



**Middle School at
Parkside**

March 2019

WELCOME to the
2018-2019 school year!

Parkside Principals

Krista Jarvey – 6th
Jeremy Patterson – 7th
Jill Weatherwax – 8th

Daily Schedule

**School begins at 7:25 am
& Dismissal is at 2:14 pm**

***Students may enter the
building at 7:00 am**

**½ day Dismissal is at
10:50 am**

**A Lunch: 10:10 – 10:35
B Lunch: 10:36 – 11:01
C Lunch: 11:05 – 11:30**

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Parent Liaison

**Kristy Dillon
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Office: (517)841-2278**

UPCOMING NEWS & EVENTS

The goal of PAVE (Parkside Adult Volunteers for Education) is to support Parkside through volunteering, donations & fundraising. We believe that the school NEEDS parents & community members involved to be successful & to enrich the children's learning experience. We meet once a month to plan events or set up volunteering opportunities. If you are interested in being a part of this initiative please contact:
Kristy Dillon (info on bottom left)

****We will not have a PAVE Meeting this month because our Literacy Night falls on the same night we usually have our meeting. We hope to see you at Literacy Night!***

Half Days/No School

Friday, March 8th – ½ Day (Dismissal at 10:50)

Monday, March 11th – No School

March 29th – April 5th – Spring Break

School Resumes – Monday, April 8th

NJHS Teddy Bear Drive



Our Parkside NJHS Students are having a Teddy Bear Drive from now until March 8th. Thank you to Two Men And A Truck for being another drop-off location for our Drive!
Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Band Boosters 🎵

The next Band Boosters Meeting is:
Tuesday, March 5th at 5:30 pm in Band Rm #12

Kids2College/Pathways2Professional

Skilled Trades Program

On Tuesday, March 12th, our 8th grade students will travel to a college campus & a local manufacturing company to visit. We would like to thank the College and Career Access Center for facilitating this for us. Information regarding this was sent home last Friday with your 8th grade student.



Parkside Fun Night



Our next Fun Night is Friday, March 15th from 5-7 pm in the Parkside Gym & Pool. The cost is \$5.00.

I've attached a flyer with more details...



GO VIKINGS!

Access our websites!

Jackson Public Schools:
www.jpstk12.org

Middle School at Parkside:
parkside.jpstk12.org

*Don't forget to "like" us on **Facebook**:
Middle School at Parkside, Jackson Public Schools



*Find us on **Twitter**:
@JPSParkside
#MSParksideVikings



*Download our JPS App!



Spring Pictures



Spring Picture Day is Tuesday, March 19th. Only students that wish to have these done will have their picture taken. More info will come home soon regarding this.



Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be here **March 18th-20th** during school hours. If you are available to **volunteer** during any of these times, please let me know ASAP. Thank You! The Book Fair will also be open during the "Leap Into Literacy Night."

Leap Into Literacy Night



Please join us on Tuesday, March 19th from 5:30-7:00 p.m. for our "Leap Into Literacy Night!" JPS K-8 families are invited to come participate in fun activities, hear our 6th graders read their children's stories that they created and many other fun stations. See the attached flyer for more information. We will also have the Scholastic Book Fair for families to visit!

SAVE THE DATE:

PSAT- 8th Grade

New for this year, the 8th graders will be taking the PSAT. The date for this test will be Tuesday, April 9th. Please be sure that your student is in attendance this day.

8th Grade Formal



The 8th Grade Formal is planned for Saturday, June 1st from 5:00-7:00 pm.



Center for Family Health

The Parkside Health Center is open to all students, Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., all year long. We provide medical and counseling services in the comfort of your school.

Call us at 788-6812 to make an appointment.



8th GRADE EXHIBITION

**Mark your calendar for
Exhibition: Thursday,
March 21, 2019 beginning
at 6:00 p.m. Thank you
for supporting your
child's work.**

Parkside Community Closet

This is our 3rd year that Parkside has the Community Closet available to our students & families. Hunger, lack of appropriate clothing, shoes & basic hygiene supplies is an issue that many students face. In an effort to help our students, we have opened this Community Closet. Visit our Facebook page (Parkside Community Closet) to see what donations we are currently in need of.

If you know a student that would benefit from our closet, message us on Facebook or please contact us at:

parksidecommunitycloset@gmail.com

Thank you for helping us on this journey!

~Casey Cretsinger & Kristy Dillon

8th Grade Community Project Corner

Our annual Exhibition of the 8th Grade Community Projects is this month! Our students will showcase their work on **Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.** This year we will use space in the library as well as in the cafeteria to set up the trifolds and slideshows so that there is more room for movement. We look forward to seeing you there as our students show how "Vikings Give Back".

Here is what your 8th grade child should be doing in March to finish their project in time:

1. Make sure they have finished their 15 hours. Remind your child that the time they spend creating their trifold counts toward the 15 hours.
2. Remind your child (we have given many reminders about this) to make sure their Process Journal is up-to-date. This is an electronic journal found in Google Classroom. This is the way your child shows us that they completed their 15 hours of service.
3. Your child or child's group (depending on how they decided to do their project) needs to create their trifold that will show their project during Exhibition. The trifold requirements can be found in Google Classroom. If your child worked with a group they need 15 pieces of evidence on their trifold. If your child worked alone they need 10 pieces of evidence on their trifold. Following is a brief overview:

- Goal of the project. (Required)
- Need for the project. Why did this need to be done?(Required)
- Community Involved. Who did you go to or donate to in doing this project? (required)
- Global Context. This comes from their initial project worksheet in Google Classroom. (required)
- What inquiry question did you answer and where did you find that information? This requires a bibliography. (required)
- Pictures
- Receipts
- Timeline
- Agency Brochure
- Thank you note from organization
- Process Journal
- Brief Reflection

As you can see there are five requirements and then the students may select items for their trifolds that tell the story of their work. Boards should be neat and organized in a way that showcases their project. **Please have your child bring their trifold to office 449 by March 18th.** We will need to have all projects here in order to set up for the event.

4. After Exhibition the IB coordinators will go into the I&S classrooms one final time. We will instruct the students about how to complete their final reflection for their Community Service Project. Each student **must** submit their own reflection. This is not to be done as a group. Reflections are scored by your child's adult supervisor. You may access the requirements for the reflection as well as the rubric that will be used by the supervisor in Google Classroom. The reflection is written and is four paragraphs long. We give guiding questions to help students think about what they might want to include in this reflection. Your child will use Google Docs to write the reflection and then share it with their supervisor for scoring. It is possible that your child could complete the reflection prior to spring break. **Reflections are due to supervisors on or before April 12, 2019.**

**Thank you for all you have done to help your child give back to our community through this project.
We look forward to seeing you on March 21st!**