

# Parkside Penguin Press

JANUARY 2022

Happy New Year Parkside Families!

## News from the Principal, Mrs. Ellis

Our Parkside staff was so excited to welcome your children back to school! We continue to be so grateful for all the students and families that bring joy to us on a daily basis. We truly hope that everyone had a safe and relaxing winter break.

As you plan for school each day, please keep the weather in mind. We will go outside for recess if the temperature (feels like) is at least 20 degrees. Please remember to have students dress appropriately for the weather wearing layers on cold days and ensuring that they have warm coats, hats and mittens. I also ask that you support our safe and timely entrance to school each day by having students school ready to exit their car when they are dropped off in the morning. The school day begins at 7:40 AM and students can be dropped off as early as 7:25 AM for our breakfast program. As always, reach out to the main office during school hours if we can assist you in any way.

I know you've seen numerous COVID protocol reminders, but many other illnesses are also prevalent this time of year. If you have a child with any symptoms of illness, please keep them home and contact your pediatrician or our school nurse for guidance. Also, please be sure to let the school office know about the absence.

We look forward to a memorable 2022 at Parkside Elementary! We are so proud of all the growth that each student has made and we are excited to continue that success through the year.



## Parkside PTO

We hope you had a wonderful winter break! We would like to THANK YOU for contributing to the staff lunch before winter break. We sent them off with full belly's to show our love & appreciation for all they do!

Our next restaurant night is January 27th at Moe's. Details will be coming soon and we will send a flier home in your student's backpack so keep an eye out!

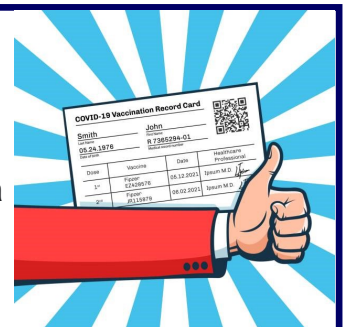
Our next meeting is 1/10/22 and we hope you can join us! If you have any questions please contact the PTO board: [parksideptopresident@gmail.com](mailto:parksideptopresident@gmail.com).

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  
 1/10/22  
 2/7/22  
 3/7/22  
 4/4/22  
 5/2/22

## Nurse's Notes from Mrs. Goff

If your child has received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine we encourage you to send a copy of their vaccination card to [Nurse Amanda](#) to keep on file. It can be sent electronically to the school nurse or a copy can be dropped off in the school office. A COVID vaccine is not required for children to attend school and submitting proof is voluntary.

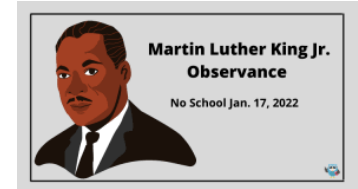


# School Calendar

## CHECKLIST



- 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 22 - **Late start (8:45 a.m.)**
- Thursday, January 27 - PTO Dine-to-Donate at Moe's



- Monday, February 7 - PTO meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 16 - **Late start (8:45 a.m.)**
- Monday, February 14 - Valentine exchanges in the classroom (no parties)
- Monday, February 21 - NO SCHOOL, PRESIDENT'S DAY
- Tuesday, February 22 - NO SCHOOL, School Improvement Day



**2022**  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**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

Be sure to check out the Parkside Elementary School Website for information & our calendar:  
<https://www.unit5.org/parkside>

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)**

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| Jan. 12 | March 9 |
| Jan. 26 | April 6 |
| Feb. 16 | May 4   |

