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Mark Your Calendar
February 2022
Feb 14 - Happy Valentine’s Day
Feb 21 - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
(Professional Development Day for all staff)

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Join us for hilarious hoops! The Harlem Wizards will be back in Columbus! The game takes place Sunday, March 6th at Columbus North High School. The Wizards will face off against our BCSF All Stars team featuring your favorite BCSC principals and teachers. Tickets are on sale now at harlemwizards.com. All proceeds benefit the Bartholomew Consolidated School Foundation.

We love our Parkside Families
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 next school year will be open February 1, 2022. Any child that is 5 years by August 1, 2022. Enrollment will be online 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.

DivorceCare for Kids

DC4K (DivorceCare For Kids) is a 12 week interactive group for children in grades 2-6 whose parents are either separated or going through a divorce.

DC4K starts on Tuesday evening Feb 15th at 6:30pm and dinner is also available at 5:30pm.

In addition, DivorceCare, a support group for adults meets at the same location at the same time.

Sessions are held at Community Church of Columbus and there is no cost to participate. To register or further information call (812)348-6357 or communitydowntown@cccolumbus.org
There will be no school for BCSC students on February 21, 2022. On Monday, February 21, 2022, all BCSC staff members will be participating in professional development. This day was approved by the BCSC School Board of Trustees on October 25, 2021. i-CARE and Bright Beginnings Child Care will also be closed as they will be participating in professional development, as well. Families that regularly utilize these programs will need to find alternative plans for this day. BCSC offices will be closed until 10:00 am and all BCSC buildings will be closed to the public from 7:00 am-3:15 pm. If you have any questions related to this day, please contact your student’s building leadership.

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.

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Notes from the Office

Yearbook
It’s time to order your yearbook! The cost is $17. To order your yearbook visit: https://inter-state.com/order and enter code 63971B.

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://bcsc12.nutrislice.com/menu/parkside-elementary

Notification of School Cancellation:
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Mrs. Morlok's Pre-K has had to make do with inside recess for much of January. We have kept our bodies busy with some inside bowling (for letters) and an indoor snowball fight in the hallway. We also continue to practice letter formation...this time using salt trays.

Pre-K - Edwards

Edwards Pre-K enjoyed a Teddy Bear Picnic in our classroom on Friday, January 14th. Each child brought in their favorite stuffed animal. We made Bear Paws from biscuits and chocolate morsels. The children set out their beach blankets and had their own little picnic.
Grade Level News

Academic Teams

Smencil Sales will be in February - Dates TBD! Smencils will sell for $1 each and be sold in the front of the school, beside the West and East corridor entrances.

Proceeds support the Parkside Odyssey of the Mind teams.

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

PTO News

You are invited to our next PTO Meeting:
Wednesday, February 16 at 1:30 pm

Parkside Pirates

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.
Parkside Bonus Programs February 2022

Box Tops
Parkside Pirates, since the beginning of the school year you guys have doing a great job collecting Box Tops and scanning receipts. At the writing of this newsletter, the total is $149.40! Way to go and keep it up!

**Here is a link to a great You Tube video that shows how easy it is to scan your receipt with the new app: https://youtu.be/v-bNcykyK5Y**

**Did you know you can also submit your digital receipts from Wal-Mart, Sam’s Club, Kroger, and other stores? Here’s a link: https://youtu.be/ZfUGb_3JzZg**

If you do not already have an account, go to https://www.boxtops4education.com/ to create an account and then download the new app to your iPhone or Android to start scanning.

SPRING CONTEST FOR BOX TOPS and Kroger Community Rewards!

It is that time again, be sure to start clipping, collecting (and continue scanning) for your class as the next deadline to submit is coming up! From now until February 25th Box Tops and Kroger Receipts can be turned into your teacher to count for the class contest. The winning class will earn a pizza party! Collection envelopes will be in each classroom soon so help your class out and start scanning receipts and finding those tops!

If you have a question about any of these programs, please reach out to the Bonus Programs Coordinator, Blythe Swanger

Email: columbusparksideboxtops@gmail.com
Did you know that shopping at Kroger earns money for our school?

As of Jan 2022, we had 146 households enrolled and earning money for Parkside. Since July 2021 we have earned $1,120.44 for Parkside! GREAT JOB!! It would be great to see more families enrolled. The goal for this year is 175. Your friends and family can also sign up and earn money for Parkside!

It is as easy as linking your Kroger card to start earning!

Go to [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com) and log into your account.

1. Go to “My Account”
2. Select “Community Rewards”
3. Select “Parkside Elementary School” #DE601

Share this information with your family and friends and they can help our school earn as well!

Remember to submit your Kroger Receipts showing enrollment in the Rewards Program for Parkside!
AN HOUR A WEEK
CAN CHANGE A LIFE FOREVER!

BOOK BUDDIES
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Book Buddies is a one-on-one reading program that pairs volunteers with 2nd and 3rd graders reading below grade level. Help is needed at all 11 BCSC elementary schools!

CONTACT BOOK BUDDIES AT 812-376-4461 OR SCAN QR CODE FOR VOLUNTEER ENROLLMENT INFORMATION
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 1\(^{st}\), 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 served 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.