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Parkside Middle School

Raider Reporter

From the Desk of Lori Madden, Principal

Top 10 Readers for 2nd Quarter (AR pts)



Grace McCormick (5 th Grade).....	232.6
Abhi Patel (6 th).....	231.7
Charmi Patel (6 th).....	230.5
Yoginiben Patel (5 th).....	184.0
Kexin Huang (6 th).....	177.9
Bryana Esquivel (7 th).....	154.1
Alec Kunkel (6 th).....	136.9
Leah Meyers (6 th).....	136.1
Rachel Whaley (5 th).....	134.3
Alexa Dawson (6 th).....	115.4

Wow.....that's impressive!!!!

"The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places that you'll go."

~ Dr. Seuss

"No matter how busy you may think you are, you must find time for reading, or surrender yourself to self-chosen ignorance".

~ Confucious

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."

~ Gandhi

Student Council Update

Parkside Student Council has been busy preparing to host the Illinois Association of Junior High Student Councils (IAJHSC) Mid-Year Workshop. The event is scheduled for January 27th for all councils in the Northwest District. As an organization, we look forward to an exciting event as we continue to "Travel the World of Leadership"!

Please continue to save pop tabs as our student council members will be donating them at this year's IAJHSC State Convention in April. This ongoing service project benefits the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Illinois.

As a reminder to the leader in each of us, Brian Tracy shared these words: "Remember the future belongs to you!"

Raiders Rock!

Parkside ended the 2nd quarter in style with a fun and rewarding Positive Behavior assembly for all students. After quizzing students on the "Raider Rules" (*Be Respectful, Responsible and Safe!*), names were randomly drawn to participate in a "Finish the Lyrics" challenge. One student from each grade level, and one staff member competed to see who could finish the lyrics first. There was one catch however.....you had to SING the lyrics.

Finally those students who sold 3 or more pies during our December Market Day Pie fund-raiser were given an opportunity to throw a pie at the staff member of their choice. Kudos to the 20 teachers who volunteered to take one on the chin (literally) for the good of the cause.

**A great time was had
by One and All !!**

RAIDER HIGHLIGHTS...



8th grade **Boys Basketball** team is flying high after capturing the championship of the Wallace Tournament in exciting fashion. They defeated defending state champion Marquette in the opening round (a team that had not lost in 2 years), and downed an undefeated Wallace team to claim the crown. They currently sit at 17-3 heading into regional competition, which will be held at Parkside this year. The 7th grade team started strong, but had lost 7 of 9 heading into the SRC Tournament where they were seeded 5th overall. They defeated #4 LaSalle and #1 Ottawa before losing 18-19 in the championship game to finish 2nd.

Good Luck in Regionals!!

Raider Volleyball is off to a red hot start this season! Collectively, the Parkside teams have earned a 13-2 record, with the 5th, 6th, and 8th grade teams yet to lose a match. The 7th and 8th grade teams started the Starved Rock Conference season on a positive note with a victory over local rival LaSalle.



Scholastic Bowl

The 2012 academic team consists of nineteen 6th-8th grade students, including 11 returning players. Mrs. Pettinger joins Mrs. Peffley as coaches this year. They have been practicing hard in hopes of a successful season.

