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Parkside Middle School

Raider Reporter

First Annual Multicultural Fair

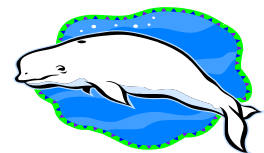
You are cordially invited! The Expo classes are hosting a Multicultural Fair on Tuesday, April 17, from 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm at Parkside School. Students are busily working on many different projects to explore different cultures from around the world.

Join us in the choral presentation room for some **African Drumming**. The band students will host music, **drawings, and poetry from the Orient**. Students will be performing **dances** from around the world in the gym. Come to the computer lab for a look at **menus from fictional restaurants and cultural calendars highlighting travel destinations** and holidays from around the world. **Art** from different cultures, including **Greek, Aztec, Mayan, Incan, Native**

American, Aboriginal, and Hindu, will be on display in and around the art room, along with **pottery demonstrations**. Finally, don't forget to stop in the library and the main hallway to learn some interesting facts and see **creative projects** about countries from many cultures hosted by the GATE classes.

Don't forget to bring your Smart-phone so you can take home some digital handouts. If you turn in a stamped "passport" at the end of the evening during refreshment time, you are eligible to win one of our Expo-themed prize baskets! Come and join the fun and learn a little something about another culture!

Curriculum Focus on Sixth Grade



6th Grade will be traveling to the Shedd Aquarium on April 19th this year. This field trip enhances students' knowledge of ocean animals as they compose a research paper for science and give oral presentations in Language Arts for the interdisciplinary oceanography unit.

In Literature, students will be reading one of three level-based novels fourth quarter. Hatchet, Island of the Blue Dolphins, and My Side of the Mountain are all outdoor survival novels where young adults

learn about themselves and life while struggling to survive in a wilderness environment. We will be doing a lot of fun activities to help students relate to characters' experiences and learn about Nature as we read and discuss these books together. Island of the Blue Dolphins will also be a great way for students to learn more about the oceanography unit they are studying in Science and Language.

In social studies, students are exploring our friendly neighbor to the North, Canada. Taking on the role of

travel agents, students are researching and creating travel presentations to entice visitors to their province. This is a technology based project where students are using Google Apps and interacting with each other through sharing and editing documents.

Math students are working in small groups to explore and demonstrate problem solving strategies. Through this process they will become fluent and proficient in their math knowledge relating to Common Core practices.

Back-to-Back State Championships!!



The 8th grade girls volleyball team completed a perfect (26-0) season and successfully defended their State title by defeating Pleasant Plains (24-0) to capture the IESA 3A Championship. Coach Kasik and the team have not lost since their first match of the year in 7th grade, winning an incredible 51 straight matches, and 10 tournament titles since that time. The girls demonstrated great sportsmanship and represented Parkside School with class, heart and determination every step of the way. They consistently supported one another and never lost sight of their goal to win another championship.



Congratulation Girls, We are SO Proud of you all!!!

Student Council Update.....

Parkside Middle School Student Council will be attending the 53rd annual Illinois Association of Junior High Student Councils State Convention on April 20-21, 2012. Fourteen student delegates have been selected to attend this event. These delegates include: Jake Peruba, Margaret Covert, Abby Steinberg, Maddie Carruthers, Mitch Olsen, Emily Sampo, Hope Derango, Olivia Lewis, Peyton Sampson, Shana Olivero, Allison Lehn, Connor Cofoid, Jake Haegle, and Katlynn Muzzarelli.

Congratulations and we hope you continue to
"Travel the World of Leadership"!

**This is the last call for pop tabs. Please turn them in to Mrs. Cary or Ms. Smigel by the end of the month. Ronald McDonald House Charities thanks you for your continued support!*

**Upcoming Event: Please watch for upcoming information about the volleyball event Student Council will be hosting on May 4th. We hope to see you there!*

**As a reminder to the leader in each of us, Arthur Ashe shared these words: "Success is a journey, not a destination. The doing is often more important than the outcome."*