

Parkside Penguin Press

DECEMBER 2021

Happy Holidays!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving break! I am certainly thankful for the students, staff, and families of Parkside.

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

A HUGE thank you to our PTO for a very successful Dance-a-thon! Our students had a great time participating and the event raised considerable funds to benefit our school. The commitment of time and talent by our PTO and school families made the event possible and we are truly grateful.

Students will be taking some short standardized testing in December, which will provide information to our teachers on their progress in reading and math. We also monitor student progress during every day instruction throughout the school year. These multiple assessment points give us a well rounded picture of each student's overall growth.

Over the winter break, I hope you have time to enjoy reading a good book, playing a fun game or just spending quality time with your child. The Parkside staff wish you and your family a safe and joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year!



Parkside PTO

THANK YOU so much for the support during the Boosterthon! With 100% collection we raised over \$15,000 for additional school resources.

Get your GIFT CARDS FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

We are placing a physical gift card order for the holidays! Please consider getting your gift cards from our SCRIP program. The SCRIP program is an fundraising program that costs you nothing but a portion of the gift card cost benefits our PTO and our school! Order forms will be coming home with your student soon! All orders are due online or returned to school/PTO mailbox by Friday, 12/2. We plan to have gift cards sent home by 12/10. If you are in need of our online enrollment code please email parkside-scrip@outlook.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
 12/6/21
 1/10/22
 2/7/22
 3/7/22
 4/4/22
 5/2/22

We wish you and your family a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays & a Happy New Year!

For more information, please contact the PTO board at parksideptopresident@gmail.com.

Nurse's Notes from Mrs. Goff

COVID-19 and kids: How mRNA vaccines work



[Click here to see what pediatricians are saying about vaccinating children.](#)

School Calendar

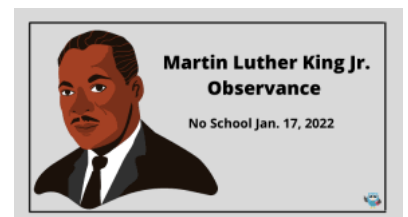
CHECKLIST



- 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)**



- Monday, January 3 - NO SCHOOL, Teacher Institute
- Tuesday, January 4 - Return to School
- Monday, January 10 - PTO meeting, 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, January 12 - **Late start (8:45 a.m.)**
- Monday, January 17 - NO SCHOOL, Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday
- Wednesday, January 26 - **Late start (8:45 a.m.)**



Spirit Days in December!

- Monday, 12/13 - Holiday/Winter PJ Day**
- Tuesday, 12/14 - Jingle Day/Holiday Bling**
- Wednesday, 12/15 - Holiday Colors**
- Thursday, 12/16 - Favorite Scarf/Flannel**
- Friday, 12/17 - Festive Friday/Holiday Sweaters**



Please be sure your Penguin is dressed appropriately for the colder temperatures. If your student is in need of a coat, hat or gloves please Call the office at 309-557-4422 or email our family coordinator, Jenn Rients at rientsj@units.org. Students go outside for recess if the "feels like" temperature is 20 degrees or above. Also, students need to be dressed appropriately while walking to/from school, the bus stop or waiting for their bus.

Thank you!

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

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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)

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

