



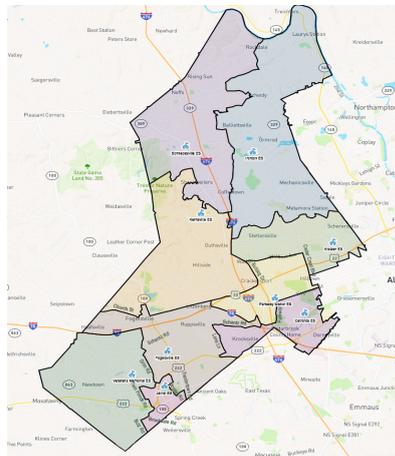
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...AND MUCH MORE!



NEW ELEMENTARY BOUNDARIES - FALL 2020

The Parkland Board of School Directors has approved the boundaries and redistricting plan for the District's four southern elementary schools: Jaindl, Fogelsville, Cetronia, and Parkway Manor. The changes will take place this fall when Veterans Memorial Elementary School opens in Upper Macungie and new boundaries for the new school have also been announced.

The new boundaries were created to alleviate crowding at the District's southern elementary schools and generate equity among all nine Parkland elementary schools. During the fall, public presentations were made about proposed boundaries and town hall meetings were used to garner input from residents before boundaries were finalized.

Veterans Memorial will become the ninth elementary school in the District with Cetronia, Parkway Manor, Fogelsville, Jaindl and Veterans Memorial feeding into Springhouse Middle School. No changes were proposed for the northern elementary boundaries and Ironton, Schnecksville, Kernsville and Kratzer will continue to feed into Orefield Middle School.

Families can insert their address into the 2020 School Locator Tool to determine if their address is to be redistricted. The School Locator Tool is at the bottom of the District website home page at www.parklandsd.org.



PHS Graduation will be held on **June 9, 2020** at PPL Center in Allentown at 7 PM



OMS'S MONICA OULY-UHL NAMED PENNSYLVANIA ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

Monica Ouly-Uhl, Assistant Principal of Parkland's Orefield Middle School, was selected as Pennsylvania's Assistant Principal of the Year. She received the award for the considerable contributions she has made to the profession, most notably for her leadership in establishing an anti-bullying program and a positive school-wide behavioral support program at Orefield Middle School.

Mrs. Ouly-Uhl was nominated by her supervisor, Todd Gombos, Principal of Orefield Middle School. At the beginning of each school year, an anti-bullying theme is launched during a day-long event that includes team building activities and class chats that discuss emotions, feelings and how to stand up for kindness. Then, to culminate the day, a band of Orefield Middle School teachers and former students perform rock songs around the annual anti-bullying theme. Mrs. Ouly-Uhl organizes the events each year and creates a video that helps support the annual theme as part of the stage show. She infuses clips of famous individuals who speak about how bullying affected them when they were younger. They share how they overcame it and how their experience did not deter them from reaching their dreams. She has also been credited for starting a kindness initiative by working with students to raise funds to perform random acts of kindness. She takes the students to hand out gift cards to people at stores with notes that ask the receiver to "pay it forward" with kindness. She also designed community-minded Parkland Pride shirts for the entire community to wear in order to foster district-wide spirit among staff, students and families.

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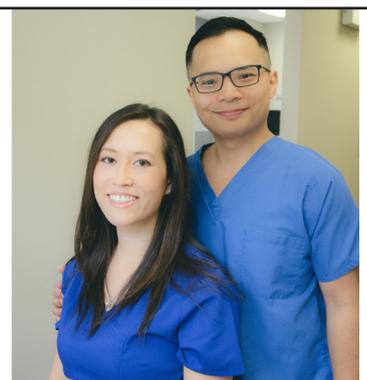
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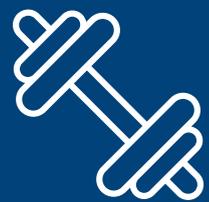


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ATHLETIC UPDATE



Fall 2019 Sports Results

East Penn Conference Tournament Champions: Girls Tennis

East Penn Conference Division Champions: Boy's Soccer & Girl's Soccer

East Penn Conference Season Champions: Girl's Tennis, Girl's Volleyball, & Girl's Soccer

District XI Champions: Girl's Tennis & Girl's Volleyball

CETRONIA UNVEILS OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Cetronia celebrated the grand opening of an outdoor classroom in September. The \$41,000 project was funded entirely by the Parents' Association of Cetronia (PAC) and allows teachers and students to learn in a designated outdoor instructional space.

Just like field trips, learning and student achievement can take place outside the four classroom walls. Exposure to natural settings can have an intrinsic effect on students' emotional and cognitive functioning. The Cetronia classroom was designed specifically to encourage the 4 C's of the 21st Century Learning as follows:

- Critical thinking: teaches students to question claims and seek truth.
- Creativity: teaches students to think in a way that's unique to them.
- Collaboration: teaches students that groups can create something bigger and better than you can on your own.
- Communication: teaches students how to efficiently convey ideas.



From left to right: David Keppel, Maraleen Shields, Heather Wight, Susan Hardy (as Hedgeie), Jamie Giaquinto, and Assistant Superintendent Rod Troutman.

Mr. Charles Klein, the Cetronia Principal from 1974-2003, loved Cetronia and was loved by the community. He was the Principal when current Principal Dr. Jamie Giaquinto attended Cetronia as a child. In Mr. Klein's memory 16 years ago, the Cetronia staff and community created a special paver memorial for him. The memorial is now the center of the outdoor classroom and was polished and restored during construction. His legacy and passion for the Cetronia staff, students and families will be remembered whenever the outdoor classroom is used.

The new learning space for Cetronia students and staff would not be possible without the planning, efforts and financial support of many people. PAC President Maraleen Shields was involved from the beginning, helping to find the architect and communicating with Principal Giaquinto throughout the process. Mrs. Wight, 5th grade teacher, and Mrs. Hardy, art teacher, were also instrumental with formulating the design and ideas for the outdoor space. They spearheaded communication with Cetronia faculty to share and gather ideas. Samantha Ciotti Falcone, owner of SCF Architecture and a 1990 Parkland graduate and former Cetronia student, was also instrumental. She donated her time to meet with the team at Cetronia and ultimately create the architectural renderings necessary for the landscaper. Mr. Dave Keppel, Director of School Services at Parkland, oversaw the quality, safety and permitting for the project. Special thanks to all!

CHINESE AND STATS OFFERED AS NEW CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

Come fall, Chinese will be offered for students in grades 8-12 as a face-to-face world language course opportunity (pending enrollment numbers and the ability to hire a certified teacher). Two levels will initially be offered. Chinese 1, the entry level course, will be offered at both Parkland Middle Schools and Parkland High School. In this course, students will be introduced to Mandarin Chinese through listening, speaking, reading and writing activities designed for those who are just beginning their studies on this language. Cultural studies will also be covered in an attempt to help students to better understand the language in relation to cultural history, geography and traditions. Chinese 2 will build on the skills and concepts taught in Chinese 1 and will include the study of the Chinese phonetic system, character writing, sentence structure along with an expanded knowledge of Chinese culture.

Note: At Parkland High School, students will have the option of taking Chinese 1 and Chinese 2 for dual enrollment through LCCC. Students can earn 3 college credits per course. A tuition fee will apply.

Statistics AP, Statistics, and/or Trigonometry/Statistics will be offered as part of the required 3.0 math credits needed for a Parkland High School diploma. The courses would become available options for students upon successful completion of College Algebra. The courses have been offered in the past, but were not offered as core math credits towards graduation. The reason for the change is to expose more students to Statistics who might not otherwise consider taking the class and to better prepare students for college and career success.

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THANKFUL FOR A GREAT 2019!

At the Parkland Education Foundation, as we reflect upon 2019, we are **thankful** for the amazing year we have had. We live in a community that understands the importance of investing in public education. We all win when our public schools succeed.

We awarded 59 grants for the 2019-2020 school year. We are **thankful** to have the opportunity to share a few grants below:



Ukuleles for Kratzer Music Classes - The ukulele is one of the easiest instruments to learn and is a gateway to developing a love for playing an instrument.



Shakespeare at OMS - This performance was a modern-day adaptation of Shakespeare performed by the Linny Fowler WillPower Tour that brought classic literature to life.



LCD microscopes at SMS - Students view slides on an LCD screen, can save what they are viewing on their Chromebooks and share with their teacher.



Merge Cubes at Jaiindl - this piece of technology creates 3-D lessons on a hand-held cube. Mrs. Ding's students explored the ocean floor in a 3-D interactive world.

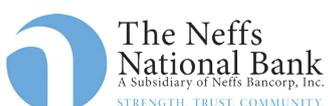
MGB CAR GOES TO LOCAL WINNER

We are **thankful** for Mr. and Mrs. Barry Dobil and their donation of a 1969 MGB Roadster to the Parkland Education Foundation. This was a beautiful example of a community coming together to ensure the excellence of their own public schools. The car was donated by the owners of Josh Early Candies, Parkland graduates Barry and Marcy Dobil. Ruoizzi Brothers detailed the car, Moss Motors donated the seats, carpeting and other parts, Integrity Auto tuned up the engine and students from LCTI donated their time to restore the car. The collaboration paid off with over \$26,450 in profit from raffle ticket sales. A favorite quote of Mr. Dobil was, "A man has made at least a start on discovering the meaning of human life when he plants shade trees under which he knows full well he will never sit." - Elton Trueblood When we learned that the winner was local, Barry arranged for the car to be brought to Anne DiSanto by surprising her in the lobby of American Bank where she works. This was a perfect end to this amazing project. Pictured at right are Barry Dobil, Anne DiSanto, Marcy Dobil and Lisa Ervin (Executive Director, Parkland Education Foundation).



TAILGATE SUCCESS

We are **thankful** for our first ever Parkland Football Tailgate's success! Our Corporate Partners (shown below), Parkland families, Parkland staff, alumni and administrators had a front row seat on the field to one of the most exciting games of the season. The Tailgate was catered by Dickey's BBQ. We raffled off a Parkland Cornhole game which was won by our very own Parkland School Board Member Carol Facchiano. It was a fun night celebrating one of Parkland's favorite pastimes. Whether you went to Parkland, have kids that go to one of the Parkland schools, or are a member of the greater Parkland community, we are all one team. We are **thankful** for you and your support of our programs. We are all responsible for creating the world we wish to live in. Let's continue to work together to be Parkland Proud. If you want to get involved or learn more about investing in education, please contact Lisa Ervin at 610-351-5572.



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PARKLAND RECOGNIZED AS AN OUTSTANDING VISUAL ARTS COMMUNITY



The Pennsylvania Art Education Association (PAEA) recognized Parkland for its outstanding commitment to visual arts education with the endorsement Outstanding Visual Arts Community 2019.

Pictured above are the art teachers who are employed across Parkland School District.

Districts receiving this endorsement demonstrate rigorous and inclusive arts programs at every level by highly qualified and certified arts educators. Students at Parkland celebrate the importance of a well-rounded education with opportunities to engage in arts education courses at all grade levels, K-12. In addition to art classes that begin in Kindergarten, Parkland celebrates the Visual Arts with a K-12 Arts Festival each May at Parkland High School where all art teachers curate a year's worth of the best student art and put it on display for an adjudicated exposition. Additionally, Parkland High School houses its own Trojan Art Gallery, changing the display on a monthly basis during the school year, many times featuring student art. In the Administration Center, a rotating art collection dons the walls in a public setting that is celebrated annually with an artist's reception. At Parkland High School, the District is proud to offer 19 visual arts courses in painting, drawing, photography, computer art, graphics and animation, art history, jewelry and metals, traditional crafts and ceramics. For those who want to pursue art studies after graduation, the Art Department helps students prepare advanced level portfolio-quality work for course credit.

PROCEDURE FOR DISMISSAL DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER

The Administration makes every attempt to dismiss students before inclement weather affects the driving conditions of the roadways. Unfortunately, the weather can change after a decision has been made which makes transporting students home very challenging. When this happens, it is the School District's main responsibility to make sure every student arrives home safely. This often requires taking additional time when driving which may cause delays in the scheduled drop off times of the students.

During these events, we strive to keep the parents informed of any delays along the bus routes. Below are the steps we follow when dismissing students during inclement weather:

- The Transportation Department will monitor the progress of the buses and report any bus delays to the appropriate school.
- The schools' main offices should also monitor the buses through the bus radios located at each school.
- If a delay is greater than 10 minutes for any bus, school administrative assistants will send a School Messenger alert to the parents of the students riding that bus, informing them of the delay.
- The Administration, Transportation Department, and schools will communicate with each other and parents until all students arrive home, with the school taking on the primary responsibility of communicating with parents.

When school dismissal is disrupted by inclement weather, it is a very stressful time. The communication and cooperation of everyone involved is imperative for the safety of the students.

Mark Your Calendar



Parent Meetings on Course Selection

Jan 2 @ 7 PM - Parents of 9th, 10th and 11th graders

Jan 6 @ 7 PM - Parents of 8th graders
Meetings take place in the PHS Auditorium

Jan 8 @ 7 PM - Parents of 6th graders

Meetings take place at your child's middle school auditorium

Current 8th - 11th grade Parents: Please mark your calendar for PHS Parent Meetings as we present the 2020-21 course selection catalog and make time to answer your questions about choosing courses for your student. Each subject department head teacher will be on hand to answer your questions and present information about the various course offerings within their department. High School is a time to explore various career opportunities and our team will review some of our most popular tracks such as the Biomedical Science, Computer Science, Engineering, and Lehigh Career and Technical Institute offerings that all provide hands-on learning opportunities and expose students to careers in meaningful ways. We will also highlight the 160 electives that are offered to help you and your child make choices that help them tap into their passion or creative spark.

Current 6th grade Parents: This is the first opportunity your child has to make course selections at Parkland and we will strive to provide guidance on how to make choices for next year based on teacher recommendations and your child's activity schedule.



A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Happy New Year! It is sure to be a big year here in Parkland as we will open a new school, celebrate new achievements and tackle new challenges. Below is a summary of what's happening across the District.

New Veterans Memorial Elementary School/Capital Projects

As reported on the cover of this newsletter, Veterans Memorial Elementary School will open this fall and the new boundary lines have been announced for Cetronia, Fogelsville, Jaiendl, Parkway Manor and Veterans Memorial Elementary Schools. To determine if your house will be in a new elementary school sending area come fall, please go to the District website and type in your address in the School Locator Tool for the 2020-2021 school year that is found at the bottom of the home page. Veterans Memorial Elementary School is almost complete, and the last phase will entail road improvements which include the widening of Twin Ponds Road and the installation of a traffic signal at Schantz and Twin Ponds Roads. Veterans Memorial Elementary School is a wonderful building and we are excited to unveil it to the public in the coming months.

Financial Update

Our School Board approved a resolution declaring that the final General Fund Budget for 2020-21 fiscal year will be within the Act 1 Base Index (2.6%) assigned to Parkland School District as set forth by the State, which means Parkland will not be applying for exceptions to exceed the Index to balance its budget. While the short-term trends on the revenue side of the budget are trending positive, we need to remind you we will still have challenges to overcome and concerns we need to continue to address as we move forward. Among our challenges and concerns remains the uncertainty tied to our Commonwealth funding in the areas of Basic Education Funding (BEF) and Special Education Funding and increasing Cyber/Charter School tuition costs. The Pennsylvania Charter School Law is more than 20 years old and has grown increasingly obsolete in terms of its application to the current practices in charter school delivery services, especially cyber charter schools. The funding formula for charter schools must be changed to reflect the actual cost needed to educate students in these alternative environments. Charters must be held accountable for their performance in operations, finance and academics and be evaluated by the same measures as traditional public schools. More scrutiny and review must be applied to cyber charter schools, as their academic performance is significantly lower than brick-and-mortar charter schools and traditional public schools. Parkland's mandated tuition expenses paid to charter and cyber charter schools will be approximately \$5M in 2020-21. We remain committed to providing a comprehensive K-12 program at Parkland, but legislation to reform this obsolete Charter School Law remains elusive. Key dates for the Parkland budget planning process are listed in the box to the left, and the public is invited to contact me with concerns or attend any public meeting to gain greater insight into our budget preparations.

Parkland's debt service structure will allow the District to continue to address capital improvements that will enable the schools to handle anticipated growth and maintain quality educational environments in our schools over the next decade. Our School Board has been prudent in addressing recommended repairs and replacement of equipment so that our buildings stay well maintained and operate efficiently and safely. The School Board has thus decided to borrow \$10M in 2020 to handle needed repairs to roofs and flooring along with purchasing buses, vans and technology on our regular replacement cycle. Through this borrowing, the District will also continue renovating Schnecksville Elementary School, an aging building that needs new mechanical, plumbing, electrical and HVAC systems. The 3-year Schnecksville School plan is to refurbish the entire building, install the necessary new mechanical systems and replace a section of the building that was built in the 1920's. We also plan to rebuild the bus garage that burned down last year.

PA Future Ready Index/Full Day Kindergarten Results

Last year, the Department of Education launched the Future Ready PA Index (www.futurereadyypa.org), a public website where families can find information about how schools and students are performing. Rather than focusing exclusively on standardized test scores, the new index emphasizes growth and promotes transparency around school and student group performance. Our data looks very good and Parkland is proud of the growth and achievement our students are demonstrating. In October, Kelly Rosario, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development provided an update at a School Board Meeting regarding our current third graders who were the first to attend full day kindergarten in Parkland. The report showed that 88% of students are reading on grade level. Reading on Grade Level is a new On Track metric that is being used to calculate school ratings across the Commonwealth. Mrs. Rosario also reported that the number of students who need reading intervention/learning support services is decreasing, illustrating that more time spent on foundational skills in the primary grades is yielding stronger growth by students.

Character Counts

I am pleased to announce that Parkland was the recipient of a \$16,700 Safe Schools grant which will allow us to train 45 key staff members at Parkland High School this March in the CHARACTER COUNTS! Program. It will help our staff foster six pillars of character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. The CHARACTER COUNTS! Program helps instill a positive school climate and a culture of kindness, making schools a safe environment for students to learn.

School Board Update

In November, we celebrated and thanked Bob Bold for giving 20 years of service and Jef Reyburn for 8 years as they retired from the School Board. In December, the Parkland Board of School Directors held its annual organization meeting. Lisa Roth was approved to continue as President and David Hein to continue as Vice President. Board members Carol Facchiano, David Kennedy, and Lisa Roth were re-instated. We welcomed two new board members who were sworn in: Marisa Ziegler and Patrick Foose.

I wish you all a Happy New Year and many wonderful things for 2020.

Sincerely,

Richard T. Sniscak, Superintendent of Schools



Welcome New Board Members Marisa Ziegler and Patrick Foose.

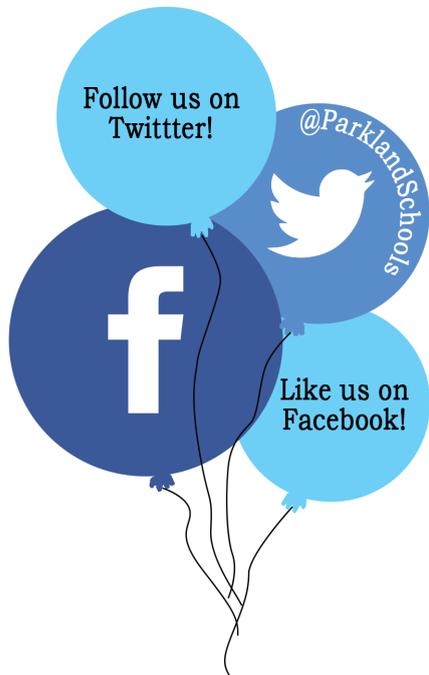
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KEY DATES IN THE 2020-21 BUDGET TIMELINE

- MAY 1** - Budget Seminar - Board Meeting where budget is reviewed in fine detail with Administration and Board
- MAY 19** - Adoption of Proposed Final Budget
- JUNE 10** - District Newsletter mails out to all residents, includes Budget Overview
- JUNE 23** - Adoption of Final Budget by the School Board

School District Millage Rank Comparison

School District	2019 Millage (Highest to Lowest)
Northern Lehigh	22.51
Allentown City	20.07
Catasauqua Area	19.51
Salisbury Township	19.47
East Penn	18.38
Whitehall-Coplay	18.07
Bethlehem	18.03
Northwestern Lehigh	16.61
Southern Lehigh	16.02
Parkland	15.71



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: KALI HURST



Meet Kali Hurst, a fourteen-year-old author. She has been writing stories since before kindergarten. Kali is an avid reader, which has helped her develop her writing skills. She has been in many plays and musicals, and she is a member of the Color Guard at Parkland High School. Kali has lived in four different states including California, Utah, Florida and Pennsylvania. She began writing “Elements” at the age of twelve, and she has already begun writing the next two books in the series.

Kali was inspired by McKenzie Wagner, a 12-year old girl, and now Kali wants to inspire others. She wants children to know that with determination and hard work, dreams can become reality.

Upon reading her new book “Elements” which is available on Amazon, Kali’s 7th grade math teacher wrote, “ABSOLUTELY AMAZING!!! I can’t say that I’m surprised because I know how devoted she was to her writing back in 7th grade, but I am definitely impressed. She is so inspirational to the young writers in our community.”

Kali’s 5th grade teacher wrote, “I always knew she would be an author one day! Please tell her I am beyond proud of her and it fills my heart with joy knowing she has followed her dreams of becoming a writer.”

Kali doesn’t receive much money for selling her books, but to her, this is not about the money. That’s just an added bonus. Kali wanted to achieve her dream of becoming a published author, and she wants to inspire others to follow their dreams, no matter what they may be.

SCHOOL FOOD PANTRIES AT PHS, OMS AND SMS CALL FOR DONATIONS

Parkland families whose incomes qualify their students for a free or reduced lunch price has reached 27%. With more than one in four students coming from homes that might be struggling to make ends meet, Parkland has seen a rise in hunger among the student body. The rise in poverty within our community mirrors a national trend. The implementation of food pantries is on the rise across the State on college campuses and now our School District is starting to fulfill a growing need with pantries at Springhouse and Orefield Middle Schools and Parkland High School. If you’d like to help, please consider donating any of the following:

- Granola Bars
- Mac and Cheese Cups
- Pasta Cups
- Fruit Cups
- Apple Sauce Cups
- Peanut Butter and/or Cheese Crackers (individually packed)
- Individual Cereal Cups/Oatmeal Pouches
- Pretzels (snack sized bags)
- Grocery Store Gift Cards

All donations can be dropped off at the Parkland Community Relations Office in the Administration Building at 1210 Springhouse Rd., Allentown, PA 18104 between 8 AM - 4 PM, Monday - Friday.



Eighteen PHS Clubs got on board to FILL A BUS by collecting 3700 donations for the School Pantries during Homecoming Spirit Week. The bus was part of the Annual Homecoming Float Parade.

BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

Do you know someone who might be interested in making \$124.28 per day as a full-time bus driver? PSD is looking for daily and substitute (drive when you want to) bus drivers. The full-time daily rate is \$124.28 and the substitute daily rate is \$106.48 after the probation period. A day is considered to be a morning run and an afternoon run. The hours are roughly 6:30-9:00 AM and then from approximately 2:30-4:30 PM. A full-time driver receives benefits consisting of 10 sick days, a personal day, pension, 6 paid holidays, and life insurance. Applications are being accepted until January 10th, 2020 for the free training classes that will start at the end of January. Application packets can be picked up at the transportation office in the Troxell Building at 2219 N. Cedar Crest Blvd., or on the District website of www.parklandsd.org under the “Jobs” tab. Applicants must complete all the necessary clearances and submit them with an employment application to be granted an interview. Come join our outstanding Parkland Transportation Department where we transport over 10,000 students every day to Parkland Schools and Non-Public Schools. It truly is rewarding to make a difference in a student’s life in ensuring they are safely transported to and from school. Questions may be directed to the Transportation Office at 610-351-5690.

PARKLAND TRANSITIONS PAINTING ON DISPLAY IN LCCC LIBRARY

A free-form painting created by students in the Parkland Transitions Program is now on display in the Lehigh Carbon Community College (LCCC) library lobby at the main campus. The Transitions program supports high school students with disabilities who are 18 to 21 years old, and is a partnership between LCCC and Parkland School District. It provides the students from Parkland the opportunity to interact with LCCC teacher education students who act as peer mentors, helping to provide the high school students with a socially engaging learning environment that helps instill self-confidence and independence as they move into adulthood.

As part of the program, the students attend several sessions per week at LCCC’s main campus in Schnecksville. Through classroom experiences and real-world assignments, they work on developing the skills they need to be successful in their adult lives, both personally and professionally. The painting was a recent classroom experience, and was facilitated by the *Disability Equality in Education Project*.



ELEVEN PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS NAMED 2020 NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS



VICKY CHEN



IMRAN DHARAMSI



RAPHAEL ETTINGER-FINLEY



AKAASH KAPOOR



GA YOUNG LEE



MAYA PAREKH



MAYA PAUL



KARA SCHMITT



MICHAEL SCHMITT



FARID SHAHID



JOSHUA YE

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The National Merit® Scholarship Program is an academic competition that recognizes the 50,000 highest Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) scores in the nation out of approximately 1.5 million students who take the test each year. Of the 1.5 million entrants, approximately 50,000 with the highest PSAT/NMSQT® Selection Index scores qualify for recognition in the National Merit® Scholarship Program as either Commended Students (about 34,000) or Semifinalists (highest 16,000).

The following 11 Parkland High School students were selected as Semifinalists in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program. These scholastically talented seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for 7,600 Merit Scholarship awards worth \$33 million. They are pictured left to right from the top as follows:

VICKY CHEN is the President of the Future Educators of America and is a member of the National Honor Society, the French Honor Society, and the Mock Trial Club. She received the Principal's List Award and was awarded the Best Attorney at the PA Mock Trial Competition. She plans on studying Economics and pursuing a career as an attorney. She hopes to attend Brown University or New York University.

IMRAN DHARAMSI is a National Honor Society Officer and the Secretary of the Muslim Student Association. He received a Gold Medal on the National Spanish Examination and was named an AP Scholar with Distinction. He is a member of Parkland SERVE and the Interact Club. He has also been a member of Club Med, the Debate Team, Future Business Leaders of America, and the Key Club. He created an online math help website in addition to starting a private tutoring service. He plans on studying Biology or Chemistry and has an interest in pursuing a career in the medical field.

RAPHAEL ETTINGER-FINLEY is the President and Concertmaster for the Orchestra and a Tri-M Chorus Representative. He was part of the All-State Orchestra and District Chorus. He has performed at the Northeast PA Music Teachers' Association Honors Recital at Carnegie Hall on three occasions. He serves as a Religious School Aide at Temple Beth El and volunteers as a Summer Camp Counselor at Camp Pinemere. He is also a member of the National, History, French, Math, English and Science Honor Societies. He plans to study Engineering/Physics and Music.

AKAASH KAPOOR served in leadership roles in the Orchestra and Tri-M Music Honors Society. He was named an AP Scholar with Honor. He is also a member of the National, History, Spanish, Math, Science, Theater and Music Honor Societies. He is a member of the Orchestra, the Chorale, the Pit Orchestra, and Theater. He is also a member of the Festival of the Arts Club and Performing Arts Club. He plans on studying History/Geography at Wesleyan University.

GA YOUNG LEE is the Student Representative to the School Board, a member of the Lehigh County Government Youth Advisory Council, and holds leadership roles with the Key Club, Political Science Club, Welcome Pack, Amnesty International, United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), Latin and Spanish Clubs. She is a Lehigh University High School Scholar, has attended the PA Governor's School for Global and International Studies, and been named a National AP Scholar. She holds Gold Medals for the National Spanish, Latin, and Latin Vocabulary Examinations and is a member of the National Honor, Latin, Spanish, History and the Math Honor Societies. She is also a Spanish Teacher for the Elementary World Language Experience. She plans on studying Government and is interested in a career as a U.S. Foreign Ambassador.

MAYA PAREKH holds leadership roles in the Future Business Leaders of America Club, the Mock Trial Team, and Political Science Club. She won 1st Place in the Delaware Valley Science Fair and received Scientific Research Awards from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Society of Women Engineers, and the American Society of Microbiologists. She was also named National AP Scholar with Distinction. She is a Lehigh University High School Scholar and a Student Representative to the Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Sciences Board of Directors. She is a member of Club Med, Science Fair Club, Debate Team, Leo Club, Key Club, and the National Honor Society. She plans on studying Biomedical/Chemical Engineering.

MAYA PAUL is the Vice President of the 11th/12th Grade Orchestra. She received a perfect score at the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) in 9th Grade and was named an AP Scholar with Distinction. She was awarded the Girls' Tennis EPC Gold Medal in 3rd Doubles and a Gold Medal in the EPC Model United Nations, and was part of the Girls' Tennis District Champion Team. She is a member of the Political Science, Leo and Key Clubs, Amnesty International, Club Med, and the National, Math, English, Science and Spanish Honor Societies. She plans on studying Biology/Pre-Med.

KARA SCHMITT was named AP Scholar with Distinction and won a Gold Medal in the National Spanish Examination. She is a member of the Soccer Team, the Lacrosse Team, the Key Club, and the National Honor Society. She plans on studying Civil Engineering.

MICHAEL SCHMITT is a Youth Hockey Clinic Coach and was named an AP Scholar with Distinction. He was a member of the Cross Country Team, the Ice Hockey Team, the Lacrosse Team, the National Honor Society, the Key Club, and the Table Tennis Club. He plans on studying Mechanical or Electrical Engineering.

FARID SHAHID is a National AP Scholar and founder of Farid's Free SAT Program, and Co-founder/Co-president of the Scientific Innovation Club. He is also the National Honor Society Secretary and the Physics Club Co-president. He received a 3rd Place Special Award in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair and was a finalist in the 2018 and 2019 United States National Chemistry Olympiad. He is a member of the Science Fair Club, the National, Science and English Honor Societies, Young Scientist Science Fair, Debate Team, and Muslim Student Association. He plans on studying Biochemistry and is interested in becoming a medical doctor.

JOSHUA YE served as the President of both the Parkland Mathematics League and the Math Honors Society. He is the Co-founder and President of the Parkland Physics Club as well as a member of the Parkland Engineering Club. He was an American Invitational Mathematics Exam Qualifier in 11th Grade and was the highest scoring individual in the American Scholastic Mathematics Competition in 10th Grade. He was named an AP National Scholar and was named a National Piano Playing Auditions National Member in 2017. He plans on studying Computer Science and Engineering.

KINDERGARTEN & FIRST GRADE REGISTRATION



IF YOU HAVE A CHILD WHO IS TURNING 5 YEARS OLD PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 1, 2020, IT'S TIME TO PREPARE FOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION. Similarly, if you have a child who is enrolled in a private kindergarten program who you are planning to enroll for the first time in Parkland Schools for first grade, we invite you to attend the March Registration Events outlined below. The following

chart includes a list of the 9 elementary schools within Parkland School District and their respective registration dates. Parents are encouraged to call the appropriate elementary school for a specific appointment time. Calling in advance will ensure an equal distribution of registrants throughout the day so that we can serve you better. Plan to spend about an hour with us that day. We are excited to welcome your student to Parkland!

REGISTRATION DATE	SCHOOL	PHONE
Tuesday, March 3, 2020	Cetronia	610-351-5860
Thursday, March 5, 2020	Fogelsville	610-351-5800
Tuesday, March 10, 2020	Parkway Manor	610-351-5850
Wednesday, March 11, 2020	Kratzer	610-351-5820
Thursday, March 12, 2020	Kernsville	610-351-5840
Tuesday, March 17, 2020	Ironton	610-351-5810
Wednesday, March 18, 2020	Fred J. Jaindl	610-351-5880
Thursday, March 19, 2020	Schnecksville	610-351-5830
Thursday, March 26, 2020	Veterans Memorial	610-351-5800

School and community personnel will be at registration to review your child's immunization record and to provide descriptive information about your school as well as answer questions you may have. The following checklist of things to bring should help you prepare for registration:

- Record of your child's birth date (i.e. registration of birth or birth certificate).
- Written immunization records for properly spaced doses of diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, rubella (German measles), hepatitis B, and the varicella (chicken pox) vaccine or proof that the child had the disease.
- Two (2) forms of verification that the child's legal parent(s)/legal guardian(s) reside(s) in the Parkland School District. These may include:
 - 1) a current real estate property tax bill for the residence
 - 2) a current lease agreement for residence
 - 3) a current utility bill showing the current address

Residents who are new to the School District shall provide the following as proof of residency in lieu of those previously mentioned:

- A copy of a lease or rental contract (must reflect names of all who reside there)
- A building contract for the residence
- A closing agreement or settlement agreement for the residence
- A utility bill for the place of residence

If a registrant is not the owner or lessee of the property, a Multiple Occupancy form must be acquired from the School District, completed and notarized. In the case of a student who is registered by someone other than his/her parent, documentation of guardianship must also be provided.

The Pennsylvania School Health Laws require that every child has a physical and dental examination upon entry to school. Forms for physical and dental examinations will be given at the time of registration.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health School Immunization Law requires that all students entering school for the first time at the kindergarten or first grade level be fully immunized as a condition of school attendance.

To register for kindergarten, a child must be 5 years of age or older, prior to September 1, 2020. There are no exceptions.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU AND OUR NEW STUDENT!

WHICH SCHOOL WILL MY CHILD ATTEND?

Find your home on our **SCHOOL LOCATOR TOOL**

to view your school for Fall 2020.

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ATTENTION ALL PARENTS!

Beginning in April 2020, report cards will be available for viewing and printing online only in Home Access Center. Paper report cards will not be distributed.

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YOGA AND ZUMBA CLASSES FOR ACTIVE SENIORS 55+

Zumba Gold is a dance fitness class featuring routines set to Latin music, as well as some pop hits. Easy to follow, low impact moves, great rhythms, lots of FUN! Come join the party on Thursdays, January 23 to March 6, from 4:15-5:15 PM at the Kernsville Elementary School Gym (5051 Kernsville Road, Orefield, PA).

Yoga provides a gentle practice to improve the connection between body and mind. Through a combination of seated floor positions (no chairs) and standing flow, you will learn to maintain or increase range of motion as well as improve balance. This course is offered Mondays and Wednesdays, January 13 to March 18, from 4:30-5:30 PM at the Cetronia Elementary School Gym (3635 Broadway, Allentown, PA). NO CLASS 1/20 or 2/17

Both classes are free of charge to Parkland School District residents aged 55+. Please register at www.parklandsd.org/seniors. NOTE: NO CLASS WILL BE HELD WHEN SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.



Attention Business Owners

National Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4-8, 2020.

We are seeking sponsors to provide lunch for all staff that week.

If you are interested, please contact Nicole McGalla at 610-351-5630 or mcgallan@parklandsd.org.

PHS Spring Musical: TUCK EVERLASTING
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Wednesday, April 15 7:30pm
Thursday, April 16 7:30pm
Friday, April 17 7:30pm
Saturday, April 18 7:30pm
Sunday, April 19 3:00pm

What would you do if you had all eternity? 11 year-old Winnie Foster yearns for a life of adventure beyond her white picket fence, but when she becomes entwined with the Tuck Family she gets more than she could have imagined. When she learns of the magic behind the Tuck's unending youth, she must fight to protect their secret from those who would do anything for a chance at eternal life. Winnie faces an extraordinary choice: return to her life, or continue with the Tucks on their infinite journey.

Based on the best-selling children's classic by Natalie Babbitt. Appropriate for ages 10 and up, this is a story the whole family can share.

Tickets: \$11 adults; \$9 for students/children/seniors (65+)
Visit www.parklandsd.org/tickets for a link to our listing on ShowTix4U.com
OR - Call ShowTix4U at 1-866-967-8167; Mon.-Fri. 12-8pm



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Jan 2 PHS Parent Meeting, Classes of 2021-2023, 7 PM
 Jan 6 PHS Parent Meeting, Class of 2024, 7 PM
 Jan 8 SMS/OMS 6th Grade Parent Meeting/History Day, 7-8:30 PM
 Jan 16 CAC Meeting on Budget Review, 7 PM, Administration Center
 Jan 20 SCHOOLS CLOSED - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
 Jan 22-23 Early Dismissal Day (PHS only for mid-terms), 11 AM
 Jan 24 Early Dismissal Day/PHS & Middle Schools dismiss at 1 PM, Elem Schools at 1:45 PM
 Feb 1 Mr. Parkland Contest, 7 PM, PHS Auditorium
 Feb 12 SMS/OMS 5th Grade Parent Meeting/Science Fair Project Night, 7-8:30 PM
 Feb 14-17 SCHOOLS CLOSED - Presidents' Day Weekend
 Feb 20 CAC Meeting on Safe2Say/School Safety, 7 PM, Administration Center
 Mar 5-7 OMS Spring Musical, *Guys & Dolls Jr.*, 7 PM Thurs., Fri., and Sat.; 2 PM Sat
 Mar 5-8 SMS Spring Musical, *Cinderella G2K*, 7 PM Thurs. and Fri.; 2 PM Sat. and Sun.
 Mar 13 Professional Development Day - SCHOOLS CLOSED
 Mar 19 CAC meeting on Veteran's Memorial/Redistricting/Township Growth, 7 PM, Administration Center
 Apr 9-13 Spring Holiday - SCHOOLS CLOSED
 Apr 15-19 PHS Spring Musical, *Tuck Everlasting*, 7:30 PM each day through Sat., and Sun. at 3 PM
 Apr 24 Early Dismissal Day/PHS & Middle Schools dismiss at 1 PM, Elem Schools at 1:45 PM

FAMILY SWIM, OPEN PLAY BASKETBALL, OPEN GYM, YOGA, DANCE, WIFFLE BALL

South Whitehall Township Recreation will sponsor FAMILY OPEN SWIM on Sundays from 1-5 PM, Jan 5 - Mar 29 (excluding Jan 26, Feb 16, 23, and Mar 1) at the Parkland High School Pool. One lane will be roped off for lap swimmers. Children under 12 must be accompanied by adults. OPEN PLAY BASKETBALL and OPEN GYM will occur on Sundays from 1-5 PM from Jan 5 - Mar 29 (excluding Jan 12 & 26, Feb 16, and Mar 1 & 15). These events are free and open to Parkland residents. Identification and proof of residence may be requested. Please check the Township website or Facebook page for updated information.

North Whitehall Township sponsors Men's Open-Play Basketball at Schnecksville Elementary School Gym on Thursday evenings, 6 PM, through March 26, 2020, for North Whitehall Township residents, age 30 and over. There is no charge to play. For more information, call Frank Kedi at 484-892-5181.

North Whitehall Township sponsors Yoga at the North Whitehall Township building from 5:30-6:30 PM every Thursday until Mar 26. This is free of charge. Donations are accepted.

Learn traditional dancing at Cetronia Elementary School every Tuesday from 7-8 PM. The winter session runs from Jan 7 to Feb 25. This event is sponsored by South Whitehall Township.

Adult wiffleball fun is another fun activity sponsored by South Whitehall Township. It occurs every Wednesday from 7-9 PM at the Cetronia Elementary School gym. Play takes place from Jan 7 - Feb 25.

REGISTRATION FOR NEW STUDENTS WHO WISH TO ATTEND PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL NEXT YEAR

Registration for new students NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN PARKLAND SCHOOLS and entering Parkland High School next fall is scheduled for Monday, February 24, and Tuesday, February 25, 2020. A snow make-up date is scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2020. The evening registration is designated for those students currently residing in the Parkland School District, but not attending Parkland Schools. Parents who would like to make a registration appointment should call Parkland High School Registration at 610-351-5610 Ext.73432 for last names that begin with A-LAK or Ext. 73433 for last names beginning with LA-Z.

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