100% tax deductible. Please click on the link below to contact the PTO. We will send you a Sponsorship letter and any additional information needed to secure a donation:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeYNovI7Y8bNn-ZdZITesYSt6ygJIFYeNjLstTYsDPjwSUjGw/viewform>

**2021-2022 PTO Board**  
 President Jenny Stewart-Rice  
 Vice-President Liz Tomera  
 Secretary Heather Jobe  
 Treasurer Rachel Kullman

PTO Meetings are  
 6:30-7:30 p.m. in  
 the Cafeteria

- 10/4/21
- 11/1/21
- 12/6/21
- 1/10/22
- 2/7/22
- 3/7/22
- 4/4/22
- 5/2/22

For more information, please contact the PTO board at [parksideptopresident@gmail.com](mailto:parksideptopresident@gmail.com).

## Nurse's Notes from Mrs. Goff



Parkside's dental clinic will be next month. Here is the [link](#) to sign your child up. No need to sign up if you have already turned in the dental form consent.



**Please send your child to school wearing a clean mask. Reusable masks should be washed after wearing them for a day.**

# School Calendar

## CHECKLIST



- Monday, October 4 - PTO meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, October 7 - Picture Retake Day
- Wednesday, October 13 - **Late start (8:45 a.m.)**
- Monday, October 11 - **NO SCHOOL-Indigenous People's Day**
- Friday, October 22 - **NO SCHOOL-Parent/Teacher Conferences**
- Wednesday, October 27 - **Late start (8:45 a.m.)**
- Thursday, October 28 - PTO Trunk-Or-Treat, 5-6:30 p.m.
- Friday, October 29 - Costume Parade, 12:40 p.m. (outside)



# November

- Monday, November 1 - PTO meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday November 3-November 12 - Fundraising Event for PTO Boosterthon/Dance Fit 21
- Wednesday, November 10 - **Late start (8:45 a.m.)**
- Friday, November 12 - Fundraising Event for PTO Boosterthon - PE Dance Fit 21
- Wednesday, November 24-November 26 - **NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break**
- Monday, November 29 - Return to School from Thanksgiving Break



**Thanksgiving Break**  
No School

## Welcome



We are excited to have the following new classified staff members as part of our Parkside Elementary School Team!

Mrs. Alvarez - Paraprofessional (spring 2021)  
 Mrs. Duzan - Noon Hour Supervisor  
 Mrs. Hepburn - Paraprofessional  
 Mr. Lindsay - Paraprofessional (spring 2021)  
 Ms. Sexton - Paraprofessional  
 Mr. Stoeckel - Custodian

**NCWHS Homecoming Week @ Parkside**  
 Monday-Purple  
 Tuesday-PJ Day  
 Wednesday-Parkside Pride  
 Thursday-Dress Fancy  
 Friday-Black&Silver/NCWHS

### Promise Council

**Clothing Donation Drop Off Bin**  
 Located outside our front doors on the westside

- We are in need of
- XS-LG Girls & Boys
  - Underpants (NEW only)
  - Sweatpants & Leggings

DONATE



Parkside Elementary School  
 1900 W. College Ave. Normal, IL 61761

Office Hours: 7:15 am-3 pm

Main Office: 309-557-4422  
 Attendance Line: 309-557-4471  
**Please call the attendance line**  
**Before 8:00 a.m. if your child is**  
**absent, late, or needs to leave early.**

**Students begin school one hour late on the following "Late Start Wednesdays" (school starts at 8:45, drop-off 8:30)**

- Oct. 13
- Oct. 27
- Nov. 10
- Dec. 8
- Jan. 12
- Jan. 26
- Feb. 16
- March 9
- April 6
- May 4

