

Parkside Primary School

Home of the Eagles!

Important Dates

December 2020

- 12/4 - Hybrid Schedule Begins
- 12/17 - Board of Education Meeting
- 12/18 - Last Day of Quarter 2
- 1/4 - First Day of Quarter 3



Principal's Note

Parkside Families,

I don't know about you, but I think I'm ready for 2020 to come to an end! As challenging as it has been, I am choosing to focus on the positive. Although our students haven't spent as much time at Parkside as we would have wanted; we have made the most of each day! Having to spend some time on quarantine has helped me appreciate our time together, even more. I am hopeful that 2021 will bring some normalcy back to our lives, and I look forward to a GREAT 2nd semester!

Sincerely,

Mr. Aaron B. Kilpatrick, Principal
akilpatrick@bethalto.org

Hybrid Schedule

Our schedule, for the next two weeks, will run just as it did at the start of the school year, with one change: this time Fridays will be in-person attendance days. **Each group (A or B) of students will attend on one of the two Fridays remaining in the quarter.** Students on the "A" schedule will attend on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Friday, December 11. Students on the "B" schedule will attend Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Friday, December 18. **Dismissal on Fridays will be at 12:00.**

Unless you were specifically told otherwise, your child will attend on the schedule they did at the start of the school year. In other words, if they were an "A" day student before, they will be an "A" day student again; and the same goes for "B" students.

Please continue to certify your child, each day (even on their remote days), using this link:

[Parkside Daily Self-Certification](#)

Attendance/Quarantine

Students who are experiencing symptoms, or have been in direct contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, or has related symptoms, are not to attend school.

Please call our office at 377-4100 to speak to our nurse about your child's symptoms, or exposure, for guidance on how long they must be out of school, and their return date. There will be no academic penalty for students who must miss school because of Covid related symptoms or quarantine due to possible exposure.

Cold Weather

We will continue to have outside recess whenever possible. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately (coat, hat, gloves) so they can enjoy their recess. If you need assistance with providing any of these items for your child, please contact our office at 377-4100.

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Holiday Events

Due to current circumstances, we will not be holding many of our traditional holiday events such as Santa's Cottage, Pictures with Santa, or our annual Christmas Program.

Classroom Christmas parties will still be happening, but will look different than they have in the past. Teachers will hold parties for both the A and B groups. Our PTO will provide some refreshments for students, and parents may be asked to send in a small donation to help fund some activities. **Parents will not be allowed to attend classroom Christmas parties.** We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

Transportation

As a reminder, **bus riders are only allowed one afternoon drop-off location.** This drop-off location must be where the student goes every day. Multiple afternoon stops are no longer allowed. This is a district policy, not a Parkside policy. We appreciate your cooperation.

Any changes to a student's method of afternoon transportation must be report/requested through our office. **Please do not email your child's teacher or send a note with your child, call our office at 377-4100.**

School Messenger

Official communication from Mr. K will come via School Messenger, and may be in the form of a voice call, an email, a text message, or in some cases, all three. **To make sure you don't miss any important information, please make sure you have a valid phone number and email on file.** If your phone number or email address change, be sure to make us aware, so we can have the most current information in Power School. Most calls will come after regular school hours, however, sometimes it is necessary to send a call during school hours. If not answered, the message will go to your voicemail. **If you receive a call from 377-4100, but are not able to answer, please check your voicemail before calling our office.**

Character Education

The Character Education word for October is: **Respect**

Respect is treating others with honor and dignity, regardless of our feelings about them.

Conversation starters for you and your child:

- How can you show respect to your friends/classmates? How can you show respect to your teachers?
- What are some good manners you can show at meal time, at the store, or at school?
- How does it feel when someone is disrespectful to you?
- What would happen to bullying if everyone showed respect to each other?
- Be the first person to email the Parkside Mission Statement to me (akilpatrick@bethalto.org) and win a prize!
- Not sure what the Parkside Mission Statement is? Ask your child....we say it every day in Morning Meeting!

Parkside Mission Statement

At the end of every morning meeting, we recite our Parkside Mission Statement:

Parkside is a place where everyone works, learns, and succeeds together!

Although very simple, this statement is the foundation for everything we do at Parkside. We encourage you to talk with your child about our mission statement, and what it means to them.

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