



PTA NEWS

March 2019

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Important Dates

March

4-14: APEX Program
14: FUN RUN DAY!
15: School Holiday
18-22: Spring Break
25-4/1: Kindness Rocks during Art Class
26: Mix It Up Lunch for 3rd-5th grades
27: Inclusion Coffee @ RedHorn 9:15am

April

5: 3rd Grade production of "Wizard of Oz" 6pm
19: School Holiday

May

6-10: Teacher Appreciation Week
27: Holiday
31: Last day of school, early release

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APEX is coming to Parkside March 4-14

Parkside Elementary has selected APEX Fun Run as our spring fundraiser. APEX is a local company and will be on campus for two weeks teaching our students about leadership and fitness. APEX team leaders will meet with Parkside students daily for class huddles to talk about things like overcoming obstacles, being trustworthy, refueling your body and mind with good things, and going above and beyond expectations to do your best.

Every student will receive a run day t-shirt and motivational bracelets throughout the leadership lessons. Students will be challenged to get pledges for the laps they will run on Fun Run day. Funds raised this year will be used for campus improvements like water bottle filling stations, playground equipment and programs.



The Fun Run will take place outside on a marked track on March 4. Most students can finish up to 30 laps on the elementary sized track. If the weather is bad, students will run in the gym. Pledge kits will be sent home with each child. Donations are encouraged to be made online however cash or check needs to be submitted before Run Day so the student gets credit.

Garden Clean Up day April 6

Get your garden gloves & tools ready! We need volunteers to spruce up the garden on April 6 from 9 am to noon.

School gardens offers hands-on, experiential learning opportunities in a wide array of disciplines, including the natural and social sciences, math, language arts and nutrition. Volunteers will help weed, add soil, and plant!

For more information, contact Stacie Cary via email at stacie@staciecary.com.



Things to Bring:

- Gloves
- Shovel
- Rake
- Water
- Sunscreen

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Volunteer of the Month

Lea McFarlin

- ❖ Book Fair
- ❖ Classroom
- ❖ Math Pentathlon

Lea has volunteered for the last 3 years at Parkside. She loves seeing her kids in their school environment and getting to know their classmates. Lea urges people interested in volunteering to "start small and go from there!"

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MATHNASIUM
The Math Learning Center

Nachos & Numbers Math Afternoon a Success!

Parkside PTA was awarded a \$1000 grant by the National PTA to host a math event in partnership with Mathnasium. This event is meant to increase awareness in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) careers. The demand for qualified professionals in STEM jobs is high, but the supply of workers to fill these positions is low so it's important to get students excited about STEM now!

About 100 Parkside families turned out to stay and play games, eat nachos, and win prizes during the event. Mathnasium had a variety of math games at different learning levels set up for volunteers to play with students as they completed their passport to win a prize. Drawings were also held throughout the afternoon for take home math games.

A big thank you to all of our volunteers that made this event great!



Kindness Rocks Volunteers needed

Parkside students will participate in Kindness Rocks, an international project to lift others up through simple acts of kindness.

Each student will be given a rock to paint with a picture or message about kindness that they would like to share with the world. Kindness rocks will be placed in the school garden for everyone to enjoy.

Volunteers are needed to help in the art classroom and provide supplies for this project. Check the PTA website for signups.

Contact Chante Dennis at c.dennis@parkside-pta.org for more information.

School Funding

SCHOOL BUS

#FundTheFuture

Over the last decade, the Local Share for funding public schools has been steadily increasing, hitting 64% of the total cost in 2018.

