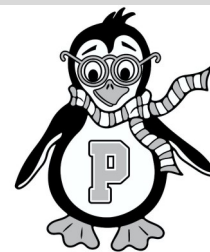


# Parkside Penguin Press

NOVEMBER 2021



Dear Parkside Families,

## News from the Principal, Mrs. Ellis

A big thank you to all our parents who were able to attend your child's parent-teacher conference. You are the single most important influence in your child's life. Attending your child's parent-teacher conference reinforces to your child that school is important to you as a family and you are partnering with the teacher for the student's success.

As the cool weather approaches us, please remember to send a jacket with your child. If the temperature is 20 degrees or above including wind chill, our students will be outside for recess and possibly P.E.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Thank you for your dedication to your children, our staff and school. On behalf of the Parkside Elementary staff, I would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

## Parkside PTO

Thank you for all of the donations & support in October! We had so much fun! We have provided our staff with lunch on Parent-Teacher Conference day and we were able to provide an all-school treat on Halloween along with grade level activities. We also had our first restaurant night of the school year at Carl's! Thank you!

November is our BIG event: Penguin Dance Fit 21!

Our goal is to bring in \$8,000 which will help us provide additional resources and special experiences to our children.

- Step 1 (Open now): REGISTER YOUR CHILD & share their pledge page! - [MYBOOSTER.COM](http://MYBOOSTER.COM)
- Step 2 (11/3-11/12): Gather donations for each minute they dance (not to exceed 35 minutes) or flat donations
- Step 3: Celebration day - Event day 11/12

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

### 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

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

## Nurse's Notes from Mrs. Goff

### COVID-19 vaccine update for 5-11 year olds

- Members of the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA's) Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee has approved emergency use authorization (EUA) of the vaccine for 5- to 11-year-olds on 10/26
  - The decision to grant an EUA now goes to the FDA commissioner.
  - The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) vaccine advisory committee will meet Nov. 2-3 to discuss who should receive the vaccine.
  - IF both the FDA and CDC vote YES, then the EUA of the vaccine for 5-11 yo will be granted.
- [Click here for more information regarding the COVID vaccine for 5-11 year olds.](#)

# School Calendar

## CHECKLIST

# 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
- Monday, November 22 - Spirit Day - *Pajama Day!*
- Tuesday, November 23 - Spirit Day - *Stretchy pants & sweats* to prepare for break!
- Wednesday, November 24-November 26 - **NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break**
- Monday, November 29 - Return to School from Thanksgiving Break



# DECEMBER



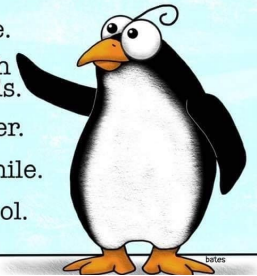
- Monday, December 6 - PTO , 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 8 - **Late start (8:45 a.m.)**
- Friday, December 17 - Last day of school before winter break
- Monday, December 20-Monday, January 3rd - **NO SCHOOL-Winter Break (Jan. 3 Teacher Institute)**



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.

## Advice From A PENGUIN

Dive into life.  
Find warmth among friends.  
Stand together.  
Go the extra mile.  
Keep your cool.



### 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)**

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

