March 2022

Mark Your Calendar March 2022

March 2 - Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!
March 7 - Spontaneous Problem Night for Odyssey of the Mind 5:00-7:30pm
March 11 - 6th Grade Greek Olympics
March 13 - Daylight Savings Time Begins - Change Your Clocks
March 14-18 - Spring Break NO SCHOOL
March 24 - Spring Pictures
March 25 - T-shirt Submission Due
March 29-30: Voting for T-shirt Design Contest
April 1: Walkathon - money and envelopes due

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Parkside Families

Don’t Forget March 13, 2022

Daylight Savings Time Begins
Change Your Clocks
Notes from the Office

Spring Break

March 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 there will be NO SCHOOL due to Spring Break. Students will return to class on Monday, March 21.

Spring Pictures

Picture Day for Parkside Elementary School is scheduled for Thursday, March 24, 2022. Visit inter-state.com/order and enter code 67484HF to order pictures. Only students who pre-order pictures will have their picture taken.

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.
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](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://bcsck12.nutrislice.com/menu/parkside-elementary](https://bcsck12.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](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.

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](http://harlemwizards.com). All proceeds benefit the Bartholomew Consolidated School Foundation.
Grade Level News
Pre-K - Mrs. Morlok

Mrs. Morlok’s Pre-K celebrated Valentine’s Day with some water play, a pancake breakfast, and some melted crayon art on our pancake griddle!

Pre-K - Edwards

Edwards Pre-K made a 3D bulletin board and we have been working on Chain Reactions. The Preschoolers have used almost everything in our classroom to find the perfect chain reaction.
Grade Level News

Third Grade

Miss Bodkins

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Miss Bodkins’ Third Graders:
Raylee Goff
Kashvi Mehta

Mrs. Rawlins

Congratulations goes out to Mrs. Rawlins 3rd grade class for their participation and School Board Recognition in the I Love to Read Challenge with WISH-TV 8!

These students competed with other third grade classrooms around the state logging the number of minutes read each week. We made it as far as 6 rounds putting us in the top 8 for the state. What an incredible journey and love for reading we have shown. Thank you to all the Staff, Board Members, Administrators, and parents for cheering us on throughout this 3rd quarter. We are proud Pirates!

I would also like to recognize our top reader for the challenge. The Top Reader for our class is awarded to TIMOTHY HUANG, reading and logging consistently an average of 10 hours per week. I look forward to continuing this challenge each year in third grade. For more information on this Challenge please go to https://www.wishtv.com/read/#/
Grade Level News

Fourth Grade
4th grade (and many others) celebrated “Twosday” last week. Teachers wore tutus, we did everything in pairs, wrote about what life will be like when they are 22, practiced 2’s in math, did a 22 item STEM project and practiced lots of language arts activities related to twos and pairs. It was a fun day!

Fifth Grade
Fifth grade is excited to be headed into the woods! This year they are taking a one day trip to **Camp Rancho Framasa in Nashville, IN.** They will be learning about animal adaptations and ecosystems in the great outdoors while growing their teamwork and cooperation skills. The trip will be **Thursday, March 24th.**
Library

Please help your child/ren keep track of their library books over Spring break as they will have them for 2 weeks. Also, overdue notices and lost book fines will be going out in Gold Folders after break so please return all overdue books.

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](#)

Math Bowl

We had about 45 students participate in math club throughout January and February. That number had to be reduced for the competition Math Bowl Team. 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. If you would like to learn more about Math Bowl, please mark your calendar and plan to cheer us on at the one time competition at **Southside on April 12th at 5:30!**

Vibha Nagiligari, Arya Kallurwar, Christian Landero
Arjun Vajapeyazula, Grace Lodhi, Timothee Delfosse
Soham Gugale, Anand Neela, Timothy Huang
Shrina Surve, Nithya Neela, Michelle Sun
Arsema Tewolde, Saanvi Pradeep, Reyansh Nighojkar
Krishna Sai, Maggie Myers, Shaivi Nighojkar
Sophia Sandoval, Abigail Lodhi
Kevin Chen, Cooper Koons

Robotics Call out for all 5th Graders interested:

Calling all 5th grade coders! If you are a 5th grader interested in learning about coding, robots, and teamwork, then join us in a code-tastic adventure starting on March 23, (Wednesday after spring break until 4 pm)! We will meet each Wednesday until May 4th afterschool until 4:00. If interested, pick up an information sheet from the Academic board in the 5th and 6th grade hallway. Be sure to fill out the survey (link found on the information sheet to register.) Registration will be limited to 24 pirate-code-following students and will close on March 3. CONTACT MRS. LOGSTON (logstone@bcsc.k12.in.us) WITH QUESTIONS.
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.
Walkathon - April 1, 2022

Parkside's Walkathon is scheduled for April 1, 2022. Students in all grades raise money by collecting donations from family, friends, and neighbors. The money raised is used for many things including classroom supplies, enrichment programs, transportation assistance for field trips, school socials, staff appreciation, and much more. Collection envelopes will be sent home after spring break and are due back on the day of the walkathon, April 1. The walkathon takes place in the morning with each class coming out to walk and show their Parkside pride.

PTO thanks families for fundraising by providing some great prizes. We will be revealing the prizes over the next couple weeks, including mystery prizes and a "top earner" prize package. We even have a couple prizes for teachers!

PTO needs a lot of assistance to make the walkathon happen. Please consider volunteering by returning the form sent home in gold folders on March 1 or emailing Kelli at ParksidePTObcsc@gmail.com. Any questions can be directed to Kelli as well. Our biggest areas of need are requesting community sponsors (businesses) and supervision during the walkathon - it's a great morning to come hang out with your student! We will also take prize donations!

T-Shirt Design Contest

Part of our walkathon includes a t-shirt design contest for students. Instructions will be sent home March 8 and submissions are due March 25. PTO will select the top five designs, which will then be voted on by students. Voting is done with money where each cent equals one vote. Voting will take place at lunch on March 29 and 30.
Box Tops

SPRING CONTEST FOR BOX TOPS and Kroger Community Rewards!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Spring Box Tops and Community Rewards collection!

**Mrs. Euler’s class won the contest this spring by turning in over 20 Kroger receipts! Great job!**

See some of the new products that have been added to the Box Tops program and remember to scan your receipt in the app!

For the most current list of products, visit BTFE.com

NEW PRODUCTS

Betty Crocker™ Cinnamon Toast Crunch™ Cake Mix
Betty Crocker™ Cinnamon Toast Crunch™ Coffee Cake Mix
Betty Crocker™ Cinnamon Toast Crunch™ Cookie Mix
Betty Crocker™ Cinnamon Toast Crunch™ Frosting
Betty Crocker™ Dunkin’ Donuts Cookie Mix
Betty Crocker™ Dunkin’ Donuts Frosting
Betty Crocker™ Dunkin’ Donuts Pancake & Waffle Mix
Cheerios™ Muesli Bars
Cinnamon Toast Crunch™ Pancake Kit
Lucky Charms™ Pancake Kit
Old El Paso Tortilla Pockets
Pillsbury™ Midnight Berry Cereal
Reese’s Puffs Cluster Crunch
Strawberry Banana Cheerios
Pillsbury™ Shape Box Franks Sugar Cookie Dough
Progresso Soup Mix

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

Email: columbusparksideboxtops@gmail.com
Girls On The Run & Trailblazers

WHAT
Our mission is to inspire girls and boys ages 8-12 to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum. The programs creatively integrate running to train for a 3.1 mile running event at the end of the season.

WHEN
February 21, 2022 - May 10, 2022

5K EVENT INFORMATION
May 7, 2022 | 8:00AM
Foundation For Youth
405 Hope Avenue
Columbus, IN 47201

The Athletic Director will send additional 5K information on Remind.

COST
January 17, 2022 - February 20, 2022
$75.00

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:
- 10 Week Curriculum
- Program T-Shirt
- Water Bottle
- Drawstring Bag
- 5K Race Entry
- 5K Finisher Medal
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
Girls On The Run & Trailblazers

WHAT IS THE FORMAT OF THE PROGRAM?
The participants meet two days a week, directly after school, for approximately 90 minutes. The most common practice time is 2:45PM-4:00PM.
*The time may vary depending on the location and volunteer coach availability.*
The end of the season is celebrated with a 5K event held at Foundation For Youth.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT IF MY CHILD'S SCHOOL HAS A COACH? WHEN IS PRACTICE?
The information can be found on our website under "Programs" - "Athletics". You also can contact the Athletic Director or Customer Service Desk.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY CHILD'S SCHOOL DOES NOT HAVE A COACH?
We recommend adding your child to the waitlist. There is **no fee** to be put on the waitlist. You will receive a text message from the Athletic Director if a coach is found.

You can register *(and add to waitlist)* online, over the phone or in person with the Customer Service Desk.
812-348-4558 Ext. 0
www.foundationforyouth.com/athletics

REMINd APP
Class Code: @GOTRTBLAZE

The Athletic Director will send program updates including new locations, coach contact information, 5K race reminders and more on the app.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?
Our athletic programs are not possible without the commitment of volunteer coaches.

We have a variety of volunteer coach resources, including coach applications, on our website.
www.foundationforyouth.com/athletics

WHAT IS A RUNNING BUDDY?
We encourage parents to recruit a running buddy to participate in the end of season 5K alongside their Girls On The Run or Trailblazers participant.

*Examples: Parent, Family Member, Family Friend, Sibling, Teacher*
The running buddy is required to register and pay a separate fee to participate in the 5K event. The registration includes an official time for the race and a finisher medal.

Running Buddy Registration Opens: February 21, 2022

I HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS NOT LISTED. WHO SHOULD I CONTACT?
Ashley Harrison, Athletic Director
E-Mail: ashley@foundationforyouth.com
Work: (812) 348-4558 Ext. 313
Cell: (812) 767-8282
Calling All Bartholomew County
Elementary School Students in grades PreK – 6th!

The Columbus Indiana Running Club wants YOU to design the t-shirt for the 41th Annual Elementary School Fitness Fun Run, Walk and Roll!

The 41th Annual Elementary School Fitness Fun Run, Walk and Roll will be held May 7, 2022 beginning at 10am at Mill Race Park.

1. Every pre-registered runner will receive a free t-shirt and the shirt could feature YOUR design! The winner of the t-shirt design 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 artwork.
3. Submissions must include the student’s name, school and grade.
4. Designs must be received by 5pm on Friday, March 4th, 2022.
5. Submit entries to Erika Murguia, at erika.murguia@cummins.com (812) 343-0204 or Jennifer Morrill, CSA New Tech. 2205 25th St. Columbus, 47201.
6. Winner will be notified by April 4, 2022.
7. All designs submitted become the property of Columbus Running Club and will not be returned.

Hint: Think simple! The design will be reduced to fit on the front of a T-shirt.

Submit as many entries as you like!

Questions?
Jennifer Morrill jenmorrill76@gmail.com
Erika Murguia erika.murguia@cummins.com
¡Llamando a todos los estudiantes de Pre-K a 6to de Primaria del Condado de Bartolomé!

El Columbus Indiana Running Club quiere que TÚ diseñes la camiseta para la 41 Carrera y Caminata Anual de Escuelas Primarias

La 41ª Carrera y Caminata Anual de Escuelas Primarias se llevará a cabo el 7 Mayo, 2022 a las 10am en Mill Race Park.

✓ ¡Cada corredor pre-registrado recibirá una camiseta gratis y el diseño en la camiseta puede ser el tuyo! ¡El autor del diseño ganador recibirá una tarjeta de regalo de $50 dólares! El salón donde se dibujó el diseño ganador recibirá una tarjeta de $200 dólares.

Guía del Concurso:
1. El concurso está abierto a todos los estudiantes del Condado de Bartolomé desde Pre-K hasta 6to grado de primaria.
2. El diseño debe ser creación original del alumno.
3. Al enviar el diseño se deben incluir los siguientes datos: nombre del alumno, grado, y escuela.
4. Los diseños deberán ser recibidos antes de las 5pm del viernes, Marzo 4, 2022.
7. Todos los diseños enviados serán propiedad del Columbus Running Club y no podrán ser devueltos.

Pista: ¡Piensa simple! El diseño será reducido al tamaño del frente de una camiseta.

¡Puedes enviar tantos diseños quieras!

Si tienes preguntas, contacta a:
Erika Murguía erika.murguia@cummins.com (en español e inglés)
Jennifer Morrill jenmorrill76@gmail.com (inglés)