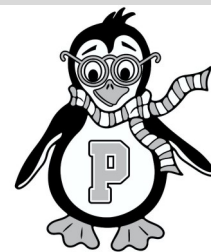


Parkside Penguin Press

MAY 2022



Dear Parkside Families,

News from the Principal, Mrs. Ellis

Summer vacation is fast approaching and school will be out before you know it. This time of year seems to always go by fast as we try to squeeze everything into the last month. We are counting down the days with our *ABC Countdown to the Last Day of School*. Each letter represents an act of kindness for our school community to practice. The letter T is a couple weeks away, but it stands for “thanks” and this is the perfect opportunity for me to thank you for your support this school year. Thank you for helping make this another successful and exciting year at Parkside. It has been a wonderfully fulfilling school year with significant growth amongst our students.

This is the last newsletter of the year. If you have questions over the summer, please remember that we are out of the building most of the summer. If you leave a message on the voicemail, we may not hear it until we return to the office at the end of July. We do check email frequently, so that will be the best way to get in touch with someone from our school office.

Have a safe and happy summer!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Ellis

Parkside PTO

As we close out the year we would like to say THANK YOU for all the help! We made a “not so normal” year fun for our kiddos and staff. Congratulations to all the 5th graders! You have blossomed into a Parkside Python! Our Penguins will miss you! See ya later class of 2029!

Upcoming Events:

May 2: Our last PTO meeting. Visit our Facebook page for a virtual link.

We are looking for some more families to join the PTO for next school year. We hope to be back to a more “normal” school year with the fun events we have had in years past such as Back-to-School Night, Party on the Playground, Movie Nights and other fun activities for you and your children to participate in. If you would like to be involved, we would love to have your input as we plan ways to make Parkside fun and engaging for the students and support our incredible teachers and staff - hope to see you there!

May 2-6: Staff Appreciation Week!

May 13: Last day to order School Supply Kits: <https://form.jotform.com/220945692410152>

May 16: Party on the Playground, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Bring a picnic meal and enjoy time on the playground with other families!

Emma Welp Memorial Update - A little free library will be placed next to the bench by the playground. If anyone is interested in making a monetary contribution to help construct the library, please contact Jenny Rice @ 309-532-8482. A sign-up genius will be available soon for donations, as well.

Mark your calendars for next year: 8/29—1st PTO meeting of 2022-2023—We will begin planning family nights, Boosterthon event, fall party, staff appreciation days.

Questions, Comments, or information Contact parksidertopresident@gmail.com
Follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/penguinPTO>

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
5/2/22

School Calendar

CHECKLIST



SPRIT DAYS

- K - Red
- 1st - Orange
- 2nd - Yellow
- 3rd - Green
- 4th - Blue
- 5th - Purple

Grade Level Colors



- 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. -10:45a.m.!**

□ **May 2022 - Online Registration is open in Infinite Campus! If you have not registered for the upcoming school year you need to complete this ASAP! If you do not know your password email Ms. Leslie and she can help you!**



- Wednesday, August 17 - **1st Day of the 2022-2023 School Year!**



Parkside's dental clinic will be on May 9th for all students. The services offered at this clinic will meet the dental health exam requirement for children entering 2nd and 6th grade in the fall. Click [here](#) to register online.



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!

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)

May 4

