



Raider Reporter

September 2014

From the Desk of Lori Madden, Principal

Welcome Back!

The 2014-15 school year is underway and we are off to a wonderful start at Parkside! Though the weather has been hot and steamy outside, we are fortunate to have a cool, comfortable learning environment inside. I would like to take this opportunity to officially welcome 91 fifth graders, 17 new students, 4 new teachers, 1 new classroom aide, and 2 new food service personnel to our Parkside family. We are excited to be working together to create a positive educational experience for each and every child. I encourage parents to stay involved and to contact your child's teacher or my office if you have questions or concerns. We are here to help!

In addition to the monthly calendar and newsletter, you can also find a wealth of information on our district and the Parkside websites. These sites can be accessed at www.perued.net. You can also 'Like Us' on Facebook and/or submit a cell phone number or email address to receive important school information and reminders via text, phone and email. It is a priority to keep you well informed!



Project Success Homework Assistance

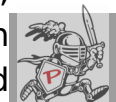


The after school homework assistance program, Project Success, will meet Tuesday through Thursday this year, from 3:20-4:10pm. Bus transportation will once again be available for those who qualify. The goal of the program is to provide a safe learning environment where students will receive homework help, re-teaching and assistance preparing for tests from a grade level teacher. Once enrolled, attendance for the program is mandatory unless excused by a parent.

Raider Time

Raider Time is a 30-minute RtI block that meets Monday-Thursday at each grade level. Fifth grade will use this time to provide additional math support at each student's instructional level. In sixth grade the focus will be either math or reading depending upon the specific needs of the child.

Seventh and eighth grade Raider Time will be used to provide reading or math intervention for students needing additional support. All others will be exposed to a series of enrichment courses, such as Forensic Science, IL History, Spanish, Raiders of the Lost ART, Practicality and Geography in 7th grade; and US Constitution, Greek Mythology, Speech, Astronomy, and Statistics in 8th grade.



Many Ways to Show your Support



Market Day
A fundraiser like no other...

Don't have much time, but still want to support your school? No worries, there are several ways that you can still help out. Send in labels and box tops from many of the items you are already buying, such as Campbell soup labels, General Mills products, Ziploc bags and many more. Each label or box top means money for our school. Do you shop at Target and have a Target charge card? If so, designate Parkside Middle School as your school of choice for the Target, *Take Charge of Education* Program. When you shop, Target sends us a check for 1% of your purchase—it's *that simple!* Finally, Market Day products offer hundreds of healthy and delicious breakfast, dinner and snack options for your family. Contact the Parkside office to receive more information, or ask your child to bring home a monthly flyer. A percentage of all sales goes directly back to support our school.



Student Involvement



Parkside School offers a variety of activities and clubs for students of all ages and interests. We encourage every student to get involved in something in middle school. Being involved has so many benefits, including:

- ⇒ SOCIAL—great way to meet people
- ⇒ EXPOSURE to real-life experiences
- ⇒ BROTHERHOOD—sense of belonging
- ⇒ PROMOTES AWARENESS
- ⇒ SENSE OF PRIDE-positive self-worth
- ⇒ NETWORKING/STRENGTH in NUMBERS



CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES at PARKSIDE

- ◇ SPORTS: Softball, Baseball, Basketball, Volleyball, Track
- ◇ FINE ARTS: Band, Chorus, Variety Show, Spring Musical
- ◇ SERVICE: Student Council, Office Runners, Library Helpers
- ◇ CLUBS/ACTIVITIES: Upstanders, Rangers, Yearbook
- ◇ ACADEMIC: Scholastic Bowl, Geography Bee, Spelling Bee, You Be the Chemist Challenge



Open House

September 18
6:00-7:30pm

PTC Meeting

October 7, 6pm
Northview School

New Parents Welcome!



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New Faces at Parkside



Left to Right: Ms. Olson, 6th grade Science; Ms. Peter, 8th grade LA/Lit; Mr. Johnston, General Music and Chorus; Mrs. Smigel, Classroom Aide; and Ms. Glupczynski, 5th Grade.

Parkside welcomes an unusually large, but exceptional group of educators to our faculty and staff for the 2014-15 school year. **Mrs. Lynne Smigel** returns to us in a new role as a paraprofessional after her retirement from 5th grade 3 years ago. We are very fortunate to have her professionalism, experience and energy back at Parkside assisting in a variety of classrooms.

Ms. Jordan Olson was hired this past spring to teach sixth grade science when Mrs. Cary retired. She will also teach a section of social studies. Ms. Olson is originally from Morris, IL and is a graduate of Lewis University where she majored in Elementary Education, with endorsements in science, math and social studies. She has spent the past two years teaching junior high science and math at Ohio Grade School, in Ohio, IL. She will also co-sponsor Student Council with Mrs. Jaegle this year.

Ms. Stephanie Peter joins the eighth grade teaching team as a literature and language arts instructor. She comes to us from Morton Grove, IL. She is a 2013 graduate of Knox College in Galesburg where she majored in Secondary Education and English Literature. After spending a year developing and implementing an after school tutoring initiative for the Galesburg School District, Ms. Peter is excited to begin her teaching career in Peru.

Mr. Devin Johnston will utilize his outgoing personality and musical expertise to take over the reins of our general and vocal music programs. He is a graduate of Yorkville High School and Illinois Wesleyan University where he majored in Music Education. Mr. Johnston comes to us with experience directing and performing in musical theater, so we are anxiously awaiting this year's spring musical.

Ms. Lyric Glupczynski is a Peru native that was hired to teach 5th grade this year. She is a graduate of Illinois State University where she majored in Middle Level Education. We are excited to have her return to Parkside after completing her student teaching in language arts with Mrs. Pett and Mrs. Ochs in the spring of 2013. Ms. Glupczynski began her teaching in Deer Park last year in 4th grade.

