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Mark Your Calendar
April 2022

April 7 - Psota, Stem, Thompson to AG Expo
April 7 - Bodkins, Rawlins, Oliver to Landfill
April 8 - Love, Brougher to Landfill
April 8 - Stem to Simmon’s School
April 11 - Thompson to Simmon’s School
April 12 - Psota to Simmon’s School
April 12 - Math Bowl Competition (Southside)
April 13 - 3rd and 4th Grade to CNHS
        Adventure Concert
April 14: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
        (professional day for all staff)
April 15: NO SCHOOL (Good Friday)

Boys Basketball Open Gym

Schedule for Open Gyms for
4th and 5th grade boys.

5:30pm to 6:30pm

April 5, 7, 12, 19, 21, 26, 28

No Open Gym on April 14
Notes from the Office

Attendance:
Being at school every minute of the day is important! If your child is sick please call the office by 8:30 to let us know. If your child has an appointment that is after 9:00 AM, they should come to school in the morning before the appointment. Your child can be picked up in the office and then taken to the appointment. We ask that each time your child is away from school for an appointment that you get a note from the office where the child was seen. This is for the doctor, hospital, dentist, orthodontist, counselor, health department, or any other office. After the appointment, the child needs to return to school. They only reason a child should not return to school is if there is less than 30 minutes left of the school day. We take attendance seriously and a child will be marked unexcused for the afternoon if they have a morning appointment and do not return to school after the appointment is done. Also, if a child has an appointment in the afternoon and is not in class in the morning, the morning will be unexcused.

Tardies:
Students are to be in their classroom before the bell rings at 8:10 AM. Students not in their classroom when the bell rings will be counted as tardy. Each time a student is tardy it is marked in the system. We keep track of tardies and add up the time each day the student is late. Some students have missed days of school because they have arrived to school hours late several times.

Please get your child to school on time. This helps your child to learn about routines. It also gives your child time to greet their friends before class and this can reduce the possibility of disruptions in the classroom.

Kindergarten Enrollment for 2022/2023:
Kindergarten enrollment for the 2022/23 school year is open. Any child that is 5 years by August 1, 2022 may now enroll online. Enrollment is available by accessing the BCSC website or the Parkside website. All parents must upload the child’s birth certificate, immunization records, and proof of residency. The proof of residency must be a gas, water, electric bill, lease agreement or purchase agreement and must match the student’s home address. If you are unable to upload the documents, you may drop them off in the front office.

Yearbooks on Sale:
Yearbooks have been ordered. If you did not place an order online and would like a yearbook, please let Mrs. Ebersold know. We have ordered extra but they will be sold on a first come first serve basis. Bring $17 cash or check written to Parkside to the office. Once they are sold, there will be no more.
Notes from the Office

Dress for Recess:

Please dress your child appropriately for the weather. We go outside for recess daily as long as the temperature is over 20 degrees.

Change in Dismissal:

If your child is not going home their regular way after school, please send a note to your child’s teacher in the morning with your student. You can also use the Remind app or Class Dojo if your child’s teacher uses those resources. Teachers are the ones who get your child to the correct place in the afternoon.

Lunch and Breakfast Menus:

Follow the link below to see what is for lunch and breakfast at Parkside!
https://bcscck12.nutrislice.com/menu/parkside-elementary

Notification of School Cancellation:

If you would like to receive notifications when there is a school closing, delay, early dismissal, or an emergency announcement, please register on the Parkside website: https://www.bcscschools.org/parkside At the bottom of the website will be a place for you to click and register. If you do not receive a validation email after you register, please email the BCSC Webmaster for assistance at webmaster@bcsc.k12.in.us. Please do not contact the school if you need help or have forgotten your username or password. Please email the BCSC webmaster.

Central Middle School Open House:

We will be hosting an Open House for current 6th graders that plan to attend Central next fall. It will be on April 7th from 6:30-8 PM.

6:30-7:15 Main Gym for Overview of CMS
7:15-8:00 Tour the building and talk to staff
Grade Level News

Pre-K - Mrs. Morlok

Mrs. Morlok’s room became a dinosphere after spring break. The students made dinosaur eggs on Monday and we excavated them on Friday. Mrs. Tipling made our class hot cross buns and we took turns acting out the song in our classroom after tasting them. We also learned a new dice game that really excited the students. We can’t believe they are almost ready for kindergarten!!

Pre-K - Edwards

Edwards Pre-k celebrated good behavior with an ice cream party St. Patrick’s Day style. Also the preschoolers explored clouds and rain with a shaving cream science experiment.
Grade Level News

Fifth Grade

On Thursday, March 24th, fifth graders got to spend an awesome day at Camp Rancho Framasa! Even though the wind was a little chilly by the end of the day, it was a fantastic experience! The students (and parents) participated in six different stations facilitated by the camp staff. They shot bows and arrows, learned how to use a compass to find hidden markers on the property, studied different aspects of the lake water to determine its healthiness, searched the woods and streams for signs of animal tracks and scat, played games that simulated different animal adaptations, and did several team-building activities. By the time we got back to Parkside, everyone was ready for a pizza dinner and a good night’s rest! It was a wonderful day and one that will not be soon forgotten. A huge thank-you goes out to our amazing Parkside parents who went with us to camp!
Grade Level News

Third Grade
Miss Bodkins

Student Spotlight

Miss Bodkins’ Third Graders:
Reid Alstatt
Jayleen Owens

Academic Teams

Library

The end of the year is approaching! The week of May 2 will be the last opportunity for students to check out books and will be limited to 1 book per student. Please help your child/ren find and return all Parkside Library books before May 13 to avoid lost book fees. Happy Reading! Mrs. Andrews

Stem Lab

The STEM Lab would like to invite parents to join its Facebook group where we share pictures and videos of things the students are doing in STEM. There are questions to answer to be admitted to the group, and you will not be admitted without answering the questions. Thank you for helping to keep our kids safe online. The link to the group: Parkside STEM Lab

Odyssey of the Mind

April 12th- Odyssey of the Mind Preview Night 5-7 pm
April 23rd- Odyssey of the Mind State Tournament

Announcement: Calling all writers! Parkside is holding a special writing night on Friday, May 6th. We need your work. One event of the night is a Writers’ Cafe, where you can share any writing you have done either at school or at home with friends and family-LIVE! All writing is welcome- poetry, stories, and even persuasive writing can be shared. More information will be going home in a future Gold Folder about the event and about submitting your work.
Grade Level News Academic Teams

Math Bowl:

Math Bowl Competition at Southside April 12th

Math Bowl is a state wide competition that requires not only math prowess, but the ability to work as a team, explain math reasoning, and collaborate while time ticks away! These students will continue to practice both individually and on Thursday's after school until 4:00. Mark your calendar and plan to cheer us on at the one time competition for the STATE TITLE at Southside on April 12th at 5:30! Those on the team plan to meet at Southside around 4:30. You will find us in a group in the 'common' area. All students will need to wear dark pants or a skirt and a collared shirt. I will pass out ties when we get to Southside. Also, plan to come to Parkside at 7:15 on THURSDAY MORNING, April 21st for an award breakfast. Parents are invited!
Robotics Team

The sixth grade EPP (Engineering, Project, and Presentation Team) is excited to welcome fifth graders to the Robotics Team. Students will be learning how to program an EV3 robot to navigate different challenges throughout the next several weeks. Remember that practices will be every in April and May Wednesday until 4:00. Students can be picked up at the front door or at the West side door. The Last Practice will be May 11th.

Chess Club

Did you know that we have about 45 students who consistently come to Chess Club on Friday Mornings? This is a great way to meet new people, learn a new skill, and, have a lot of fun! All are welcome. We will start a tournament for those who have regularly attended on April First! Be on the lookout for Parkside Chess Champions. This club would not be possible with the continued support and leadership of parent volunteers. A BIG THANK YOU to Kelli Adams, Alyssa Lovell and Uma Vajapeyazula.
PTO News

PTO needs some volunteers for upcoming events. Please email parksidePTObcsc@gmail.com if you would like to be placed on the PTO email list for ideas and volunteer opportunities. You will receive approximately 2-3 emails per month including a meeting reminder and meeting minutes. Meeting minutes are also posted on the Parkside website. PTO meetings are currently being done via Zoom.

Toe Tokens 🧦🧦🧦🧦🧦

Help us bring this great program back to Parkside! Toe Tokens is a recess running program for students. It is organized by the PTO in partnership with Ms. Wiley. Students are able to run laps in the soccer fields during recess and be rewarded with "toe tokens," which are charms that can be worn on a chain necklace, also provided. We are looking for someone to coordinate this program. The duties of the Toe Tokens Coordinator include setting the dates the program will happen (any time after spring break until the end of the school year), coordinating volunteers, tracking student participation, and ordering and distributing prizes (charms). If you have interest in leading this program, please reach out to Kelli at ParksidePTObcsc@gmail.com.

When the program starts back up, we will also need parents to help track the student participation during recess. Look for a flyer to come home when the dates have been set to see how you can help.
2022 Walkathon Sponsors

Please visit and thank these lovely businesses for supporting Parkside Elementary!
TRY YOUR LUCK IN MARCH:
7 Box Tops participants will each receive 1,000 Bonus Box Tops for their school. Sweepstakes runs March 1 through March 31, 2022.

LEARN MORE AT BTFE.COM/EARN/SWEEPSTAKES/2022/LUCKYCHARMS

LOOK WHO’S JOINED BOX TOPS NOW!
Great news: now you can earn for schools with even MORE family-favorite products.
See a full list at BTFE.com/products

WHICH GRADE HAS EARNED THE MOST AT YOUR SCHOOL?
The Give Credit Leaderboard is a new way to give credit for your receipt scans and track school earnings by grade level. Check it out in your Box Tops app!

GET DETAILS ON ALL THIS AND MORE AT BTFE.COM
FROG LESSONS

What: 30 minute swim lessons
Where: Columbus North HS Pool
When: 8 AM - 1 PM
     Monday - Friday
     • June 6 - 10
     • June 13 - 17
     • June 20 - 24
     • June 27 - July 1

Who: Swimmers age 2 years and above
     • Learning water safety skills
     • Gaining confidence and becoming comfortable in the water
     • Looking to improve strokes and skills

FAQs:

Q: Does my child need to know how to swim?
   • A: No prior swimming experience needed!

Q: How do I sign up?
   • A: Registration will be available on May 1st via the Donner Swim Club website (under Frog Lessons) - scan the QR code above for quick access to the website homepage!

Q: What should we bring?
   • A: Swimmers need a swimsuit, towel, and goggles. Swim caps are optional. Flotation devices are not needed.

Q: Where do I go?
   • A: Enter through Door 40! Swimmers will wait on the pool deck for their instructors and parents will observe from the bleachers!
Volleyball Information

Incoming 7th & 8th Grade Girls Come Join Us
Open Gyms

May 10 & 11 5-6:30
July 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 and 28 5-6:30

Try outs: Times listed on website

More info visit: Northside Athletic Home Page
Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up May 2-6. The Parkside PTO has some special things planned to show our teachers how much we appreciate and value them. Below are ways that you can help us recognize our teachers!

**GIFT CARDS** - We are asking for donations of gift cards to raffle to the teachers each day that week. Gift cards can be for any dollar amount and from any store or restaurant. Cards can be turned in to Mrs. Ebersold in the office by Friday, April 29.

**WRITE A THANK YOU NOTE** - Tuesday May 3 is National Teacher Appreciation Day. On this day, we invited you to say thank you or write a special note of gratitude for all of the hard work and long hours your child’s teacher has put in this year.

**VOLUNTEER** - Please contact Michelle Chestnut at m.lira.chestnut@gmail.com you are interested in volunteer opportunities during the week and/or if you have any questions.
i-CARE TA's **NEEDED**

minimum age 18

**APPLY NOW!**

[www.bcscschools.org](http://www.bcscschools.org) CLICK i-CARE

**IF YOU ENJOY WORKING WITH KIDS, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD’S LIFE, IF YOU NEED A PART TIME JOB AND DON’T WANT TO WORK WEEKENDS-WE ARE THE PROGRAM YOU NEED TO WORK FOR!**

Shifts are 2:30-5:30 M-F
Summer 12:30-6
Cheerleading “Open Gym”

Are you interested in learning more about cheerleading at Parkside? Will you be a 5th, 6th, or 7th grade student during the 2022-2023 school year? You are in luck! Starting the week of April 4th, 2022, we will hold some “open gym” opportunities to help anyone interested in cheerleading at Parkside or Northside. We will work on motions, jumps, beginning tumbling skills, and voices.

Who- These open gyms will be available to any students that are currently in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades.
When- Every Tuesday after school until 4:00 starting April 5th through May 10, 2022
Where- Parkside Gymnasium

The first open gym will occur on Tuesday April 5th. Parents should arrive promptly at 4:00 and pick up students outside of the gym (This is the normal school car line location). Participants will want to bring their practice clothes, athletic shoes, snack and water bottle to school and plan to stay after. They can change their clothes in the restrooms by the gym and they will move into the gym once the car line has finished after school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Katie Schadenfroh at schadenfrohk@bcsc.k12.in.us or 812-371-9688.
NMS Cheerleading Tryouts

READY TO TRY OUT FOR THE NMS 2022-2023 CHEER TEAM?

If you would like to try out for NMS Cheer, please click here to complete the tryout form or use the QR code below. Read details and instructions carefully! This form must be completed by Thursday, April 14th.

Clinic Date:
Wednesday, April 20th @ 6:00pm-7:30pm

Parent Meeting:
Thursday, April 21st @ 6:30pm-7:30pm

Tryouts:
Friday, April 22nd @ 5:00pm

If you have any questions, please contact northsidemscheer@gmail.com
Heartland Kiwanis Run for Riley

BENEFITING

Riley Children's Foundation

5K Run/Walk

May 14, 2022 - 8:30 a.m.

Ivy Tech - Columbus Campus

Register by May 1st: $25 includes t-shirt, gift bag, and door prize chance tickets

Register After May 1/Day of race: $30 includes gift bag and t-shirt while supplies last

Day of Registration/Check in/Bib Pick up 7:30-8:15 at entrance to Ivy Tech - Columbus Campus 4475 Central Ave., Columbus, IN.

Contact Info: srbayer52@icloud.com or Steve Bayer (812) 343-5915

Register at: www.indiantiming.com

or scan this QR Code
41TH ANNUAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
FITNESS FUN RUN, WALK AND ROLL
MILL RACE PARK
SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022
10:00 A.M.

✓ Encourage your students to participate in the 41th Annual Elementary School Fitness Fun Run, Walk and Run! It will be held at Mill Race Park on Saturday, May 7th beginning at 10:00 a.m. The run is hosted by the Columbus Running Club and is open to ALL elementary school students in Bartholomew AND surrounding counties.

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<td>Free t-shirt to all kids that pre-register by April 30th.</td>
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<td>5 &amp; 6 Grade – 1 mile</td>
<td>Trophy will be presented to the school (large and small) with the most participants finishing the race.</td>
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Register online at www.run columbus.org. Deadline for pre-registration is Thursday, May 5th. Must register by April 30th to be guaranteed a free t-shirt!

Same-day registration will be available at the event beginning at 9:00 a.m. Spanish speaking volunteers will be available!

✓ Help your students submit their design for this year’s t-shirt celebrating the 41th year of the fitness run, walk and roll!
✓ The winning entrant will receive a $50 gift card
✓ The winning teacher’s classroom will receive a $200 gift card

Contest Guidelines:
1. The contest is open to any Bartholomew County student in Pre-K through grade 6.
2. The design must be the student’s own original artwork.
3. Submissions must include student name, school and grade.
4. Designs must be received by 5pm on March 11th, 2022. Submit entries to:
   - Erika Murguia, Erika.murguia@cummins.com and (812) 343 0204
   - Jennifer Shaver Morrill/CSA New Tech. 2205 25th St. Columbus, 47201 jenmorrill76@gmail.com
5. Winner will be notified by April 4th, 2022.
6. All designs submitted become the property of Columbus Running Club and will not be returned.

✓ Let us know if your school needs a coach or other assistance in order to hold a fitness/running club in preparation for this event.
Please contact Jennifer Shaver Morrill jenmorrill76@gmail.com
Parents:

The Indiana State Department of Health is requiring all students entering 6th grade to have the following immunizations:

2 doses of varicella
1 dose of Tdap given after the 10th birthday
1 dose of meningococcal conjugate Vaccine (MCV4)
2 dose of Hepatitis A.

If your child has already had these vaccines, and you have already sent in the dates please discard this letter. If your child has already had these vaccines and the records have not been sent in, please do so as soon as possible. If they have not had the vaccines, please schedule an appt. with your doctor or with the Health Dept. (379-1555) so they can receive the vaccines prior to entering 6th grade in the fall. Again, once the vaccines are given please bring in a copy of the immunization record from your doctor so that I may update their health record and show that they are in compliance.

If you have any questions please contact, Rebekah Thompson LPN at 376-4324.
BCSC Pre-K 2022-2023 Application

- Please visit our BCSC website, www.bcscschools.org, locate the Pre-K heading, and apply online.
- Possible free Pre-K available to families.
- A child must be four-years-old by August 1st, 2022 to be eligible for Pre-K.
- Pre-K applications for the 2022-2023 school year are also available at any BCSC elementary school.
- Families will be contacted upon completion of the application.
- Enrollment begins January 5 and ends April 30, or once all openings have been filled.
- **Availability is on a first come, first serve basis.**
- If you have questions, please call Busy Bees Academy at 812-376-4569.
- Please follow us on Facebook @ BCSC Pre-K and Early Childhood

If assistance is needed for Spanish-speaking families please contact Angelica Simpson by email (simpsonan@bcsc.k12.in.us) or by calling 812-418-4110.
Please Help Us Raise Awareness

We will be showing our support for pediatric brain cancer patients and the need for research to cure this deadly cancer by participating in Caps for the Cure.

Students will be allowed to wear a hat for the day and in exchange, the students are asked to donate at least $1 which will be given to The Cure Starts Now Foundation.

The Cure Starts Now is working to help fund research to stop the loss of these beautiful lives. These children with brain cancer deserve to be given a chance and your kids can help! $1 = wearing a hat = funding for research = SAVING LIVES!

The Cure Starts Now was started in 2007 after 6-year-old Elena was diagnosed with brain cancer. Elena was a bright and healthy kindergartner who loved to read and draw and wanted to be a teacher when she grew up. After her diagnosis, Elena’s parents learned there is a severe lack of funding for pediatric brain cancer research, resulting in few treatment alternatives.

Elena lost her battle only 7 short months after diagnosis, but thousands of children continue to battle brain cancer. Today they have joined forces with parents from around the country to build awareness for the need to fund pediatric brain cancer research and fund research to help cure this deadly cancer.

About The Cure Starts Now

The Cure Starts Now is an IRS approved 501(c)(3) non-profit. Since 2007, due to efforts like Caps for the Cure, The Cure Starts Now has been able to fund research across the globe. In conjunction with our DIPG/DMG Collaborative partners we have funded more than $18 million in research grants at 112 hospitals in 15 countries. It is our hope that this year’s Caps for the Cure will enable us to open up even more opportunities for these children before it is too late.

Please visit our website to see a few of the thousands of children whose lives will be affected by your school’s generosity.

Together we can find the Homerun Cure™ for all cancers!

Additional tax-deductible donations can be made at www.thecurestartsnow.org or simply send a check in with your child and you will receive a donation receipt in the mail.