



# PARKLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Educating For Success, Inspiring Excellence.*

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Happy Last Day of School! Together, we made it. As a way to celebrate the end of the year, our staff made a list of the many items that were tackled during COVID-19. We are sharing it with all of you [here](#).

## **Report Cards Viewable Today**

Final Report Cards for all students are available in Home Access Center as of today. The Home Access Center URL is: <https://pldhomeaccess.spihost.com>. To view or print a report card, choose the **Grades** button, then **Report Cards** and click **Print**. [Detailed instructions with screenshots may be found here](#). Reminder: There are no paper report cards being printed any longer, so you will not receive one in the mail.

## **Return to School Planning**

Thank you for taking our Parent survey. We had a whopping 7,488 responses and our team is reviewing all of them. We value your feedback as we continue to plan for next school year. Many groups are meeting to plan for a Return to School including a taskforce for elementary and secondary instruction along with operational planning groups (i.e. transportation, food services, etc.). We are planning for the ability to remain fluid and flexible in the wake of the coronavirus.

More information will be shared in the coming weeks as the District is working collaboratively with other school districts in our region and the Intermediate Units from Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton and Monroe Counties as well as the Department of Health and local healthcare providers. Through all of the planning, maintaining the safety of students and staff is our focus and our top priority while we strive to offer the best educational plan for our students. Returning to school in the fall will include face-to-face traditional instruction to the greatest extent feasible, practicable and acceptable as an option and an enhanced eLearning instructional model as an option. Therefore, parents will be asked to complete more survey information. ***Our plan is to release our final Return to School Framework no later than August 1, 2020. Please keep your contact information up to date with your child's school office in order to keep receiving important updates and please read emails that come from Parkland School District.***

## **Athletics**

This week, Governor Tom Wolf issued guidelines stating that PIAA-sanctioned and recreational sports can resume on a limited basis. Parkland must develop an "Athletics Health and Safety Plan" and then put it forth for School Board approval prior to conducting sports-related activities. Any sports-related activities in yellow- or green-phased counties must adhere to the gathering limitations set forth by the governor's plan for phased reopening (25 max in yellow, 250 max in green) and the facility as a whole may not exceed 50% of total occupancy. We know our athletes and coaches are anxious to start practicing and we are working on the details required to put forth a plan for School Board approval with the goal of reopening athletic facilities as soon as we feel confident we can put safety protocols in place in accordance with [PDE Preliminary Guidance for Phased Reopening of Pre-K to 12 Schools](#) and the [CDC Considerations for Youth Sports](#). We will share more information soon.

### **Cafeteria Balances**

Positive and negative balances in students' meal accounts will carry over to next school year. Graduating seniors will have their balances transferred to a younger sibling. If no siblings are enrolled, parents of seniors may request a refund by contacting the food services office at 610-351-5670 or [seierl1@parklandsd.org](mailto:seierl1@parklandsd.org). Refunds are issued for balances greater than \$5.

### **Summer Learning Opportunities:**

Students will continue to have access to activities online through the Clever Portal until July 31st. Students know how to access several apps that offer good practice, including Wonders, ST Math, Go Math, Moby Max, Newsela, Sora, Tynker, Xello, & more. For secondary students there are several free online courses they may want to explore:

[Coursera](https://www.coursera.org/promo/free-courses-high-school) (<https://www.coursera.org/promo/free-courses-high-school>); there are many good options here but Learning How to Learn is a great foundational course for any student.

[EdX](https://www.edx.org/high-school) (<https://www.edx.org/high-school>); covering subjects ranging from English language and composition to calculus, biology, statistics and computer science, these courses give students the opportunity to access quality courses and materials for free.

Check out our [summer learning opportunities webpage](#) for a long list of resources that include summer internships, jobs, virtual events and more.

### **Summer Counseling Zoom Opportunities**

The local chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is providing [Zoom support groups](#) for families or anyone who may be feeling anxious, depressed, etc. by the coronavirus emergency. Each group meets weekly and people can join in by phone or computer.

### **Safe2Say Something**

The statewide Safe2Say Something Program entered into Summer Protocol as of June 5, 2020. Information regarding the program and tip submission can be found at <https://www.safe2saypa.org/>. If you ever need help, you may also reach out to [ParklandGuidance@parklandsd.org](mailto:ParklandGuidance@parklandsd.org).

### **2020-21 Celebrate Innovation and Anti-racism Book Grants**

The Parkland Education Foundation approved \$ 143,859 and awarded 56 grants to schools for the upcoming school year. Congratulations to all of the [award winners](#). The Foundation believes strongly that education and understanding are at the heart of progress. In light of that and in response to the injustice that broke America's heart over the past few weeks as we've reflected on George Floyd's death, the Parkland Education Foundation will be purchasing \$2800 worth of books that explore the history of racism in America, confronts its current state, and address how we can move forward with real change to treat all racial groups as equals. Book purchases will be made in conjunction with our school media specialists for every Parkland school and will serve to provide perspective and understanding, as appropriate, for various age groups across the School District.

### **Superintendent Parkland Pride Awards**

We've extended the deadline to nominate staff who have performed outstanding feats this school year. To nominate someone, fill out [this form](#) by June 19<sup>th</sup>.

Enjoy your summer,

Parkland School District