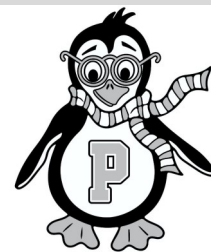


Parkside Penguin Press

MAY 2023



Dear Parkside Families,

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

We say it every school year, but it seems impossible that we are reaching the end of another academic year at Parkside. The end of a school year is always bittersweet.

Along with the joy of celebrating all that we've achieved together, there is also the sadness of saying goodbye to favorite teachers, classes and the routines we've grown accustomed to throughout the school year. I want to recognize the incredible growth of our students and pay tribute to all the educators who have paved the way for our students' success this year. The PSE staff alongside our supportive families is what makes Parkside a special place! I have tremendous gratitude for our PTO and for the volunteers in our school.

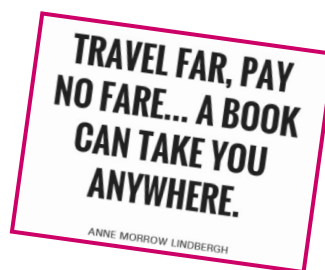


The members of our PTO have spent countless hours providing fun family events, as well as fundraising for so many of the "extras" our school receives, such as student experiences, the entryway rug and classroom learning supplies. They have also made our staff feel loved and appreciated with the monthly staff appreciation days. Every year we say goodbye to devoted PTO members and school volunteers. As you leave PSE, please know that your time and talents have been appreciated beyond measure.

Have a wonderful summer Parkside families.

We can't wait to see you in the fall!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Ellis



Parkside PTO

We would like to THANK all of the committee chairs and volunteers for making this year amazing for our students and staff! We hope you have a lovely summer!

Next year we have the following committee chair positions open if you are interested in getting involved:

- Room Parents/Party Support
- Hospitality, 2nd Chair

Questions, Comments, or information Contact parksideptopresident@gmail.com

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2022-2023 PTO Board
 President Jenny Stewart-Rice
 Vice-President Liz Tomera
 Secretary Heather Jobe
 Treasurer Rachel Kullman

School Calendar

CHECKLIST



- Wednesday, May 18 - Music Dine-to-Donate at Carl's on College
- Monday, May 22 - 5th grade VS staff kickball game (weather dependent)
- Tuesday, May 23 - Talent Show, 1:00 p.m.
- Thursday, May 25 - Last Day of School - Half Day for Students, 7:45 a.m. -10:45a.m.**
- Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day
- 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!**

SPRIT DAYS

Final Days - SPIRIT DAYS Fun:

- Monday, May 15 - *PJ/Comfy Clothes*
- Tuesday, May 16 - *Hero or Villain?!? Which will you be?*
- Wednesday, May 17 - *Tie Dye*
- Thursday, May 18 - *Fancy Day*
- Friday, May 19 - *Cubs or Cards?/Blue or Red?*
- Monday, May 22 - *Grade Level Colors Day!*
- Tuesday, May 23 - *Wear purple in honor of Emma Welp*
- Wednesday, May 24 - *Parkside or Black & Silver day!*
- Thursday, May 25 - *Last Day of School & summer fun spirit day!*

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

Grade Level



- Wednesday, August 17 - **1st Day of the 2023-2024 School Year!**
- Monday, August 28 - Picture Day



If you have a child or know someone who has a child that will be 5 years old on or before September 1st, 2023 registration is open for the fall! 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.

Please return library book.

The week of May 5th will be the last week of IMC checkout for all students. ALL books must be returned by the following week. Any overdue books after Friday, May 12th will be considered lost and the student's account will be assessed a fine for the late book.

-Mr. Starr & Mr. Ford
Parkside Librarians