



# PARKLAND NEWSLETTER

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## STUDENTS GET IN FREE TO ATHLETIC GAMES AT TURF AND GYM



A generous gift from the Parkland Education Foundation will allow all Parkland students with ID (and children under age 5) to be admitted to all turf and gym games for free this year. This includes Soccer, Field Hockey, Basketball, Wrestling and Lacrosse. The Foundation is doing this to help students cheer on their fellow Trojans without cost as well as give families a break so that when parents bring siblings to games, the children get in free.

**#PARKLANDSTUDENTSGETINFREE**

## BAND DIRECTOR WINS \$10,000 FROM MANILOW BARRY MANILOW MUSIC PROJECT AWARD

The Barry Manilow Music Project recognizes outstanding music teachers and makes awards to teachers who win the most online votes during a specified timeframe during Manilow's tour.

Mr. Jason Lerew, Parkland High School's band director for the last 30 years, was this year's Lehigh Valley winner! He was up against other fantastic teachers from across the region, but Parkland proved its love for Mr. Lerew as he won more online votes than any teacher in any market that Barry Manilow has ever played in! Mr. Lerew is pictured with Mr. Manilow who he got to meet backstage in August. He won \$5,000 for himself and \$5,000 for PHS to purchase music instruments for classrooms. Mr. Lerew said he would meet with his fellow music teachers to decide what items were most needed across the music department.

Congratulations, Mr. Lerew and Music Department!



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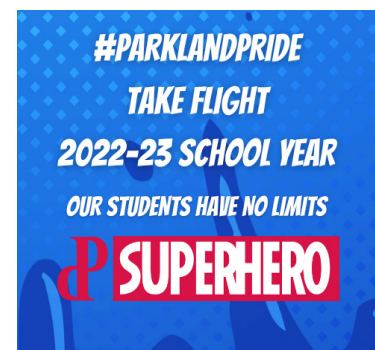
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## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Parkland Community,

Welcome back for the 2022-2023 school year. We were so excited to kick off our year with all 1,500 staff! Like healthcare, grocery store workers, and many others, we celebrated our ESSENTIAL staff in a big way by welcoming them back from summer break with a pep rally style SUPERHERO themed event in our Orefield Football Stadium. Our leadership team welcomed back all staff with an Opening Day Convocation Celebration that included cheerleaders, the PHS Trojan Marching Band, the Orefield Middle School Take a Stand faculty and student band and senior class officers Siddhant Khandelwal, Anshul Dadayapally, Anna Lorenzo, Alexa Bartman and Noah Oxfeld. We also had surprise food truck treats and Parkland SUPERHERO T-shirts for staff to enjoy.



I truly believe that everyone in this District is a superhero. When future historians look back at the pandemic, I believe they will be amazed at what was done in the field of public education for the sake of our children. We could not have offered all these goodies to our staff without our amazing sponsors. They are the Lehigh Valley Educators Credit Union, Service Electric, U.S. Air Force/Space Force, Kades Margolis and the U.S. Army National Guard. We truly value business and community support and thank everyone who helped make Opening Day so special!

**LEADERSHIP TEAM** - Our leadership team said goodbye to Dr. Rodney Troutman, Assistant Superintendent, who spent 35 years in public education, the last 27 at Parkland School District, where he fulfilled many leadership roles. It was bittersweet to say goodbye, and I am truly thankful that I was able to spend my first year as Superintendent with Rod by my side. We all wish him much happiness in retirement! Filling Rod's role is Mr. Timothy Chorones who got started this summer in the midst of transitioning out of his role as Principal at Fogelsville Elementary School. Tim is already an excellent addition to our team and Dr. Michelle Minotti, the District's other Assistant Superintendent, and I, are looking forward to future planning with Tim and the year ahead.

**SUMMER PROJECTS** - This summer also included many capital improvement projects. This entire past year, we have been in the midst of a large renovation project at Schnecksville Elementary School. The last phase of this project included the demolition of the oldest section of the building which dates back to 1929. When that building opened, most of the one room schoolhouses in North Whitehall Township closed and grades 1-8 began attending Schnecksville Elementary. The school district and architects are making every effort to preserve the original ornate pillared entrance of the school to be incorporated into the gates of an outdoor learning courtyard that will be constructed this fall on top of the site of the original building. This work is complicated and they are working to ensure the structure is safe and secure. A new addition that was constructed last year includes classrooms and office space. Interestingly, the project manager for the Schnecksville Elementary addition project, Peter Schneck, is a descendent of Adam Schneck, who is one of the founders of Schnecksville. In May, Peter Schneck took alumni Darlene Schneck (age 65) and her father, Paul Schneck (age 91), on a tour of the original 1929 building after it had been permanently vacated. As they walked the old hallways, Paul and Darlene reminisced about their teachers and school years. Paul had classes in the 1929 building from 1936 to 1944, and Darlene had classes there from 1962 to 1968. You can view the video on YouTube by scanning the QR code to the right.



Another large project we are working on is an addition at Kratzer Elementary after a feasibility study showed that additional classroom space is needed to support growth. You will see that steel has been erected onsite and the project will continue throughout this school year with planned completion in Summer 2023. Other summer projects included the replacement of the HVAC equipment at Ironton, replacement of flooring in small sections of Cetronia and Parkway Manor, reconstructing the parking lot at Cetronia, milling and overlaying of the playground at Kernsville, and construction of a restroom for a new kindergarten classroom at Ironton.

**SCHOOL SAFETY** - In July, our Director of District Safety and Security, Dr. Anthony Naradko, helped us conduct a parent reunification drill. The scenario included a chemical spill at one of our elementary schools and our administrative team practiced their roles in helping to re-unify students with their parents and guardians by following a detailed plan that Dr. Naradko constructed for our community. I wish to thank all who were involved in the drill that day and I am proud to say that while we never hope to have to implement the plan, it is essential to practice drills that are designed to keep staff and students safe as well as the communication that is involved during an emergency.

**GOOGLE** - In June, our Technology Department migrated our hosted Microsoft Exchange email, contacts, and calendars to Gmail. Working in the Google space has been a huge shift for our staff. We see the long-term benefits of this change and we are supporting each other as we navigate all of the wonderful things that Google workspace has to offer.

**ACTIVITIES/ATHLETICS** - Our fall sports teams have already started competing and our students' energy is contagious. Don't miss a home event! The Parkland Education Foundation has made it possible for the PHS TV Studio students to livestream home events for free AND for all Parkland students to get in free to turf and gym events. You can check out all their coverage right from your own seat at home at [YouTube.com/ParklandTV](https://www.youtube.com/ParklandTV). Our Performing and Visual Arts programs are also gearing up for another wonderful season. Tickets for the stage shows *Clue* and *Shrek, Jr.* go on sale on September 19th at [www.showtix4u.com/](https://www.showtix4u.com/) and our concert calendar is filled with free shows to attend. Please come out and support all of our students and show your Parkland Pride. For more information, please go to: [parklandsd.org/schools/calendar](https://parklandsd.org/schools/calendar).

Be Well,

Mark J. Madson, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools  
#ParklandPride



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Homecoming is September 30  
Join us for the game  
GO TROJANS!



**SUPERINTENDENT'S #PARKLANDPRIDE PODCAST**  
**WORDS OF WISDOM FROM THE**  
**CLASS OF 2022**



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SUPERINTENDENTMADSON](https://www.parklandsd.org/superintendentmadson)

## ROTARY DONATES BOOKS FOR EVERY KINDERGARTNER AND SUPPORTS PARKLAND SCHOOLS

The Rotary Club of Allentown West is an active organization in our community and helps our school district in so many ways. Not only do they help to support the weekly snack pack program that provides non-perishable food to our neediest students, they donated a book for every incoming Parkland kindergartner in an effort to help us promote literacy and reading at home. They also sponsored two rising seniors, Kai McGalla and Iwren DeLeon, to attend their signature leadership 4-day experience, Camp Neidig. And, new this year, they were proud to support a STEM program designed in conjunction with the SETI Institute and Albright College. The program is a residential middle school experience designed to prepare students for careers in the STEM fields of the future. Parkland middle schoolers who attended were: Iccha Bendigeri, Karthika Kuppala, Vishank Somala and Guarav Perugu. They are always looking for members. If you would like to get involved, please contact [president@allentownwestrotary.org](mailto:president@allentownwestrotary.org).



## PARKLAND REACH BACKPACK PROGRAM STAFF VOLUNTEERS TO PACK AND DISTRIBUTE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Every year, Parkland Staff who volunteer with Parkland REACH (Resources Enhancing All Children's Health), pack backpacks filled with school supplies and then hold a contactless drive-thru event where families can drive by and have the backpacks loaded in their trunks. This is a great way for us to help families prepare for the year ahead! Items in the backpack included a 3-ring binder, pocket folders, notebooks, pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, glue sticks, crayons, colored pencils, wireless computer mouse, and earbuds.



Parkland REACH is a group of involved staff and retirees who hope to make a difference by identifying students who may be food vulnerable and might benefit from any assistance we can provide. Pictured above are just a few of the members modeling the backpacks: Dr. Sandt, Principal of SMS; Mr. Renna, Coordinator of Educational Technology; Mr. Kobus, Assistant Director of Technology; Mrs. Thompson, SMS Teacher; Mrs. George, Assistant PHS Principal; Mr. Barone, School Psychologist; Mrs. Rosario, Director of Teaching and Learning; and Donna Steckel, retired Assistant PHS Principal.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY?



The Parkland Community Library Board of Trustees is looking to fill three vacancies in early 2023. Candidates with diverse backgrounds, experiences and interests are encouraged to apply by sending a cover letter and resume to [nominating@parklandlibrary.org](mailto:nominating@parklandlibrary.org) by November 30th.

### GET PREPARED SOUTH WHITEHALL COMMUNITY DAY

SAT, SEPT 10

SPRINGHOUSE WEST PARK

South Whitehall is planning a FREE community event that will include activities from 4:30 - 7:30 PM and then a FREE Movie in the Park from 7:30 - 9 PM.

- Child Car Seat Safety Checks
  - Free Smoke Detector Sign-ups
  - Fire/Rescue Demos
  - Stop the Bleed/Hands-only CPR instruction
  - MOVIE: Playing With Fire
- Bring a blanket and plan to join us!



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If you find yourself in need of food, clothing, mental health support, or any other assistance, please get in touch with us at [ParklandREACH@parklandsd.org](mailto:ParklandREACH@parklandsd.org)

Parkland REACH is a community project led by Parkland Staff.



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# PARKLAND SENIOR CITIZEN CLASSES

## REGISTER at [WWW.PARKLANDSD.ORG/SENIORS](http://WWW.PARKLANDSD.ORG/SENIORS)



The following classes will be offered this fall to Senior Citizens, ages 55 and older, who reside in the Parkland School District. **The classes are FREE of charge. Please register before the class deadline of September 16, 2022, online at [www.parklandsd.org/seniors](http://www.parklandsd.org/seniors).**

If you don't have Internet access, call us at 610-351-5578 and we will assist you. We ask that people do not register unless they can attend a majority of the sessions. All classes will be reserved via a lottery system. Parkland School District will send out course notifications starting on September 16th. Kindly refrain from contacting the office until after September 19th if you have not yet received confirmation. Thank you.

### WATER AEROBICS

**Parkland High School Pool**

**Wednesdays, October 5 - November 9, 5:45-6:45 PM**

**Saturdays, October 8 - October 29, 1-2 PM**

This class, co-sponsored by Upper Macungie Township Recreation and the Friends of UMT Parks and Recreation, features low impact aerobics (conducted in shallow water) specifically geared to seniors. The class will focus on the use of all muscles and limbs, breathing and stretching. Water shoes or old clean sneakers are suggested for safety. Swim noodles are provided at the pool. Swimmers should enter through the lower entrance at the back of the Athletic Wing. Please arrive between 5:15 and 5:30 PM to ensure entrance to the building and time to change in the locker room. Please note that no one will be allowed to enter the building before 5:15 PM. Maximum of 25 participants. The classes will be held in the Parkland High School Pool located at 2700 North Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown, PA 18104.

### DOABLE YOGA FOR SENIORS

**Kernsville Elementary School Gym**

**Mondays, October 17 - December 12 (NO CLASS 11/28 & 12/5),**

**and January 9 - March 29 (NO CLASS 1/16 & 2/20), 4:30-5:30 PM**

**Wednesdays, October 19 - December 14 (NO CLASS 11/23), and**

**January 11 - March 29 4:30-5:30 PM**

Marie Brown will once again be sponsored by South Whitehall Township Recreation to instruct yoga for Parkland seniors. The class will provide 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. Guided meditation will also focus on stress relief. Please bring your own yoga mat. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the class starting. Maximum of 40 participants per class. All classes will be offered at Kernsville Elementary School, 5051 Kernsville Road, Orefield, PA 18069.

### ST. LUKE'S CHAIR & STRENGTH CLASS

**Parkland Administration Center Board Room**

**Wednesdays, October 5 - November 23, 9-10 AM**

We are excited to bring back the popular class this fall sponsored by Upper Macungie Township Recreation and the Friends of UMT Parks and Recreation. The chair strength and mobility class is a low-impact program designed to improve strength and mobility for adults of all activity levels. It is movement-based training for persons that want to work on balance, coordination, agility, and functional strength. This class is led by a St. Luke's Instructor. Maximum of 30 participants. The Parkland Administration Center is located at 1210 Springhouse Road, Allentown, PA 18104.

### SENIOR AEROBICS

**Kernsville Elementary School Cafeteria**

**Thursdays, October 6 - November 10, 5:30-6:30 PM**

We are excited to offer this NEW class sponsored by South Whitehall Township Recreation. Instructor Lauren Smurda will lead a gentle aerobics class to work on improving strength, mobility, and to get you moving! Come join this new class and have fun while getting a workout! Maximum of 30 participants. All classes will be offered at Kernsville Elementary School, 5051 Kernsville Road, Orefield, PA 18069.

### ZUMBA GOLD

**Parkway Manor Elementary School Gym**

**Thursdays, October 6 - November 10, 4:30-5:30 PM**

Zumba Gold is a dance fitness class designed for the active senior and will be taught by a certified instructor who is volunteering her time to teach Parkland seniors. The class will feature dance 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! Maximum of 40 participants. Parkway Manor Elementary School is located at 768 Parkway Road, Allentown, PA 18104.

## SENIOR CITIZENS INVITED TO WINTER DINNER AND CONCERT

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE ONLINE AT  
[WWW.PARKLANDSD.ORG/SENIORS](http://WWW.PARKLANDSD.ORG/SENIORS)**

Join us for one of our most popular spring concert events this year! Parkland Senior Citizens are invited to enjoy a FREE dinner at Parkland High School and then adjourn to the auditorium for some great music by talented student musicians. Seniors can choose to attend the Parkland High School Chorus Concert on Thursday, December 8th, or the Parkland High School Orchestra Concert on Wednesday, December 14th.

On both nights, doors open at 5 PM in the Parkland High School cafeteria. Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM and the concerts begin at 7 PM. Residents should select only one date so that we can host as many people as possible.

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# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: KALI HURST



Kali Hurst, a rising senior at Parkland High School, was named the Distinguished Young Woman of Lehigh Valley. She competed for the title of Distinguished Young Woman of Pennsylvania. The girls were judged in many categories, including spirit, interview, self-expression, talent, fitness, and academics. The girls also had to submit an essay prior to the competition explaining how they exemplify the five elements of the “Be Your Best Self” Program (Be Healthy, Be Involved, Be Studious, Be Ambitious, and Be Responsible), and how they are reaching out to young people encouraging them to make a commitment for setting high goals and striving to attain them.

While Kali did not become the next Distinguished Young Woman of Pennsylvania, she did walk away with \$800 in College Scholarship money and won three Awards, including the Scholastic Award (for academics), the Spirit Award, and the Be Your Best Self Essay Award! She also learned many valuable skills and met other talented young and older women.

This summer, Kali also attended an 11-day STEM camp called Operation Catapult at Rose Hulman Institute of Technology in Indiana. She and three teammates designed and created a Juggling Machine that won the BEST PROJECT Award. They had to work through the Design Process, causing them to continuously redesign their Juggling Machine until it worked. Kali stated that what she learned from Mr. Wacker, her PHS Engineering teacher, and Mrs. Miller, her PHS Physics teacher, helped her with the challenges at the camp. Congratulations, Kali!

## ARTWORKS ADULT ART CLASS OFFERINGS

This fall, Parkland High School Art Teachers are holding adult art classes for community members. Classes begin the last week of September, so register soon at [www.parklandsd.org/art](http://www.parklandsd.org/art). You can view picture examples of the art projects on our registration link.

**LEARNING TO THROW ON THE POTTER’S WHEEL** - This beginner’s course is designed to introduce students to the discipline of wheel throwing in ceramics. Students will focus on the potter’s wheel as a tool that can be used to approach a wide variety of forms. Basic glazing and clay stages will also be covered. 8 Tuesdays, 7-9 PM, Cost: \$150 plus \$20 materials fee. Location: Parkland High School

**HANGING HAND-BUILT STAR PAPER SCULPTURE** - Students will be taught how to construct a giant paper star sculpture, pre-plan design elements, decorate them using watercolors and professional colored pencil techniques, and then assemble the 5 star arms for hanging. No Experience required. 6 Wednesdays, 7-9 PM, Cost: \$115 plus \$15 materials fee. Location: Springhouse Middle School

**CERAMIC HAND-BUILDING SCULPTURE** - Students will be taught ceramic Hand-building techniques to create and glaze 4-6 projects (depending on pace of work). No Experience required. 8 Thursdays, 7-9 PM, Cost: \$150 plus \$28 materials fee. Location: Springhouse Middle School

## CLASS OF 2022 RECOGNITION

### WHAT LIES AHEAD FOR THE CLASS OF 2022?

This fall, many Parkland graduates headed off to schools across Pennsylvania and beyond. Enrollment at Penn State University’s Main Campus is 62 students, and 19 students will attend a Penn State branch campus. Locally, college enrollment includes Cedar Crest (3), DeSales University (30), Kutztown University (38), Lehigh University (10), Moravian College (9), Muhlenberg College (8), Lehigh Carbon Community College (141), and Northampton Community College (11). Some other popular choices include Temple University (26), University of Pittsburgh (21), Bloomsburg University (12), and West Chester University (15).



### PARKLAND’S TOP 3% RECOGNIZED AT COMMENCEMENT

During the Parkland graduation ceremony this year at the PPL Center, students graduating within the top 3% of the class were recognized for their outstanding academic performance. No class rank is published. The Class of 2022 students who were acknowledged in alphabetical order are: Georgi Butch (College of William and Mary), Victor Cai (Harvard University), Shlok Dholakia (Georgia Tech), Alex Forgosh (University of Southern California), Kharan Joshi (University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill), Vaishnavi Joshi (University of Pennsylvania), Raaheem Khondaker (Schreyer Honors College at Penn State), Harrison Kim (Dartmouth College), Westley Le (Temple University), Michael Li (University of Notre Dame), Lalitha Loka (Pittsburgh University), Aditi Maheshwari (Schreyer Honors College at Penn State), Sana Nauman (Muhlenberg College), Oludemilade Olatilo (Wharton School at University of Pennsylvania), Prince Patel (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), Areea Rahman (Schreyer Honors College at Penn State), Jacob Seed (Case Western Reserve University), Elizabeth Shaw (Johns Hopkins University), Alexander Spero (Vanderbilt University), Kevin Tong (University of Pittsburgh), Veda Vundela (Penn State University), Ella Wu (Bryn Mawr College), and Hana Yang (University of Pennsylvania). Congratulations to our top 3% and all 776 of our 2022 graduates!

### CLASS OF 2022 EXIT SURVEY

<b>85%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>2%</b>
of the class will be attending college	will be attending a 4-year college	will be attending a 2-year college	will be entering the workforce	will be entering the military	will be attending a business/tech school

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## SAYING FAREWELL.... Congratulations 2022 Retirees

Parkland celebrated 53 retirees with a combined 1,069 years in public education at the end of the school year. We wish the following people a wonderful new life journey:

<b>Parkland High School</b>	<b>Kratzer</b>	<b>Springhouse</b>
Christopher Bleam	Deborah Frear	Linda Keller
Jodi Ferrio	Scott Watson	Joanne Quinn
Jill Fuller		
Tarik Haddad	<b>Orefield</b>	<b>Bus Drivers</b>
Richard Phillips	Tara Bungert	Carl Beltz
William Robertson	Ann Koren	Lamar Borger
	Michael Messerschmidt	Anthony Chickilly
<b>Cetronia</b>	Tammy Snyder	Jeffrey Cushner
Kathleen Dalrymple		Eliud Rodriguez
Maria Farley	<b>Administrative</b>	
Ruth Tice	Brenda DeRenzo	<b>Mechanics</b>
	Sheri Fredrick-Deeb	James Haldaman
<b>Ironton</b>	Diane Neikam	Terry Wertman
Brian Mauerman	Mark Stutz	
Benita O'Brien	Rickey Teschner	<b>Custodians</b>
Allison Stoudt	Rod Troutman	James Bungert
		James Ettl
<b>Kernsville</b>		Bruce Fehnel
Cindy Brill		

*Thank you*

FOR YOUR SERVICE TO PARKLAND



## CONGRATULATIONS to Newly Appointed/Promoted Administrators

### Newly Appointed over the Last Year

Frank Anonia - Director of Visual and Performing Arts  
Kristina Corominas - Supervisor of Special Education  
Ken Cuomo - School Psychologist - Parkland High School  
Nate Davidson - Principal - Parkland High School  
Lisa Lesko - Principal - Fogelsville Elementary School  
Linda Nagy - Coordinator of Human Resources  
Ron Rasbold - Custodial Supervisor  
Erik Troutman - Project Manager  
Justina Verile - Elementary Dean of Students  
Shannon Walsh - School Psychologist - Orefield Middle School

### Change to Role

Kelly Rosario - Director of Teaching and Learning - Elementary  
Dr. Jason Henry - Director of Teaching and Learning - Secondary  
James Moniz - Director of Online Learning, Alternative Education and Assessment  
Adrienne Kashner - Assistant Director of Teaching and Learning (Elementary) and Federal Programs  
Dr. Matt Carlson - Director of Student Services  
Andrew Weber - Director of Special Education  
Danielle Roland - Supervisor of Special Education  
Steve Behr - Supervisor of Special Education  
Dr. Valerie Gulycz - Supervisor of Special Education

**BEST WISHES IN YOUR NEW POSITIONS!**

### SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES AND PROGRAMS, SERVICES FOR PROTECTED HANDICAPPED STUDENTS, AND SERVICES FOR GIFTED STUDENTS

In compliance with state and federal law, notice is hereby given by the Parkland School District (PSD) that it conducts ongoing identification activities as a part of its school program for the purpose of identifying students who may be in need of special education supports and services (PA Code Chapter 14), services via section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (PA Code Chapter 15), and/or gifted education services (PA Code Chapter 16).

**Special Education Services:** If your child is identified by the District as possibly in need of such services, you will be notified of applicable procedures. Individualized services and programs are available for children who are determined to need specially designed instruction due to the following conditions: Autism; Deaf-blindness; Deafness; Emotional disturbance; Hearing impairment; Intellectual disability; Multiple disabilities; Orthopedic impairment; Other health impairment; Specific learning disability; Speech or language impairment; Traumatic brain injury; Visual impairment.

**Section 504/Chapter 15 Services:** Parkland School District will provide each protected handicapped student, without discrimination or cost to the student or family, those related aids, services or accommodations which are needed to provide equal opportunity to participate in and obtain the benefits of the school program and co- and non-curricular activities to the maximum extent appropriate to the student's abilities. In order to qualify as a protected handicapped student, the child must be of school age with a physical or mental disability which substantially limits or prohibits participation in or access to an aspect of the school program. These services and protections for "protected handicapped students" are distinct from those applicable to all eligible or exceptional students enrolled (or seeking enrollment) in special education programs.

**Chapter 16:** While gifted is not included as one of the disabilities categories under the IDEA 2004, the Pennsylvania State Board of Education's regulations as set forth in Chapter 16, Special Education for Gifted Students, provide that gifted students are considered to be children with exceptionalities and are in need of specially designed instruction. If you believe that your school age child may be in need of special education services and related programs, Section 504/Chapter 15 services, Chapter 16 services, screening, and evaluation processes are available to you at no cost, upon written request. Whether or not your child is enrolled in the district's public school program.

**Consent:** School entities cannot proceed with an evaluation, or with the initial provision of special education, Section 504/Chapter 15, Chapter 16, and related services, without the written consent of the parents. For additional information related to consent, please refer to the Procedural Safeguards Notice which can be found at the PaTTAN website, www.Pattan.net

Requests for school-age evaluation and screening should be made in writing to the Director of Student Services, 1210 Springhouse Road, Allentown, PA 18104.

**Preschool Services and Programs:** Children age three through the age of admission to first grade are eligible for Early Intervention services if they have developmental delays and, as a result, need Special Education and related services. A child is considered to have a developmental delay when one of the following exists: (i) The child's score, on a developmental assessment device, on an assessment instrument which yields a score in months, indicates that the child is delayed by 25% of the child's chronological age in one or more developmental areas; or (ii) The child is delayed in one or more of the developmental areas, as documented by test performance of 1.5 standard deviations below the mean on standardized tests. Developmental areas include cognitive, communicative, physical, social/emotional and self-help.

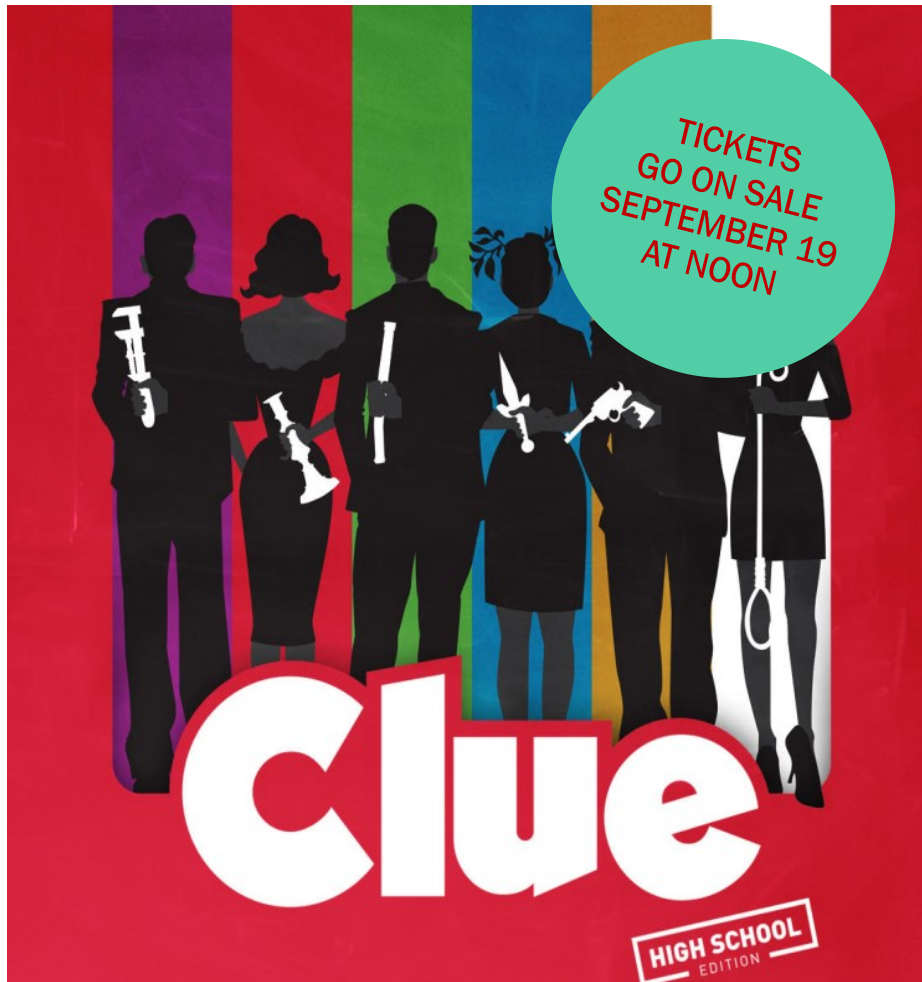
Parents of young children with concerns about their child's seeing, hearing, learning, talking, moving about, manipulating objects, understanding, showing emotions, getting along with others, playing with toys, taking care of himself/herself, should contact the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit - Project Connect at (610) 769-4111. Project Connect can provide information to parents about evaluations, programs, therapy, parent supports, and referral to community agencies at no cost to the parent.

**Potential Signs of Developmental Delays:** For a list of general "warning signs" of possible delay, please refer to "Related Files" on the following webpage:  
[www.parklandsd.org/departments/student-services/annual-public-notice](http://www.parklandsd.org/departments/student-services/annual-public-notice)



# JOIN US FOR A PHS STAGE SHOW THIS FALL

## TICKETS FOR BOTH SHOWS GO ON SALE SEPTEMBER 19TH



**clue**  
HIGH SCHOOL EDITION

*Adapted from the screenplay by Jonathan Lynn, written by Sandy Rustin.  
Additional material by Hunter Foster and Eric Pric*

**Clue (High School Edition)**  
**OCTOBER 14 - 16, 2022**

**Fall Play**

It is a dark and stormy night, and you have been invited to a very unusual dinner party. Each of the guests has an alias, the butler offers a variety of weapons, and the host is, well . . . dead. So whodunnit? Join the iconic oddballs known as Scarlet, Plum, White, Green, Peacock, and Mustard as they race to find the murderer in Boddy Manor before the body count stacks up. Based on the cult classic film and the popular board game, *Clue* is a madcap comedy that will keep you guessing until the final twist. Admission prices are \$10 for students and seniors (65+); \$12 for adults. Tickets will go on sale on **Monday, September 19, 2022** at noon. They are only available through our ticketing partner, [www.showtix4u.com](http://www.showtix4u.com).



**SHREK**  
THE MUSICAL JR.

**Family Show**  
**Shrek The Musical Jr.**  
**November 18 - 20, 2022**

Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and the Book by William Steig. Book and Lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire. Music by Jeanine Tesori. Originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street Productions. Original Production Directed by Jason Moore and Rob Ashford. "I'm a Believer" by Neil Diamond.

Beauty is in the eye of the ogre in *Shrek The Musical Jr.*, based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film and fantastic Broadway musical. It is a "big bright beautiful world" as everyone's favorite ogre, Shrek, leads a cast of fairytale misfits on an adventure to rescue a princess and find true acceptance. Part romance and part twisted fairy tale, *Shrek Jr.* is an irreverently fun show with a powerful message for the whole family.

Once upon a time, in a faraway swamp, there lived an ogre named Shrek. One day, Shrek finds his swamp invaded by banished fairytale misfits who have been cast off by Lord Farquaad, a tiny terror with big ambitions. When Shrek sets off with a wisecracking donkey to confront Farquaad, he is handed a task - if he rescues feisty princess Fiona, his swamp will be righted. Shrek tries to win Fiona's love and vanquish Lord Farquaad, but a fairytale would not be complete without a few twists and turns along the way.

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# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!



Welcome to 1st Grade!



Playground aides are so important - we have 43 in this District to help students stay safe on the playground during recess! These ladies in pink are so dedicated and we appreciate their warm smiles!



We have 13 school nurses and 14 health room aides. Thank you for healing boo boos and helping to administer medication to our students!



The Parkland School District works with more than 40 daycares and the YMCA to help transition students for before and/or after school care. These students are ready to be picked up for the first day!



German anyone? PHS offers six languages: Spanish, French, German, Latin, Sign Language and Chinese.



Who wouldn't want to learn in this cool Engineering classroom at PHS? It contains a true to scale replica of a Dorney Park roller coaster that runs...upside down.



How sweet it is to be back in middle school!



We can't have school without our AMAZING bus drivers. Parkland has 158 drivers who travel 1.6 M miles annually to transport our most precious cargo...our students!



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## FOUNDATION AWARDS 83 GRANTS TOTALING \$195,789 FOR 2022-2023 THIS IS THE MOST AMOUNT AWARDED TO DATE FOR A SINGLE YEAR OF GRANTS

As a culminating activity in the eleventh year of the Parkland School District Education Foundation’s existence, the Foundation Board of Directors awarded 83 **Celebrate Innovation** grants totaling \$195,789 to the Parkland School District with the intent of enriching the current curriculum to benefit a wide range of students, staff and community members.

In total 83 grants were awarded, 24 were given to the 9 Elementary schools, 22 went to the 2 Middle Schools, 24 were awarded to Parkland High School, and 13 grants will serve the District at large.

A few examples of the grants awarded are:

- String Guest Artist **Time for Three** will do a workshop with orchestra students culminating with a community concert.
- Hydroponic gardens at Schnecksville - third-grade students at Schnecksville will be given a hydroponic garden for each classroom to learn how to care for and observe the growth of plants.
- Biomedical Spring project - The PHS Project Lead The Way Biomedical students will be given supplies to carry out a community service project for Parkland High School.
- Parkland TV Live for Groundhog Day - PHS Parkland TV Productions students will go to Punxsutawney, PA, to report on Groundhog Day festivities. This is a valuable hands-on experience for our students interested in pursuing a career in TV, Film, Journalism and/or Communications.
- Camp Fowler for Middle School Students - All 8th grade students will get to experience team building activities in preparation for high school.

Funding for the grants was made possible by staff contributions and by local businesses and community-wide support for the school district. In September, our staff pledged \$31,000 via payroll contributions and in May, our Distinguished Alumni event raised \$84,000 in support of the Foundation’s mission. This is an exciting time for the Parkland Education Foundation to be investing in grants that enrich the teaching and learning for our staff and students. **The Parkland Education Foundation has given back more than \$1,538,267.74 to the Parkland School District since 2011.**

### ABOUT THE CELEBRATE INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM

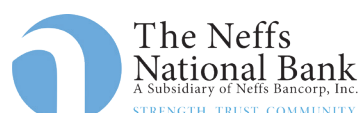
The **Celebrate Innovation** grant program was introduced at the start of the 2011-12 school year to the Parkland staff. In January, the opportunity for staff to apply for a **Celebrate Innovation** grant occurred with a deadline of April 1. The Superintendent’s Cabinet scored the grants for “need,” the Teaching and Learning Department scored the grants for “fit” and a committee of Foundation volunteers reviewed the grants for clarity, purpose, measurable benefits, collaboration between parents, teachers and other community members, sustainability, and the range of people that the grant would benefit. The rubric offered the possibility for a grant application to score a total of 100 points. In total, 99 grant applications were filed by staff this year.



## FREE LIVESTREAM OF ATHLETIC EVENTS CONTINUES FOR 3RD YR

For the 3rd year in a row, the Parkland School District TV Studio students will present free livestreamed home varsity sports competitions thanks to the purchase of robotic live action cameras from the Parkland Education Foundation. The livestreamed events can be viewed at [www.parklandsd.org/athleticlivestream](http://www.parklandsd.org/athleticlivestream).

### THE FOUNDATION THANKS ITS CORPORATE PARTNERS IN EDUCATION





## 2022-23 IMPORTANT DATES and INFORMATION

Check out our Weekly 5 THINGS TO KNOW FOR THE WEEK AHEAD [www.parklandsd.org/schools/weekly-update](http://www.parklandsd.org/schools/weekly-update)

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS – SCHOOLS CLOSED

October 5, October 10, January 16 and March 10

### DISTRICT-WIDE EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS

Wednesday, November 23

Friday, January 20

Friday, April 28

Friday, May 19

### PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences – November 17-23

Note: Elementary Students will dismiss at 1:45 PM on these days.

Middle School Parent-Teacher Conferences – November 22-23

Note: Middle School Students will dismiss at 1 PM on these days.

### LENGTH OF SCHOOL DAYS

Elementary School (K-5) 8:50 AM - 3:30 PM

Middle School (Grades 6-8) 7:45 AM - 2:38 PM

High School (Grades 9-12) 7:40 AM - 2:44 PM

### KEYSTONE TESTS - Winter

Literature - December 7-8

Biology – January 4-5

Algebra I – January 10-11

### KEYSTONE TESTS - Spring

Literature – May 15-16

Algebra I – May 17-18

Biology – May 22-23

### OTIS LENNON TEST

Grade 1 - January 30 - February 3

### PENNSYLVANIA SYSTEM OF SCHOOL ASSESSMENT (PSSA TESTS)

Grades 3-8, English/Language Arts

April 24-28

Grades 3-8, Mathematics/Science

May 1-5

### CAFETERIA PRICES

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Secondary Lunch \$2.95

Elementary Breakfast \$1.50

Secondary Breakfast \$1.75

Adult Lunch \$3.95

Adult Breakfast \$2.50

Milk \$.50

Reduced Price Lunch \$.40

Reduced Price Breakfast \$.30

### MENUS

[www.parklandsd.org/Menus](http://www.parklandsd.org/Menus)

### BIRTHDAY CLASS TREAT

#### ORDER FORM

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