

Parkside Penguin Press

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News from the Principal, Mrs. Ellis

Happy Valentine's Day Parkside Families!

The month of February is short on days, but long on happenings at PSE. Kindergarten registration began on February 1st. If you have an incoming kindergarten student, please check our school website for information on completing the registration. In February, we are also celebrating Black History Month with our Hidden Figures Student Showcase. Students will share the contributions that black people have made to America and to the rest of the world in various ways, ranging from artists to veterans, inventors to authors, political figures to athletes, and more. Students will have the opportunity to view the materials displayed in our hallways and learn from their fellow penguins.

Progress reports will go home on February 25th, however your child's progress can be checked at any time during the school year on Infinite Campus. Please contact your child's teacher at any point for questions or concerns.

Our remote learning days went very smoothly. From new sight words in kindergarten to work with decimals and fractions in fifth grade, incredible teaching and learning was happening. Thank you for working with us to make the days a success.

As always, thank you for sharing your children with us each day. We appreciate your continued kindness and support, as you partner with us in their education.



Parkside PTO

Happy Valentine's Day!

Thanks to everyone who ordered Moe's meal kits!

Please join us for our next PTO meeting tonight at 6:30. The meeting will be VIRTUAL only. The link is posted to our PTO Facebook page and was sent out through an Infinite Campus message.

We will be looking for a Vice President for the 2022-2023 school year.

We are looking for people to join our nominating committee to select someone for the position. For more information, please contact the PTO board at 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

2/7/22

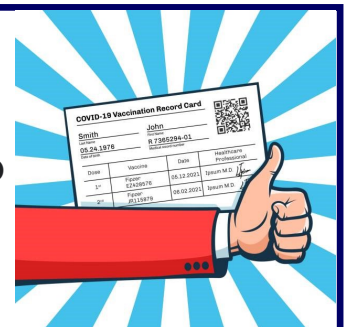
3/7/22

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



- Tuesday, February 1 - Kindergarten Registration Opens for 2022-2023 school year
- Monday, February 7 - Virtual PTO meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, February 11 - **Early Release, 10:45 a.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**



- Monday, March 7 - PTO meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 11 - **Late start (8:45 a.m.)**
- Monday, March 21-Friday, March 25 - NO SCHOOL, Spring Break!**
- Monday, March 28 - Return to School



If you have a child or know someone who has a child that will be 5 years old on or before September 1st, 2022 registration for the fall begins February 1st! Call the school at 309-557-4422 or email Ms. Leslie at klockel@unit5.org to get started!

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



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)

Feb. 16
 March 9
 April 6
 May 4

