

Parkwood Elementary

December 2020



Principal's Message

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. December is here and 2020 is coming to a close. I'm sure you are looking forward to the holiday season and spending time with your family. As we near our winter holiday, I want to wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season. As parents, you play a tremendous role in developing and influencing your child's learning. Keep your child's mind active during the holiday break. Reading is the single most important skill your child will use in their lifetime. Take time to read to your child or let them read to you. This can be a time of sharing and relaxing together. To keep your child reading over Winter Break, go to the following link for lots of ideas and resources:

<http://www.connectionsacademy.com/blog/posts/2013-06-10/7-Great-Online-Reading-Resources-for-Parents-and-Learning-Coaches.aspx>

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Upcoming Events

12/2

Lunch Distribution; 11:00-12:30

12/9

Lunch Distribution; 11:00-12:30

12/11

ASP Holiday Drive-Thru
Celebration

12/16

Lunch Distribution; 11:00-12:30

12/18

Quarter 2 Ends

12/21 - 1/11

Winter Break - No School

1/12

Classes Resume

Important Reminders

Timberwolves of the Quarter - Congratulations to our quarter 1 Timberwolves of the Quarter. These students were selected for demonstrating PAWS.

TK/Kinder - Jaylah Pulido, Brandon Pablo Herrera, Legacy Rodriguez, Madeline Urquizo, Dayana Cruz-Dolores, Eddie Cortez Jr., Cindy

Carmona, Natalia Sanchez Rey, Ramiro Calderon, Isabella Magdaleno

1st Grade - Nicholas De Leon, Ixzel Pacheco-Ginez, Gabriella Ortiz, Brandon Chavez, Jesse Magdelano, Brandy Carmona, Aaliyah Monreal, Neymar Fuentes-Martinez

2nd Grade - Isabella Rivas, Christina Gomez, Gabriella Vaca, Aisen Ramirez, Samantha Larreynaga-Sorto, Anthony Magdaleno, Arriana Perez-DeLaSancha, David Jaramillo

3rd Grade - Julian Rios, Leonela Cuevas Villanueva, Hannah Ramirez, Joshua Hernandez-Soriano, Aubrianna Amezcua, Misaël Ramirez, Arianna Rivas, Cashel Paramo

4th Grade - Malina Martinez, Leon Rodriguez, Crystal Taylor, Mathew Borelli, Ana Aguilar, Ulysses Sanchez, Lena Estrada, William Hernandez-Fernandez

5th Grade - Noelanie Gonzalez, Asah Estrada, Israel Rodriguez, Cassandra Gomez, Jesus Ortiz-Serrato, Ariana Cervantes-Jaramillo

6th Grade - Ashwarya Kumar, Mia Pompa, Issac Chavez- Martinez, Natalia Gutierrez, Jonathan Hernandez-Luz, Elizabeth Maciel Espinoza

ASP Holiday Celebration - Please join us for the Parkwood Drive-Thru Winter Wonderland celebration. Friday, December 11 from 3:00-5:00. More details are to come via ParentSquare. This will be a drive thru only event for Parkwood students. Please look out for the message in Parent Square with complete details.

Student Council December Fun

Student Council is coordinating dress-up days every Friday until Winter Break. Dress-up days are as follows.

December 4 - Green Grinch Day--Wear green or Grinch clothing

December 11 - Ugly Christmas Sweater

December 18 - Staff dress up as Santa and students as elves

Be sure to send pictures of your child dressed up to their teacher and we will post pictures on Facebook and our website. We hope to see everyone participate in the dress up days.

Student Council is also sponsoring a Disguise the Elf of the Shelf contest. On Wednesday during meal distribution, you can pick up an elf to disguise or print one from your child's Google Classroom. Design a new look for them. Student Council will select the winners where they will receive a McDonald's gift card. For more information, please click on the link [Disguise the Elf on a Shelf](#).

Useful Information

Attendance During Distance Learning

R= Participates in synchronous **LIVE** Instruction.

Q= Attempted/Completed work, assignment, activity or learning task.

Y= Contact with parent/guardian or student was made.

N= **NOT** engaged (Logged in but did not engage with instruction)

D= DID NOT LOG IN (**ABSENT**)

Don't forget about Wednesdays! Students are still responsible for completing assignments on this day! You might see students watching educational videos, reading to themselves, or completing assignments in Google Classroom or SeeSaw. Attendance is taken based on work completion/submission on Google Classroom or See Saw.

If your child will not be present due to illness, appointment, etc. please call the front office at 673-2500 between 7:30 am-4:30 pm so that the absence can be excused. If you receive a ParentSquare message that your child was absent, you can reply to the ParentSquare message (anytime of day/night) or call the office (during business hours) to clear the absence.

Box Tops - Our school is participating in Box Tops for Education this year. Use the Box Tops app to scan your store receipt, find participating products, and instantly add cash to our school's earnings online. Please click on the [Box Top Letter](#) link for more information.

Meal Distribution - Meal distribution will take place on Wednesdays from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm in the bus loading zone. Each box contains 5 breakfasts and 5 lunches. If meals cannot be picked up during the

day, families can also pick up boxes at Child Nutrition on Wednesdays from 5:00-6:00. Limited boxes are available. Children do not need to be present to pick up meals. Please note there will be no meal distribution during Winter Break.

Tech Support - Here are some steps if you need tech support.

Connectivity/Internet

Don't have internet or internet connection is unstable? Please contact the Parent Resource Center at 416-5879.

Zoom/Google Classroom/Instructional Apps

Please contact classroom teachers during non-instructional block time via Parent Square or email.

Hardware/Other

If the Chromebook won't turn on, login, charge, damaged, or other related issues please contact the office.

Stay In Touch - There are several ways to make sure you are keeping up with all the activities and events at Parkwood. Please join them all so you don't miss out.

- Parent Square - Please contact the school if you are not signed up for Parent Square and they will be able to assist you.
- Parkwood Facebook page
- Parkwood website - <https://www.madera.k12.ca.us/parkwood>



Health & Wellness - As we are able to enjoy the cooler weather please remember...

We want your family to stay healthy so please

WASH YOUR HANDS!

Yes, we want you to continue to wash your hands. This is the single most effective way to remain healthy not only from COVID but also the flu. That's right, it is once again the FLU and COLD season. Wash your hands! If you are not feeling well, avoid spreading germs to others by staying home.



According to the Centers for Disease Control we don't always wash our hands correctly....many only wash their hands for 6 seconds!

1. Wet your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap.
2. Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.
3. Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice.
4. Rinse your hands well under clean, running water.
5. Dry your hands using a clean towel or air-dry them.

<https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/hygiene/hand/handwashing.html>

Counselor's Corner - Sometimes the simplest activities are the ones most overlooked when it comes to connecting with your child. The list below contains some fast, effective ways to come together and spend some fun quality time with each other.

1.) Paint objects from nature

Have your kids go outside and gather different objects to paint and create with. The more often they do this, the more creative they will get with their choices. Examples: pine cones, rocks and leaves.

2.) Bake something together

Children love baking with grownups, and they certainly love eating the final product. If you have the time to spend, come up with a treat your child can help you bake for the whole family. Cookies can be an easy and interactive baking project.

3.) Have a Dance Party

What better way to get rid of excess energy than by having a dance party? Simply turn on some music for your kids and let them dance it

out. Have your kids show off their new moves or switch it up by playing a game where everyone must freeze when the music stops. Bonus points if you join in, as well!

4.) Go on a scavenger hunt

Kids have been going on scavenger hunts forever, and with good reason they're fun! Give your kids a list of objects that they must find to complete the hunt, and let them know which areas are OK to search in.

5.) Create an obstacle course

You can make this as simple or as complicated as you like, and some kids even enjoy creating their own. Use pillows, baskets and furniture for an indoor course, or go all-out and put together an American Ninja Warrior course for the kids outside.
