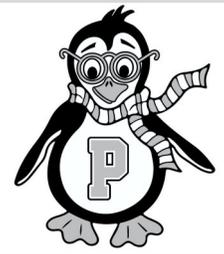


Parkside Penguin Press

WINTER 2023



Dear Parkside Families,

News from the Principal, Mrs. Ellis

We are excited to welcome 2023 with our penguins!

Returning from winter break provides an excellent opportunity to re-establish a focus on school expectations and learning. Our classrooms are creating posters to remind students of expectations to be responsible, respectful and safe in all areas of our building. We are planning a contest for the best poster of expectations in each of the following areas: cafeteria, inside recess, outside recess, hallways and bathrooms.



As we move on with our school year, we will continue our school improvement goals of improved student attendance and increased math progress. We've been encouraged by our attendance data showing a decrease in chronic absenteeism. Reminders of the relationship between consistent attendance and student success will continue throughout the year. If there is ever anything we can do to assist your family in this area, please let us know.

To increase student math progress, our teachers have focused on math professional development during staff meetings, early dismissals and institute days. Math routines, CRA instruction, three act tasks and traditional number talks with models have all been topics of greater learning and understanding for our staff. We seek to build the capacity of our teachers to develop the skills, knowledge and understanding necessary to implement best instructional practices in their classrooms to support all students on a consistent basis.

We are so proud of how our students have adjusted to being back in school full-time, and we can't wait to see the growth they will demonstrate over the entire year.

Parkside PTO

The PTO will be looking for people to fill the open board position of Vice President, Secretary and treasurer. If you are interested please contact the nominating committee.

Here are some upcoming dates to put on your calendar:

1/19/23 - Dine to Donate at Papa Johns, 5-10 p.m. 602 Kingsley St in Normal

1/20/23 - Hospitality: Staff Winter Chocolate bar - If you would like to donate ([https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044da4ac28a7f49-january#/\)](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044da4ac28a7f49-january#/)

1/21/23 - Trivia night, 6:30 p.m./doors open 5:30 at Eagles Club 313 S Main St. Bloomington (contact Amanda Stenger astenger32@gmail.com)

2/6/23 - PTO Meeting

2/13/23 - Hospitality: Staff Valentines - Donation link to come

2/17/23 - Family movie night: The Little Rascals, 6-8 p.m. NOT a drop off event

Like us on Facebook to get more information about events and news happening in the PTO.

2022-2023 PTO Board

President Liz Tomera
Vice-President Amanda Stenger
Secretary Heather Jobe
Treasurer Rachel Kullman

PTO Meetings are
6:30-7:30 p.m. in
the Cafeteria

1/9
2/6
3/13
4/3
5/1

School Calendar

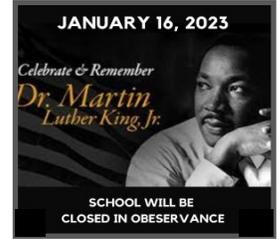
CHECKLIST



- Monday, January 16 - NO SCHOOL, Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday
- Thursday, January 19 - PTO dine-to-donate at Papa John's
- Saturday, January 21 - PTO Trivia Night
- Wednesday, January 25 - SCHOOL fundraiser kick-off
- Tuesday, January 31 - **Early Release (10:45 a.m.)**



- Monday, February 1 - 100th Day of School!
- Monday, February 6 - PTO meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, February 10 - Final day for SCHOOL fundraiser
- Tuesday, February 14 - Valentine exchanges in the classroom (no parties)
- Thursday, February 16 - 4th, 5th music concert 6 p.m.
- Friday, February 17 - PTO Valentine Family Night
- Monday, February 20 - NO SCHOOL, PRESIDENT'S DAY
- Tuesday, February 21 - NO SCHOOL, Teacher Institute Day
- Friday, February 24 - Progress Reports
- Tuesday, February 28th - 2nd, 3rd music concert 6 p.m.



- Wednesday, March 1 - Kindergarten Registration for 2023-2024 school year
- Monday, March 6 - **Early Release (10:45 a.m.)**
- Monday, March 6 - Monical's Dine-to-Donate
- Monday, March 13 - K, 1 music concert 6 p.m.
- Monday, March 13 - PTO meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, March 27– Friday, March 31 - NO SCHOOL, SPRING BREAK



Attention 2nd-grade & kindergarten families. Your student will need a dental exam as part of their health requirement for school. If you still need to turn in proof of a dental exam, please schedule an appointment with their dentist.

A graphic with a background of many yellow school buses. The text reads "Absences Add up!" in large, bold letters. Below it, it says "#SCHOOLEVERYDAY" and "Missing just 2 days a month means a child misses 10% of the school year." At the bottom, there is a logo for "Attendance Works" and the name "RUPERT GANZER".

Unit 5 Early Release Dates
 Elementary Dismissal time is 10:45 a.m.
 Jan. 31 March 6 April 7 May 3

K, 1st Grades:
 Recess 10:15 am
 Lunch 10:40 am

2nd & 3rd Grades:
 Recess 10:45 am
 Lunch 11:10 am

4th & 5th Grades:
 Recess 11:15 am
 Lunch 11:40 am

Show your penguin pride with a Penny the Penguin car magnet! Send \$5 in an envelope with your student and we will send your magnet home with your student!



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 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.