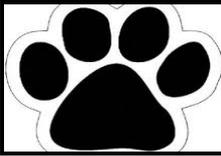


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From the desk of the Principal

Hello Parents and Guardians,

I hope you had a great beginning of the school year. Now that we are into our fifth week of school, you should be into a daily routine of completing homework. It is important that we have our children read every day. When we teach reading in school, we work on learning how to read in our primary grades and reading to learn in our upper grades. If students are behind in reading when they enter fourth and fifth grade, then they will fall behind in other subjects as well. Reading is a key component of all content areas. By working with your child's teacher to keep up with nightly reading assignments, you are helping to create a culture of reading expectations at home.

Last year at Parkwood our theme was College Ready. One of our College Ready Expectations is reading and writing every day. This can be in school and at home. Since the students of Parkwood are our Promise Keepers, we talk about what their part of the Promise is and work to establish early study skills in school. This year we are Going For the Gold. We are preparing, learning, observing, helping and listening. All of these tools will help in creating a successful student.

Your children's safety is very important to us. When dropping off or picking up your child from school, use the designated areas to do so. Dropping off or picking up across from the school endangers your child. Parking is very limited at Parkwood, so please plan ahead and park away from the school. Remember there are signs posted for "No Parking" hours on both sides of Park St. Finally, follow the flow of traffic to enter the parking lot from the Park St. entrance and exit to Tremont St. when picking up in the back.

Lastly, I want to remind everyone that school starts at 8:44am. Students should not be dropped off before 8:30am unless in the Primetime program. Dismissal is at 3:50pm. Students need to be picked up promptly at this time. Unfortunately, we do not have the staff available to supervise students before and after school. Currently the YMCA is the only program offering before and after school care. Contact them at 269-345-9622 x 167 for availability. The Kalamazoo Parks and Rec program offers after school programs at the Youth Development Center. They can be reached at 337-8191.

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."- AESOP

Robin Greymountain, *Principal*

Who do I call?

Scheduling
Appointments/
Other school
Inquiries
Mrs. Stratton
Secretary
337-0720

To report an
absence/
Immunizations
337-0720

Community
Resources/
Behavioral
Assistance
Ms. Shona Espinoza
337-0720

Classroom
Questions
Your child's
teacher
337-0720

Any unresolved
Issues
Robin
Greymountain
Principal
337-0720

Mark your Calendar! October 2018

10/2
1st Grade
Gull Meadow Farms

10/05
1st Grade
Library Visits

10/9
PTO Meeting-7pm

10/19
Family Fun Fest

10/24
Picture Retakes

10/26
No School

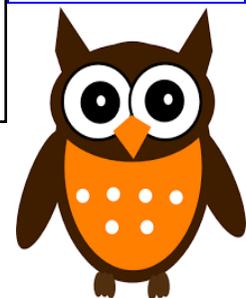
10/31
Literacy Parade- 2:30p

**Don't forget
to turn in
your Box
Tops!!**



LITERACY PARADE

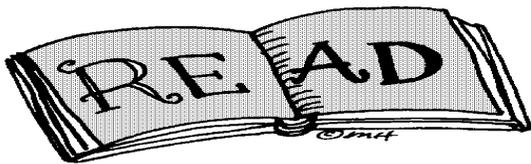
At Parkwood Upjohn we celebrate October with a Literacy Parade. K-3 classrooms will choose a book and they will make a costume relevant to that story. We ask that students do not bring costumes from home. Celebrations will be up to your classroom teacher.



Community Corner

Communities in Schools has been working in the past month to provide school supplies and clothing as needed. Shoes from First Day Shoe Fund are in the process of being distributed. Both the Mobile Health and Mobile Dental Vans will present to our school this month. Please call our office if your student is not registered for a check up but you would like them to be. Weekend Food packs will also start in October. If your family is not on this list, but in need of food, please call our office for pantry referral. Additionally, we have started with our Lunchtime Learning groups for the different grade levels. These groups cover Attendance support, Positive Behavior Support, and Reading/Math support.

Current needs include: Mentors to meet with students during their lunch period to provide a caring 1:1 relationship one per week. Tutors to assist with Lunchtime Learning groups. Boys size 7/8 sweatpants.



PTO News:

- * Our next PTO meeting will be October 9, 2018 @ 7p.m.
- * If you are interested in volunteering, please pick up one of the Parent Volunteer forms in the office.
- * Our Family Fun Fest will be October 19, 2019 from 5:30p-7:30p. Join us for dancing and fall fun. Costumes are optional. There will be food for purchase and donuts and apples for free!
- * HOOPLA is coming 11/02/18...HOOPLA forms have gone home...stay tuned!!



RTC EXCELLENCE!!

Welcome to the Responsible Thinking Center! This reflection space is run by our Home Support Specialist Shona Espinoza and her sidekick Briana Wolverton. This is a place where students can come to take a break when they are overwhelmed, reflect on choices that were made that may have not been the right ones at the time, and to get support from these wonderful role models. If you are feeling down and need an ear to listen or a problem on the bus you need help solving, look no further!! They are like Batman and Robin!!



ATTENDANCE: A Key to Your Student's Success

Research shows that children who are in school most of the time do better on standardized tests. Being late for school hurts a child's learning too. A student who is 10 minutes late every day will miss 30 hours of instruction during the year. Your child's success in school depends on having a solid educational background— one that can only be gained through regular school attendance! Here are 8 helpful tips to improve your child's attendance:

- Talk with your child about why it's important to attend school regularly.
- Avoid scheduling family trips or doctor appointments during school hours.
- Make sure your child stays healthy by eating nutritious food and getting enough sleep and exercise.
- Don't accept excuses for why your child "must" miss or be late for school.
- Discuss with your child what happened at school each day.
- Support school rules and consequences for skipping class and being tardy.
- Show your child why education is important. Give specific examples of how education helps people succeed.
- Lead by example. If children see parents taking off work for no real reason, they may expect to be able to do the same thing.

Source: The Parent Institute