

PARKVIEW ELEMENTARY



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Principally Speaking...

When we walk into Parkview, we are entering a children's place. It is easy for us adults to get caught up in our adult world and bring it into school with us. This is a reminder for all of us to think about what we say and what we do when we enter this children's place. Children are listening to the topics we choose to talk about, the words we use when we're talking, and they are watching us to see how we handle conflict or whether we follow the rules. Let's all make Parkview a safe, respectful, and responsible place.

Trading cards, such as Pokemon cards, have been causing disagreements between students lately. Students are not to bring them to school. If students do have them, the cards will be taken to the office and held until a parent can pick them up. The same procedure is used for electronic devices, such as phones and hand held video games. We want to make sure students' valuable items are safe and that students can focus on learning while they are at school. Thank you for your support in this matter.

MEAP scores are now available. Parkview made some very nice gains

in reading! You can take a closer look at Parkview scores by visiting the Michigan Department of Education website at <http://www.michigan.gov/mde>. Choose the Assessment and Accountability tab on the left side of the page. From there choose MEAP. Scroll down to the Reporting section and choose MEAP Test Results. At the top of the page it will say Fall 2012, Grades 3-9. One of the choices is School and District Summary Reports. Follow this link and you will be able to look up Parkview Elementary.

Katie Jobson, Principal

HALF DAYS!

We have two 1/2 days coming up. They are Thursday, March 21st and Friday, March 22nd. All students will dismiss at 12:15pm. There will be no TEAM 21 on the half days.

Spring Break!



Spring Break will start on March 29, 2013 and continue through the first week of April. Student will return to school on Monday, April 8th. There is no school on Friday, March 29th.

Hopefully, this will be a great time to relax and enjoy some family time.

Phone Call & School Closing

All parents should receive a phone call, in the morning between 6:00am and 7:00am, if school is closed. We have had two closings this year. If you did not receive a phone call, please call the office to make sure we have your correct phone number. The call is an automated call and will go to voice mail if you don't answer. If you have a voice mail that is not set up, you will not receive a message. The call goes to the number that is listed as your home phone.

Doctor's Note Required



No student may stay inside for recess without a note from their doctor. If a student is too sick to go outside, they are too sick to come to school.



What to wear?



Please make sure your students have everything they need to go outside. Boots, snow pants, hat, mittens, scarf and coat should be worn every day. Students will only stay inside if the temperature, or the wind chill, is zero or below.

Parent Information

Wanted

Parkview is in need of elastic waist pants or sweat pants. We can use any and all sizes for both girls and boys. These pants can be second hand. If you have any that you would like to donate, please drop them off in the main office. We appreciate your help. We **cannot** use pants that must be zipped and buttoned.

Bond Issue

Wyoming Public Schools is seeking a bond issue on May 7, 2013, to achieve the following:

1. Update our facilities to accommodate current curricular demands, including integration of technology and focus on group/teamwork as required by Common Core;
2. Increase the safety and security of our facilities and sites;
3. Address crowding in some facilities and plan for the progression of our growing elementary classes through the district (K-3 enrollment is up 130 students in just two years;)
4. Keep our facilities relevant (newest building, Wyoming Intermediate, is 48 years old).

If you have any questions regarding the bond proposal or where to vote, please contact Katie Jobson.

Kindergarten Round Up - What's that?

We are "rounding up" all of the children in our district that are eligible to start kindergarten in the fall of 2013. If you or someone you know has a child that will be 5 on or before **November 1, 2013**, please come to the "round up." It will be held March 14, 2013 from 11:30am—6:00pm at Huntington Woods Elementary School, 4334 Byron Center Ave.

You may come anytime between 11:30 & 6:00. Please bring your child's certified birth certificate, two proofs of residency (utility bills, lease, any mail sent to you, etc.) and shot records. We request that you register your kindergarten student during "round up" and not wait until just before school starts. Knowing how many students we will have in kindergarten, before school starts, helps us have the correct number of teachers and supplies already on board.

If you have any questions, please contact the office at 530-7572.

Safety First

Please be safe! Watch for pedestrians and cars during drop off and pick up. Please walk your student across the street or have them find an adult outside to cross them. Thank you.



Kent School Service Network is here to support you! Whether you need assistance from DHS, counseling, information on resources, etc., we have staff in place to help you with your needs. Additionally, we all work hard to ensure your child is attending school every day, all day, regardless of your circumstances. Let us know how we can be of assistance. Building a habit of good attendance is your child's ticket to success in school and eventually on the job. Just a few missed days here and there, even if they are excused absences, can add up to too much lost learning time and put your child behind in school. This is as true in kindergarten as it is in high school.

Congratulations to the 140 students who had perfect attendance for the month of January. They received coupons for a free "Fun Friday" gift. February winners received a treat and a note card congratulating them. Keep up the great work, and let's continue to strive for perfect attendance.

Staffing Update: Jodi West has resigned her position as Community School Coordinator. While she enjoyed her time at Parkview, working with staff, students and families, she will now be working closer to home. Teresa Dood is the new Coordinator, and will be here to assist you with any of your needs. Thank you for welcoming her.

Parkview Elementary Calendar /March 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 Daylight Savings-Clock set ahead 1 hour	11	12	13 Chocolate Delivery 3:00—6:00pm	14 2013-2014 Kindergarten registration @ Huntington Woods 11:30-6:00	15 Wear a hat to school day.	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18 3rd & 4th grade Concert	19	20	21 1/2 day - dismiss at 12:15	22 1/2 day - dismiss at 12:15 Wear Wolf Wear	23
24	25	26 Literacy Night 5:00pm – 6:30pm	27	28	29 No School Spring Break	30