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Parkwood Elementary Newsletter ~ February 2019

Calendar of Events

- February 11 – Kindergarten Rally
- February 13 – Student Led Conferences
- February 15 – 5th grade selling popcorn
- February 18 – President's Day – No School
- February 22 – End of Second Trimester
- February 25 – PBIS Movie Day (make-up)
- February 28 – PBIS Diversity Day (wear your culture!)
- February 28 – Family Date Night
- March 1 – No School



KINDERGARTEN PRE-REGISTRATION!

Monday, February 11, 2019
4:00-6:00 at Parkwood

To be eligible to enter kindergarten next fall, children must be five years old on or before Sept. 1, 2019. Parents should bring their child's birth certificate and two documents showing proof of local residency (street address and town) within U-46 boundaries.

No fees will be collected. The events are designed to be drop-in opportunities, and parents will probably spend about 30 minutes at the school.

If you have any questions, call the main office at 630.213.5595.

FEBRUARY
GRIT FOCUS:
INTEGRITY



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PBIS FOCUS:
SHOWING KINDNESS

FAMILY DATE NIGHT!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2019

6:00-7:30 AT PARKWOOD

- JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN AND DANCING WITH YOUR CHILD!
- 5TH AND 6TH GRADE WILL BE SELLING SNACKS TO RAISE MONEY FOR FIELD TRIPS.
- WE ARE LOOKING FOR A DJ! IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT MRS. ARROYO AT 630-213-5595!
- AS THIS IS A PBIS FUNDRAISER, WE ARE ASKING FOR \$2.00 PER FAMILY.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Fifth grade will be selling popcorn as a fundraiser and we need volunteers to help pop! Please call the main office at 630.213.5595 if you are interested in helping out.

From the desk of Principal Arroyo...

****Perseverance** Growth Mindset ****GRIT** Resilience** Tenacity** Self-confidence** Integrity******



Black History is more than just a month!

“Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion for reaching for the stars to change the world.” - Harriet Tubman

Parkwood is excited to share a powerful change in our work ahead. For the past four years, we have worked on developing an understanding of cultural relevance and engaging in knowing our students. Our staff, with the help of a few of our students and parents, engaged in not just recognizing our history, but also owning our mistakes. We need to acknowledge that although we cannot take back what has happened to the African American community in the history of this country, we do celebrate the culture of who we are and what each person brings to Parkwood. Through the years, we have hosted different events and activities to celebrate history --connecting African roots to other cultures, creating wax museums of famous African Americans who have impacted society, and reenacting the Underground Railroad.

This year at Parkwood, we are continuing to develop an understanding and awareness of how the African American culture has evolved. To do this, we will ensure that students understand the richness of the African continent that continues to have roots in the United States. Students will learn, for example, how communities on the African continent strived to develop strong powerful government systems and how the complex societies included roles for farmers, carpenters, educators, warriors, tradesmen, and engineers, to name a few.

We will begin a three-month theme around the continent of Africa. We hope to make connections through our studies that go beyond slavery and segregation, that celebrates the richness of society and culture. Each classroom will select a country in Africa and will do a study on a region. Each grade will focus on research-based writing on the country they choose. Each class will look at grade level learning standards to align the work. We want to make the projects exciting for the students as well by using a variety of videos, articles, and other media to learn about the country’s past and present. The learning process will look slightly different for Kindergarten and 1st grade, but the content will be the same.

We hope that our families will get involved in learning by participating in the research and projects. We will culminate the work on April 25th by welcoming parents to an Open House from 1-2:30 pm, where we will exhibit student projects, art displays, and then present our Spring Musical, “The Lion King” at 6 pm at Tefft Middle School.

The staff at Parkwood looks forward to continuing to ensure that the cultures of ALL students at our school are acknowledged and celebrated. Your partnership in this process is essential. Please contact your child’s teacher or reach out to me directly if you have any questions and/or suggestions for our team.

We hope to hear from you and see you on April 25th.

Sincerely,

Principal Arroyo

P.S. Thank you to Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Jordan for sharing your story! Your voices were heard! Your voices matter! We hope we can create change to support ALL students!



Parkwood will empower students to develop their dreams and convert them to reality.

