

# PARKSIDE NEWS



AUGUST  
2017

Parents/Guardians,

I hope you have enjoyed your summer and are fitting in some fun, last-minute family events. As usual, the custodial staff has done a fabulous job of preparing our facility to look its best, both inside and out, for students. I am also quite proud of the Parkside teaching staff. So many teachers came into the building (long before required) and put in numerous summer hours to be well-prepared to teach your children when they arrive.

Before you know it, Parkside staff will be returning to work, and you and your children will be starting back into the school routine. Class lists will be finalized on Monday, August 21. Until then, last minute changes may need to be made to keep class numbers even. (Lots of entries and withdrawals during the summer weeks!) Log in to your child's ASPEN account to find out your child's teacher or give the school a call if you need assistance.

As for school supplies, most items will be provided by the school. We do suggest you buy a backpack and a lunch box to start the year.

The PTA Board of Officers are excited and working hard to plan many activities and fun events for the 2017-18 school year. We look forward to you and your family joining us for our Back-to-School Night on Thursday, August 31 @ 5:30 pm. It will be a time

to visit your child's teacher and his/her new classroom. Pizza and prizes will be provided as well. Mark your calendars for two other early events—our Annual Grandparents Day on September 15, and PTA Spirit Night at Page's from 4-7 on September 12. More detailed information on both events will be sent home when the school year begins.

Unfortunately, we must say "Goodbye" to Mrs. Cohen. She has accepted a position as a school counselor at Fort Hill. We wish her the best and know that she will be a real asset to the Fort Hill community. We welcome, Mrs. Melissa Nelson as our new school counselor. We look forward to her joining our team. I am confident her skills and experience will provide a smooth transition. We also welcome Mrs. Amy Stevens as our new 3rd grade teacher. We know she will be another positive addition to our Parkside staff!

Finally, I am looking forward to an exciting 2017-2018 school year. Thank you, parents and guardians, for your partnership with us in your child's education. As a team, I know that each Parkside student will grow not only academically and intellectually, but will find Parkside a place to thrive physically, socially, and emotionally. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at the school at any time 301.729.0085.

*-Mrs. Tracey Wharton*

## AUGUST EVENTS



- 8/21- Class lists available (ASPEN or call school)
- 8/21- Normal Office Hours Resume (M-F 8-4)
- 8/23- First Day for Teachers
- 8/24- Teachers to attend Convocation and PD
- 8/25- Teachers Supervisor Staff Development
- 8/28- Teachers Work Time
- 8/29- **Schools open- 3-hr Early Dismissal**
- 8/29-9/5- PreK/Kindergarten Conferences Held
- 8/31- **Back-to-School Night 5:30**
- 9/4- **NO School- Labor Day**
- 9/6- **PreK & K Begin**

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

Thursday, August 31

5:30 pm

Please join us for the following:

General PTA Meeting

Volunteer Orientation

Meet the Teacher

**Prizes & Free Pizza, Chips, & Drinks**



## GRANDPARENTS DAY

SEPTEMBER 15

PreK-2 @ 9:15-10:30

Grades 3-5 @ 1:30-2:45



MORE INFO TO COME!!

Attention Grade 5 Parents...we are still in need of male chaperones for Outdoor School. Please contact the school office if interested!

### 2017-18 PTA OFFICERS:

**Rachel Smith— President**

**Kristine Alvey— Treasurer**

**Candy Ness— Secretary**

**Wendy VanMeter— VP of Fundraising**