



Parkside News

January 31, 2020 Update

Battle of the Books

Last week, Parkside sent a team of readers into battle for the 29th annual Battle of the Books! To be on the Battle team, a 5th grader must read 10 of the Battle books and tryout by answering questions about the books. This year, our team consisted of Laiken Travis, Austin Helsel, Lucy Mauric, Chase Dzirbowicz, Luke Conner, Rae Defrang, Levi Hernandez, and Grace Fahrni. The team traveled to the high school and competed against other schools in the district. They put in a lot of hard work and should be congratulated for their great efforts!

Student Council Used Book Collection

Parkside's Student Council is leading the charge on a new endeavor. From February 3 – February 7 we will be collecting gently used books that will ultimately be donated to East Leonard Elementary School in Grand Rapids. If you have even one used book that is no longer being read at your home, would you please consider donating it? Of course it would be great if you have more than one, as well. We have a school goal of collecting 279 books (one per student). If we reach that number, all students will benefit from a mystery prize. Thanks for your continued support of our student council.

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, February 3rd: Student Council Book Collection Begins
- Tuesday, February 4th: Yearbook Orders Due
- Wednesday, February 5th: Pajama Day
- Wednesday, February 5th: Team Parkside Relay for Life Planning Meeting 6:30 @ Kayla Rae (see attached flyer)
- Friday, February 7th: Student Council Book Collection Ends
- 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
- Wednesday, February 19th: 3rd Grade to Lansing

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

Stay up to date with Parkside's PTO on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ParksidePTO/>

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

PARKSIDE FAMILY FUN NIGHT!

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR OUR
FIRST **Family Fun Night**
OF THE YEAR!



WHO: Families of Parkside Elementary

WHAT: Sledding

WHERE: Art Van Sports Complex's
sledding hill

WHEN: Some Friday evening. Keep an
eye out for a specific date and time.
Hopefully winter will decide to give us a
fresh blanket of snow in the near future!

*We'll keep you posted. *



Team Parkside Relay for Life Planning Meeting

Each year Parkside raises money for the American Cancer Society through the Relay for Life event in May. We need a BIG CREW to be successful! If you've been looking for a FUN way to get involved, come join us!

Our first get together is 2/5. We will be planning ways to raise \$ and to get ready for the 24 hour Relay for Life event on May 15th - 16th.

*Please join us!! Everyone is welcome!
Kayla Rae's (just north of Arnies),
6:30 pm, 2/5/2020*