

PARKSIDE NEWS



AUGUST
2024

Parents/Guardians,

Summer is coming to an end quickly, and before we know it, your children will be back in school. Getting ready for the beginning of the school year, takes effort. We appreciate the hard work of the custodial staff and many teachers who have come into the building to prepare the classrooms for your child's return.

If you log in to your child's ASPEN account, you should be able to see your child's assigned teacher. If you need assistance with this, feel free to give the school office a call. (Your child should know their login. It's the same as their Chromebook.)

As for school supplies, most items will be provided by the school. We do suggest you buy a backpack and a lunch box to start the year.

The PTA Board of Officers is excited and working hard to plan many activities and fun events for the 2024-25 school year. We will share many of their ideas and how you can get involved when you and your family join us for our **Back-to-School Night on Wednesday, September 4 @ 5-6 pm**. It will be a time to visit your child's teacher and his/her new classroom. Some great prizes will be raffled off that night. Pizza will also be provided. Mark your calendars for another early event—our **Annual Grandparents**

Day on September 20. More detailed information will be sent home when the school year begins.

The 2024/2025 school year brings some new changes to our staff. Molly Albright and Olivia Stephens will be our new second grade team. Adrienne Brauer will be moving up into our 5th grade. Kelly Lasher joins us as our art teacher this year. Jensen Kunis and Sarah Ferguson will be our new special ed teachers. A list of all staff is included on the next page.

Finally, I am looking forward to an exciting 2024-2025 school year! Thank you, parents and guardians, for your partnership with us in your child's education. As a team, I know that each Parkside student will grow not only academically and intellectually, but will find Parkside a place to thrive physically, socially, and emotionally. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at the school at any time 301.729.0085.

-Mrs. Tracey Wharton

Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8/19 - First Day for Teachers
- 8/20 - Staff Development/Teacher Work Time
- 8/21 - Staff Development/Teacher Work Time
- 8/22 - Teachers Supervisor Staff Development
- 8/23 - Teach Work Time
- 8/26– Schools open–3-hr Early Dismissal
- 8/29 - PreK & K begin (Last name A - L)
- 8/30 - PreK & K begin (Last name M - Z)
- 9/2 - NO School– Labor Day
- 9/4 - Back-to-School Night– 5-6pm
- 9/20- Grandparents Day



BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

Wednesday, September 4

5:00 pm

Please join us for the following:

General PTA Meeting

Volunteer Orientation

Meet the Teacher

PIZZA, DRINKS, AND RAFFLES!!!



GRANDPARENTS DAY

SEPTEMBER 20

PreK-2 @ 9:15-10:30

Grades 3-5 @ 1:30-2:45



MORE INFO
TO COME!!

2024-2025 PTA OFFICERS:

Bethany Benson– President

Smantha Riley– Vice-President

Jessica Wright– Secretary

Tiffany Ritter– Treasurer

Mollie Brailer–Staff Representative



PTA

MAKING A DIFFERENCE
ONE MEMBER AT A TIME!

If you have questions about our PTA feel free to email @

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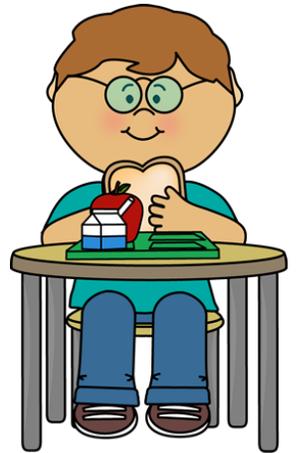


Good News! Allegany County has been approved for the CEP program that allows us to...

offer FREE MEALS (Breakfast and Lunch) at no cost to ALL students effective August 26,

without requiring Free/Reduced applications from the parents.

This will save a great deal of administrative work from your perspective in the school with not handling the Free/ Reduced applications. Families can continue to use their PayPams account to pay for extra items (2nd meals, ice cream, water, etc.) as they are not part of the free meal that is offered. All students must continue to go through the serving line for lunch as we have in the past for accountability reasons.



NOTE: If your child packs, milk is not provided free but at an extra cost.

THANK YOU

Thank you for entrusting your children to us. We value the importance of our partnership with you and your family as we daily work together.



It is a privilege for us to educate your child each day!

THE PARKSIDE STAFF

LIVING, LAUGHING, LOVING, LEARNING...
WORKING TOGETHER< MAKING A DIFFERENCE

OUR STAFF

STAFF MEMBER	POSITION
Tracey Wharton	Principal
Rebecca Morrison	Secretary
Leila Nash	School Counselor
Molly Hartig	School Nurse
Elizabeth MacGray	Media
Kristin Hedrick	Teacher, Pre-K
Rachel Smith	Instructional Asst, Pre-K
Kelly Mauzy	Teacher, Kindergarten
Karen McCabe	Teacher, Kindergarten
Mollie Brailer	Instructional Asst, K
Catherine Childers	Instructional Asst
Keri Parks	Teacher, Grade 1
Bailey Lutton	Teacher, Grade 1
Molly Albright	Teacher, Grade 2
Olivia Stephens	Teacher, Grade 2
Kayla Hughes	Teacher, Grade 3
Mary Lough	Teacher, Grade 3
Joan Welsh	Teacher, Grade 4
Carla Cheshire	Teacher, Grade 4
Susan Defibaugh	Teacher, Grade 5
Adrienne Brauer	Teacher, Grade 5
Jensen Kunis	Inclusion Teacher
Sarah Ferguson	Inclusion Teacher
Melanie Preston	Instructional Asst, LAP
Heather Thomassy	Spec Ed Inclusion IA
Joy Wilt	Reading Intervention
Susan Ross	Instructional Asst
Kelly Lasher	Art
Kelsey Webb	Music
Paul Haberlein	Physical Education
Janet Jones	Band
Robert Wallace	Orchestra
Heather Warnick	Multi-Coverage Substitute

STAFF MEMBER	POSITION
Dave Paskowski	Resource Officer
Edward "Bud" Cockrum	Spec Ed Facilitator
Jen Kallenborn	School Psychologist
Mandy Schall	Math Literacy Coach
Rachel Winebrenner	ELA Literacy Coach
Kari Hendershot	Speech Pathologist
Elissa Pancake	Pupil Personnel Worker
Sharon Geiger	School Social Worker
Mandi Day	Head Custodian
Allen Ranker	Custodian
Jonathan Noel	Custodian
Rachel Greise	ACHD Counselor
Kim Mullaney	ACPS Counselor
Libby Holbrook	Cafeteria Manager
Suezan Morgan	Cafeteria Staff
Angel Lashbaugh	Cafeteria Staff

