

Parkside Primary School

Home of the Eagles!

Important Dates

October 2020

- 10/9 - Remote Planning Day
- 10/12 - Columbus Day-School In Session
- 10/23 - End of Q1
- 10/27 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 10/28 - Papa John's Fundraiser
- 10/29 - Parent/Teacher Conferences

Principal's Note

Parkside Families,

Considering the circumstances, I think we've had a wonderful start to the school year! I know it doesn't look or feel the way we want, but we are making the most of it. The effort you all, and your children, are putting into making this work has been a tremendous help. In this current learning model, it is even more important to communicate and work closely with your child's teacher. As always, we strive to provide the best learning experience possible, but now, more than ever, we need your help! Please reach out to your child's teacher, or myself, if you have questions or concerns about what your child is learning on in-person or remote days. Remember, Parkside is a place where everyone works, learns, and succeeds together!

Sincerely,

Mr. Aaron B. Kilpatrick, Principal

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Important: Return to Learn - Quarter 2

As you are aware, based on the most recent decision by our Board of Education, K-5 students will be returning to a full week of in-person learning. This will begin with on Monday, October 26, the start of the 2nd quarter.

Those students who are full-time remote learners, will remain remote learners for the rest of the semester. We are excited to have all students return, but it will create some challenges that the hybrid schedule has prevented. Please begin talking to your child about the return, and helping them prepare for this big change in their schedule. In many ways, it will be like starting the school year over.

If you prefer that your child transition to remote learning due to the change to all students attending every day, please complete this survey by October 9th. <https://forms.gle/WRdjKReTaR2UUVAN9>

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.

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Character Education

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

Trustworthiness is the ability to keep promises, to be honest, reliable and principled while never inappropriately betraying a confidence. Trustworthiness relies on the integrity and character of the person.

Talking points for you and your child about having trustworthiness:

Trust is an essential part of any good relationship.

When others trust us, we give them confidence that we are trustworthy, that we will be reliable, honest, and a good friend to that person.

- Watch movies or tv shows that show characters in situations of gaining or losing trustworthy qualities.
- Talk about situations where being trustworthy is important.

Report Cards

Report cards will be sent via secure document delivery (email) the week of October 26. Due to our current schedule and situation, only priority standards are being taught and assessed. As a result, report cards will look different than they would during a typical first quarter. Your child's teacher will provide insight during parent/teacher conferences. Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, October 27 & Thursday, October 29.

Book Fair

Our Fall Scholastic Book Fair will be October 16-29. Due to current circumstances, our book fair will take place completely online. Please be on the lookout for more detailed information!

Halloween

Per board policy, the Bethalto School District does not celebrate the Halloween holiday at school. Students should not wear any part of their halloween costume to school. We appreciate your cooperation.

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.

Mindfulness

Mindfulness is the ability to be fully present, aware of where we are and what we're doing, and not overly reactive or overwhelmed about what's going on around us. At Parkside, we are teaching our students some of the basic concepts of mindfulness. During our morning meeting, we "get ready for our day" by sitting comfortably, closing our eyes, clearing our minds, and focusing on our breathing. Students are encouraged to use this technique whenever they feel anxious or overwhelmed. Please ask your child about this important part of our day!

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