

# Raider Reporter

**Parkside Middle School** April 2014  
**Lori Madden, Principal**

## Scholastic Honors Breakfast

Parkside will be honoring all students who have achieved Scholastic Honors status for the year at the annual Honors Breakfast May 13-14. To qualify for SH, students must earn a 3.4 cumulative grade point average for the year. D's or F's on any report card would result in disqualification. All classes are included in the GPA. The breakfast is tentatively scheduled on May 13th for 5th and 6th grade and on May 14th for 7th and 8th grade students. Parents are encouraged to attend and invitations will be forthcoming.



### GRADUATION CEREMONY

The 8th grade Graduation Ceremony will be held Tuesday, May 27th at 7:00PM in the Parkside Gym. A Parent-sponsored dance/party will be held immediately following the commencement ceremony.

### SPRING FEVER WEEK

**APRIL 7-11**

**Monday—Pajamas Day**

**Tuesday—Neon Day**

**Wednesday—Nerd Day**

**Thursday—Super Hero Day**

**Friday—Sports Day**



**SPRING BREAK April 12-21!!**



### Washington D.C. Trip

There will be an informational meeting for students and parents interested in learning more about the June, 2015 trip to Washington DC on Tuesday, April 1st in room 136 from 6:30-7:00 PM. There will be a raffle for those in attendance, and 2 lucky students will win free registration for the trip (a \$50 value!). Must be present to win!

## PARCC Assessment



Approximately one half of our fifth grade students have been randomly selected to participate in field testing for the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers testing. PARCC is the new state assessment which will replace the ISAT in the Spring of 2015. The updated state assessment is fully aligned with the new IL Learning standards, formally called the Common Core Standards, which focus on measuring students ability to think critically, problem solve, and communicate clearly. The paper-pencil testing has been replaced by a computer-based assessment, and our field test will be administered in the area of English-Language Arts only.

## Science Fair

Three Parkside Science Fair projects qualified for state this year. The contest will be held on May 2-3 at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb.

### Congratulations to:

- Lexie DeFosse and Sydney Kasperski
- Greta Schmollinger
- Sarah Camp



## Upcoming Field Trips

- ◆ **April 22—7th grade to Museum of Science and Industry**
- ◆ **May 1—5th/6th GATE to Challenger Space Center in Normal**
- ◆ **May 1—7th/8th GATE to the Art Institute in Chicago**
- ◆ **May 9—Band/Chorus Spring Tour to local schools**
- ◆ **May 15—5th grade to Medieval Times in Schaumburg**
- ◆ **May 17—Band/Chorus *Music in the Parks* at Great America**
- ◆ **May 21—8th grade to Great America in Gurnee**