

Parkwood Elementary

October 2020



Principal's Message

Hello Timberwolves parents! The month of October is the end of the first quarter. Parent-Teacher conferences will take place October 26-30 and November 4. During this conference, you and your child's teacher will have the opportunity to discuss academic and social growth as well as how it can be reinforced both at school and at home. Your child's teacher will be contacting you via Parent Square to sign up for conferences. Your participation in these conferences assures we are all working towards the same goal. Thank you for supporting Parkwood School.

Upcoming Events

10/3

Lunch Distribution; 11:00-12:30

10/14

Lunch Distribution; 11:00-12:30

ELAC Meeting; 4:00

10/16

Quarter 1 Ends

10/21

Lunch Distribution; 11:00-12:30

10/23

Report Cards Home

10/26-30 & 11/4

Parent Conferences

Online Book Fair

Red Ribbon Week

10/28

Lunch Distribution; 11:00-12:30

Week of November 2

Virtual Awards Assembly; TBD

Important Reminders

Book Fair - Please join us for our online book fair October 26-30. The book fair is a great opportunity to purchase books for your child and help Parkwood fund items for our Timberwolves students. More information to come.

Red Ribbon Week - Great activities planned to say: Be Happy. Be Brave. Be Drug Free.

The Red Ribbon committee will be meeting to plan activities and dress-up days for staff and students. More information to come via Parent Square later this month.

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.

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.

Instructional Blocks - Please click the [Parkwood Instructional Block Schedule](#) to access the document with instructional time blocks. Students are expected to log on for live instruction at the start of each instructional block. Instructional blocks include both live instruction and independent practice. Also, there is school every Wednesday.

Students do not participate in live instruction, unless pre-arranged with the teacher, but they should be logging on to Google Classroom to complete assignments for the day.

Distance Learning Matrix- Parkwood Elementary will be introducing our distance learning matrix. This matrix describes how Timberwolves can show their P.A.W.S in a virtual learning environment. The matrix will be shared this week on Parent Square. Mrs. Derkalousdian will be dropping into classes for the next couple weeks to review the matrix with Parkwood students.

Student of the Week - We will continue recognizing our Student of the Week recipients. Each teacher will choose one student to recognize for their hard work and positive contributions to their classroom. Names will be posted on our Parkwood Facebook page as well as Parent Square.

Counseling Website - The school counseling support team is proud to introduce a new webpage embedded into the Parkwood elementary website. This webpage will offer students and parents the opportunity to find resources within the community, view educational videos and find various activities that will assist the student to thrive in their academic and personal life.

Parent Resource Center - All parents of students who attend Madera Unified School District schools are welcome to take part in the Online Distance Learning Educational Programs offered through the Parent Resource Centers (PRCs). Resources and Virtual Classrooms are waiting for you! Please see the [PRC Flyer](#) for more information.

Student Health Wellness - The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends children 2 years of age and older (who do not have difficulty breathing and who are able to remove the covering on their own) should wear a cloth face covering in public settings and when they are around people who don't live in their household. This is especially important when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain. It is understandable that children may be afraid of wearing a cloth face covering at first. The American Academy of Pediatrics offers a few suggestions to help make them seem less scary to children.



Have the child look in the mirror with the face coverings on and talk about it together.



Put a cloth face covering on the child's favorite stuffed animal.



Show your child pictures of other children wearing cloth face coverings.



Try wearing the face covering at home to help your child get used to it.

These suggestions may help face coverings seem less scary and help your child become more comfortable wearing them.