



Parkside Penguin Press

MARCH 2022

Happy St. Patrick's Day Parkside Families!

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

Thank you for all of your support during our e-learning days. Parkside had tremendous attendance and participation and I know that is because of the assistance you provided your child(ren). Progress reports went home in late February. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress, please contact the classroom teacher.

Students in fifth grade will take the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) March 7-11. Students in third, fourth and fifth grades will participate in the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) testing March 28-April 8. The IAR is designed to measure each student's current performance in relation to the Illinois Learning Standards for mathematics and English language arts (ELA).

Students typically do better on the tests when they take them as scheduled with their class. Please do not schedule appointments or vacations during testing. Thank you in advance for helping your child be prepared with breakfast and adequate sleep. Elementary students need 9-12 hours of sleep each night according to the American Academy of Pediatrics. It is also very important that students eat a healthy breakfast, full of proteins and fruits. Thanks in advance for helping our students be ready to show what they know at test time!

March should be some slightly warmer days and outside recess. Students will need reminders to continue to bring coats for the chilly spring temperatures and winds.

Have a wonderful spring break at the end of the month!
Mrs. Ellis



Parkside PTO

A few reminders and updates to share:

Dine-to-Donate is at Culver's on March 1st from 5-8pm, please visit our Facebook page for details! The PTO teacher snack day is on Thursday, March 3rd and donation details are also on our Facebook page. Please join us for our next PTO meeting on March 7th at 6:30 p.m. Be on the lookout for School Supply Kit order forms soon! This awesome box is filled with all your students' school supplies. 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

3/7/22
4/4/22
5/2/22

**Nurse's
Notes
from
Mrs.
Goff**



For everyone's protection, sick children must be at home, not at school. When reporting the student's absence, please report the reason for the child's absence. The school needs to be informed of any student having a special health problem or communicable disease. Children with the following conditions should not be in school:

- A fever within the last 24 hours of 100° F or higher
- Vomiting or diarrhea within the last 24 hours
- A frequent or disruptive cough or other signs of an acute respiratory infection
- Any contagious illness such as "strep throat" that requires antibiotic therapy. Once a student has been fever free without use of fever-reducing medications and on antibiotics for at least 24 hours, he/she may return to school.
- Any undiagnosed skin rash. A student with a rash may attend school upon presenting a physician's note stating the rash is not contagious.
- Pronounced lethargy or fatigue that interferes with participation in learning activities.

School Calendar

CHECKLIST



- Tuesday, March 1 - Camouflage Day
- Tuesday, March 1 - Culver's Dine-to-Donate/PTO on Market St., 5-8 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 2 - Wacky Wear Day
- Thursday, March 3 - Rainbow Day
- Friday, March 4 - Character Day
- Monday, March 7 - PTO meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 11 - **Late start (8:45 a.m.)**
- Monday, March 14 - Spring Picture Day
- Thursday, March 17 - St. Patrick's Day - wear green!
- Monday, March 21-Friday, March 25 - NO SCHOOL, Spring Break!**
- Monday, March 28 - Return to School



- Monday, April 4 - PTO meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 6 - **Late start (8:45 a.m.)**
- Wednesday, April 13 - K-1st, Virtual Family Reading Night
- Friday, April 15 - **NO SCHOOL, Board Holiday**
- Monday, April 18 - **NO SCHOOL, School Improvement Day**
- Wednesday, April 27 - 2nd-3rd, Virtual Family Reading Night



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 klochel@unit5.org to get started!

DONATIONS NEEDED

Can you help??

Virtual Family Reading Night Book Links: <https://a.co/dUaH05S>
Parkside Amazon Link for Student Needs: <https://a.co/6ytYLRo>
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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)



March 9
 April 6
 May 4

