



Parkside News

January 17, 2020 Update

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to all spellers that participated in Parkside's Spelling Bee! Our school winner is Taylor Hooper in 5th grade and our runner-up is 5th grader, Austin Helsel. There was great preparation, impressive sportsmanship, and an overall sense of excitement throughout the spelling bee. Both Taylor and Austin will be participating at the Regional Spelling Bee in late February. Let's support our Pachyderms as they continue spelling and representing Parkside!

Makerspace Needs

Please see the attached list!

REF Grant Application Reminder

Winter Grant applications are due on Monday, January 20 by 5pm. The REF looks forward to seeing the wonderful ideas come in from across the District. Who can apply for a grant? Anyone who represents a public, parochial or other non-profit education-focused organization in the Rockford community (i.e. teachers, staff, students, parents, community members). The application and more information can be found here:

<http://rockfordedfoundation.org/grants/>

Kindergarten Enrollment

Kindergarten enrollment for 2020-2021 has begun. Please visit <http://www.rockfordschools.org/enrollment-info/kindergarten-and-developmental-kindergarten-enrollment/> to begin the process. Please pass along this link to anyone that may have an incoming K/DK student next year!

Upcoming Dates:

- Monday, January 20th: REF Winter Grant Applications Due
- Wednesday, January 22nd: Grade Level Color Day (K=Red,1=Orange,2=Yellow,3=Green,4=Blue,5=Purple)
- Friday, January 24th: Grand Battle of the Books (RHS)
- Tuesday, February 4th: Yearbook Orders Due
- Friday, February 14th: 10:20 am All School Recess, 10:50 am Valentine Day Parties
- Friday, February 14th: Half Day 11:55 am dismissal
- Monday, February 17th: Mid-Winter Break—No School-

Please see [Parkside's Calendar](#) for more dates!

January Character Trait

Gratitude

Definition: The state of showing thankfulness and appreciation

Challenge: Write or share 3 things you're thankful for every day this month, or write a thank you card to someone

Reflection: Gratitude changes everything



NEEDS

- Beads
- Googly Eyes
- Rubber Bands
- Pom Pom Balls