September 2021

Welcome to Parkside!
We are excited to have new staff join us this year!

Mrs. Smith-Kindergarten
Mrs. Burton-2nd grade
Ms. Oliver-3rd grade
Mrs. Molitor-Para Educator
Mrs. Robinson-LRC Teacher
Mr. McCain-LRC Teacher
Mrs. Stark-LRCTA
Mrs. Alvarez-Parent Liason
Mrs. Andrews-Media Assistant
Mrs. Leger-Santiago-Speech
Mrs. Dobbs-Technology
Mrs. Bhanja-ELL TA
Mrs. Summers-PreK TA
Mrs. Gess-PreK TA
Mrs. Brummett-Book Buddies

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Mark Your Calendar

September Calendar
6...Labor Day-NO SCHOOL
8...Put Your Nose In A Book Day
9...Spell Bowl Practice
13...Cheer Clinic 3:15-5:00
14...Cheer Clinic 3:15-5:00
15...Cheer Tryouts 3:00 to ?
15...Bus Safety Day
16...Spell Bowl Practice
23...Spell Bowl Practice
24..Kids Fun Run
30...Spell Bowl Practice
Notes From the Office

Dismissal Procedure:
If your child is not going home their regular way, PLEASE SEND A NOTE TO YOUR CHILD’S TEACHER. Teachers are the ones who make sure students get to the right place at the end of the day. Have a plan in place with your child and teacher if it rains so they know how they will get home.

Free/Reduced Meal Forms:
Breakfast and lunch are free to all students. If you are interested in help with book fees, please fill out the free/reduced meal form that was in the gold folder and return it to the office. If you have questions, please see Mrs. Ebersold in the office.

Lunch at School:
At this time parents are not allowed to eat with students during lunch.

BCSC Emergency E-Alert Registration:
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.

Dr./Dentist Appointments:
If you child has an appointment in the morning and will be late to school, please call the office at 812-376-4314. If you are picking up the child early for an appointment, please let the teacher know. Then when you arrive at school, come into the office to sign them out and the office staff will call the room to get your child. When a student is out of school for an appointment, please have the Dr. or Dentist print an excuse note for school or Mrs. Ebersold can give you a paper to be filled out.

Parkside Website:
Check out the Parkside website. There is a lot of information posted there! https://www.bcscschools.org/parkside

Picture Retakes:
Picture Retakes will be Wednesday, October 27. More information to come.
Stem Lab

If there are any parent volunteers that would like to help make copies or help prep materials from time to time, please email Mrs. Lowe at lowet@bcsc.k12.in.us

STEM lab is in need of plastic grocery bags, and clean 2 liter bottles. Please have students take items to Mrs. Lowe in the STEM lab, room 135.

Kids Fun Run at Mill Race Park

Friday, September 24 at 6 PM

Register for free at www.millracemarathon.com

In Memory of Kayydence Mings

Parkside Families and Staff donated funds to purchase a memorial bench in the courtyard in memory of Kayydence who passed away last spring. Parkside was a place she felt loved and safe with teachers & friends. Thank you to everyone who made this memorial possible.
Library News

Hi! I’m new to Parkside this year. My name is Jennifer Andrews and I am the new Library/Media Assistant replacing the beloved Debbie Harmon. I have experience working in a preschool library and I am ready for the exciting challenge of an elementary school library! Books are a love for me and I look forward to sharing that love with your children. Happy reading!

Strings Class

The Columbus Philharmonic offers strings classes on Wednesdays after school. If you have any questions contact Vanessa Edwards at educate@thecip.org

2:45-3:15 pm Beginners
3:20-3:50 pm Advanced
3:55-4:25 pm Intermediate

Academic Teams Information for the year:

Email Mrs. Logston for more information at logstone@bcsc.k12.in.us

Spell Bowl (Sept - Nov.) Grades 4-6  
Practices Thursdays from 2:45-3:45  
Competition Monday November 15th at 5:30  

EPP Team - Engineering, Programming, and Projects (By invitation)  
Practices Tuesday 7:15 am - 8:10  
and one other night per week.  
Competition- November

Chess Club- (Sept-Dec) Grades 5-6  
Practices Friday mornings 7:15 in forum

Math Bowl (Dec.- April) Grades 4-6  
Practices Thursday 2:45-3:45  
Competition Tuesday April 12th at 5:30

Lego Club (March-May) Grades 4-6  
Practices TBD  
No competition

Odyssey of the Mind (October-May) Grades 3-6  
This program will replace DI this year.  
Practices TBD  
Competition:February
Spell Bowl Practice Schedule:

Thursday, August 26 (words 1-50)
Thursday, Sept 2 (words 51-100 plus missed words 1-50)
Thursday, Sept. 9 (words 101-200 plus missed words 1-100)
Thursday, Sept 16 (words 201-300 plus missed words 1-200)
Thursday, Sept. 23 (words 301-400 plus missed words 1-300)
Thursday, Sept 30 (words 401-500 plus missed words 1-400)
Thursday, Oct 7 (words 501-600 plus missed words 1-500)
Final Roster Due
Thursday, Oct. 14 NO PRACTICE - FALL BREAK
Thursday, Oct. 21 (words 601-700 plus missed words 1-600)
Thursday, Oct. 28 All Words
Thursday, Nov. 4th All Words
Thursday, Nov. 11 All Words -Final Practice
Thursday, Nov. 15 SPELLBOWL 5:30 at Southside

COMPETITION Monday, November 15th at 5:30
at Southside Elementary School

There will be a first round of ‘cuts’ after the September 16th practice. Keep in mind that any word that is missed will be added to the list for everyone to respell the following week. Students who repeatedly miss several words, will be welcome to stay to practice, but will not be eligible for spell bowl as we cannot have an excessive number of words added to the new list each week. This first week we only did the first 50 words. The scores will not start counting until next week.


I am looking for a parent who is willing to grade and record missed words. I can teach you how to do it! Let me know if you are interested.

If you have questions, please contact me via email: logstone@bcsc.k12.in.us

Spell on, Edie Logston

PTO News

PTO is currently meeting the third Tuesday of the month. This may change. Please check out the PTO webpage on the Parkside Website for any updates….. https://www.bcschs.org/parksidepto At this time our next meeting is September 21
Mrs. Morlok-PreK
Mrs. Morlok's Pre-K has been busy learning new routines and building relationships. We always begin the year with the nursery rhyme Jack Be Nimble. Here Aaron is jumping over the candlestick like Jack. Izzy and Emmett are helping to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Aviana is pointing to the correct letters as we sing the alphabet song.

SPOTLIGHT ON MISS BODKINS’ THIRD GRADERS:

Audrey Bohland
Will Nevins

Fifth Grade News
Fifth graders are excited to be heading to Bradford Woods this year with new COVID-safe protocols in place! If you would like to help with our fundraising efforts, you can order from our online store. We get 40% of all sales to help defray the cost of the trip. Visit https://needsyoursupport.org and type in Group ID 3863Y.

Thank you for your support!
Parkside Bonus Programs 2021-2022

There are many ways you can help our school this year! Check out the options below!

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of these programs, please email: columbusparksideboxtops@gmail.com

Bonus Programs Coordinator: Blythe Swanger

Box Tops for Education are back this year and are digital!

Now you SCAN your receipts when Box Top items are purchased.

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Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production, but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store. You can still clip them and send them to school.

Every valid Box Tops clip is worth 10¢ for your school. Make sure each one has a clearly visible product acronym and expiration date.

*All valid Box Tops clips submitted per the Program Rules by a Coordinator (s) of (an) eligible, enrolled school(s) will be honored.

Eventually the Box Tops program will become digital-only. Participating brands are starting to change their packaging from a traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label.

If you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. Box Tops are still worth 10¢ for your school. The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your school’s earnings online.

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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.
Did you know that shopping at Kroger earns money for our school? As of June 2021, we had 145 households enrolled and earning money for Parkside. 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 and log into your account

1. Go to “My Account”

2. Select “Community Rewards”

Select “Parkside Elementary School” #DE601
Share this information with your family and friends and they can help our school earn as well!
INSTRUCTIONS FOR KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS SUPPORTERS:

All supporters must have a registered Kroger Plus card account online to be able to link their card to an organization.
- If you do not have a Kroger Plus Card, you can obtain a digital Kroger Plus Card when creating an account online or at any Kroger store.

- If you have an existing account, click on “Sign In”, otherwise click on “Create an Account”.
- If you are a new online customer:
  o You will need to enter your email address, create a password, enter your zip code, click on favorite store, and agree to the terms and conditions.
  o Once you are done entering your information you will get a message asking you to check your e-mail inbox and click on the link within the body of the e-mail that was sent to activate your Kroger account.
- Already have a Kroger.com account?
  o Enter your email address and password and click on “Sign In”.
  o Click on Community then on Community Rewards” then click on enroll now, complete personal information, click on save.
  o Enter your organization’s number or name and then click on “Search”.
  o Select your organization and click on “Save”.
  o To verify that you enrolled correctly, you will see your organizations name on the right side of your account settings page.
  o Once you are linked, you can start earning rewards immediately toward the organization you are supporting. (Note: The message saying that you are supporting an organization through the Kroger Community Rewards program will start printing on your receipt about 10 business days after you linked your card.)

View your Rewards Details
☐ Sign in to your Kroger account
☐ Go to www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com
☐ Click on “View Your Rewards Details”
☐ See how much you have earned for your organization! (Note: This information will only be available and updated at the end of each cycle.)

Remember, you must swipe your registered Kroger Plus Card or use your Alt ID when shopping for each eligible purchase to count.
You must link your card every year, starting August 1st, to support the organization of your choice.

Thank you for participating in our Kroger Community Rewards program!
Through Coca-Cola Give, you can support PARKSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL by donating your codes. Our school will be able to use donated funds for extra-curricular activities including sports, technology, art and/or school supplies within our school.

For now, you can drop these off in the Box Tops bin in the cafeteria.

**HOW TO DONATE:**

1. Send your bottle caps with codes or cut off labels from cartons/cases of coke products to school and we will do the rest!

**OR**

2. Purchase your favorite Coca-Cola products to get codes (they are on hundreds of different packages including DASANI, Sprite, Minute Maid and more.

3. Go to coke.com/give (register if you are not a member) and search for PARKSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

4. Scan cap code with your phone or enter the code manually and click enter.
BOOK BUDDIES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

An hour a week could change a life forever!

Book Buddies is a one-on-one reading program that pairs volunteers with 2nd and 3rd graders reading below grade level. Volunteers work with two students for an hour a week, Monday through Thursday. Help is needed at all elementary schools!

Requirements:
- Fulfillment of an enrollment form
- Training session attendance
- Background check

For more information contact:
Book Buddies Director
(812) 376-4461
bookbuddies@bcsc.k12.in.us
FOUNDATION FOR YOUTH
FALL 2021 SEASON

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 program creatively integrate running to train for a 3.1 mile running event at the end of the season.

WHEN
September 13, 2021 - December 7, 2021

5K EVENT INFORMATION
December 4, 2021 | 9:00AM
Foundation For Youth
405 Hope Avenue
Columbus, IN 47201

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

COST
EARLY REGISTRATION
August 15 - August 31
$65.00

REGULAR RATE
September 1 - September 30
$75.00

LATE REGISTRATION
October 1 - October 15
$85.00

405 HOPE AVENUE
COLUMBUS, IN 47201
WWW.FOUNDATIONFORYOUTH.COM
812-348-4558
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

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE REGISTRATION?
• 10 Week Curriculum
• Program T-Shirt
• Water Bottle
• Drawstring Bag
• 5K Race Entry
• 5K Finisher Medal

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: October 1, 2021

REMEMBER APP
Class Code: @GOTRLTBLAZE
The Athletic Director will send program updates including new locations, coach contact information, 5K race reminders and more on the app.

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
Parkside Elementary Cheerleading Tryouts

Who: 5th & 6th Graders

When: September 13 and September 14 (Cheer Clinic) 3:15-5:00. During the two Cheer Clinic days, each participant will learn the tryout cheer and be placed in their tryout groups.

September 15 (Official Tryout) 3:30 start time. Results posted after all participants have finished their tryout. The team should be picked and results posted around 5:00 (this is only an estimate).

Where: Parkside Gym