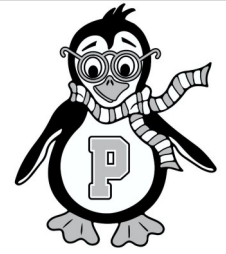


# Parkside Penguin Press

APRIL 2022



Hello Parkside Families,

## News from the Principal, Mrs. Ellis

I hope everyone had a wonderfully relaxing spring break! It seems impossible that we are already in the month of April.

With so much to accomplish through the remainder of this school year, I wanted to share some tips for students to finish the school year strong. The entire article can be found at <https://www.kumon.com/resources/5-ways-to-finish-the-school-year-off-strong/>

### Encourage Praise and Stay Positive

Praise is a great way to motivate and empower students. Stay positive! Children are always listening and will emulate your attitude. If they overhear you expressing your desire for the school year to end, they will echo your sentiments. Try positive statements like:

*"You're doing a great job on reading more advanced passages. Let's pick out even more books for you to read."*

*"You almost got it! Keep going!"*

*"Look how far you've come!"*

### Set Goals

As a parent, it's important to encourage your children to always try their best and to strive for more. Sit down with your child to complete a [goal sheet](#) to keep them motivated during these last few months of school.

### Stick to a Routine

If you established a homework and sleep routine at the beginning of the school year, it's still important to stick to that schedule. This will reinforce time management and keep your child on task so that you can ensure all assignments are being completed, and also so that you can know that they are well rested to take on the next day at school.

### Take Breaks

Get outside and play! While it's important to get schoolwork done, taking brain breaks is actually healthy for your child! Short breaks can help increase productivity and attention once they get back to work. A great way to spend a brain break is doing a fun and physical activity to increase blood flow to the brain to help focus and even reduce stress.

### Get Organized

It's a great time to take inventory of your child's school supplies at this time. Are notebooks full? Pencils getting short? Stock your child up with all the gear needed to succeed, that way they can put in their best effort for the remainder of the year.

Thank you for all have done and will continue to do support your child and the teachers! It is so very much appreciated!

Mrs. Ellis

## Parkside PTO

PTO is hopping into Spring and here are a few things we have coming up in April:

- PTO Meeting 4/4/22
- Treat the Staff Day (4/7/22) - if you would like to donate <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044da4ac28a7f49-april>
- Blaze Pizza dine-to-donate (4/12/22) - more details to come.
- Spring Party (4/14/22) - Be on the lookout for communication from Room Parents.
- School Supply kit forms for 2022-2023 school year will be coming home soon.

\*\*\*ATTENTION ALL PARENTS\*\*\*

We have a Board position open & we need a nominating committee!

### 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  
4/4/22  
5/2/22

Questions, Comments, or information Contact [parksideptopresident@gmail.com](mailto:parksideptopresident@gmail.com)

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# School Calendar

## CHECKLIST



- Monday, April 4 - PTO meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 6 - **Late start (8:45 a.m.)**
- Thursday, April 7 - *Spirit Day - Cubs or Cards?*
- Tuesday, April 12 - PTO Dine-to-Donate @ Blaze Pizza
- Wednesday, April 13 - K-1st, Virtual Family Reading Night
- Thursday, April 14 - Spring Party Day - \*Room Parents keep a lookout
- Friday, April 15 - **NO SCHOOL, Board Holiday**
- Monday, April 18 - **NO SCHOOL, School Improvement Day**
- Wednesday, April 27 - 2nd-3rd, Virtual Family Reading Night



- Monday, May 2 - PTO meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 4 - **Late start (8:45 a.m.)**
- Wednesday, May 11 - 2nd-3rd, Virtual Family Reading Night
- Friday, May 13 - Special Olympics Young Athletes Event - *Wear Respect shirt, Young Athletes shirt or Parkside Final Week - SPIRIT WEEK Fun:*
- Wednesday, May 18 - *Tie-Dye Day*
- Thursday, May 19 - *Disney Day*
- Friday, May 20 - *Sports/Jersey Day*
- Monday, May 23 - *Pajama Day*
- Tuesday, May 24 - *Grade Level Color Day*
- Wednesday, May 25 - *Red, White & Blue Day*
- Thursday, May 26 - *Spirit Day: Wear Respect wear, Young Athletes or Parkside*
- Thursday, May 26 - Last Day of School! Half Day for Students, 7:45 a.m. –10:45 a.m.!**

## SPIRIT DAYS



**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](mailto:klockel@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!**

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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)**

April 6  
 May 4

