



PARKLAND NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2023

GOVERNOR SHAPIRO VISITS PARKLAND TO DISCUSS TEEN MENTAL HEALTH

Governor Josh Shapiro visited Parkland High School in May to meet with students and hear about mental health. He highlighted his proposed budget investments in mental health resources which includes \$500 million over the next five years to increase mental health support in schools and up to \$60 million annually by 2027-28 to restore county mental health funding. The Governor noted that, in Pennsylvania, over 40% of students reported symptoms of depression in 2021, and State Representative Mike Schlossberg talked about his personal experiences and struggles.

Parkland High School includes staff who work tirelessly to address mental health needs. Our Student Assistance Program (SAP) team provides mentoring for academic and social and emotional difficulties, mental health assessments and makes referrals to outpatient mental health professionals. School counselors and psychologists support students' social and emotional needs. We partner with local hospitals to provide psychotherapy for students who need it. Also, crisis teams support students experiencing acute mental health issues. However, the need is constant. We are consistently told that hospitals don't have enough psych beds, that there are not enough therapists and psychiatrists, that waiting lists are long and/or that health insurance does not cover therapy. These are issues that an increased investment by our state government may be able to help address and we appreciate the Governor's intent to increase funding in this area.



Representative Schlossberg, Governor Shapiro, and Principal Nathan Davidson listen as students speak about their needs. The group met in the PHS library.

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CONGRATS PROM KING AND QUEEN!

Josiah Day and Harshini Mallipedhi



FOUR PHS DEPARTMENTS WIN PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS

THIS SPRING, PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL WAS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE FOUR DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS THAT RECOGNIZE EXCELLENCE.

2023 Golden Globe Award for exemplary Foreign Language Program - Parkland's World Language Department consists of 28 teachers who offer classes in French, German, Spanish, American Sign Language (ASL), and Latin. Arabic is also offered with a visiting teacher from a local college. 68% of our students continue to Level 4 and above in a single language and the Department proudly celebrates language and cultures during the annual World Language Week event. PHS offers a club and honor society for ASL, French, German, Latin and Spanish.

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Standards for Excellence Award - Parkland High School's FCS department offers 13 different courses that embrace career readiness, leadership, management, responsibility and student creativity. Classes offered range from Basic Foods to Nutrition for Fitness to Independent Living to Fashion Design and Marketing and so much more!

Premier Community for Theatre Education - The PHS Theatre Department was recognized by The Educational Theatre Association as one of just 25 schools in the country, and the only school in Pennsylvania, for its outstanding commitment and achievement in efforts to provide theatre access and education to all students. The Department puts on three stage shows per year. This year's musical, **Oklahoma!**, was nominated for 16 Freddy Awards, the most of any show in our region.

2023 NAMM Foundation Best Communities for Music Education - For the 10th consecutive year, the National Association of Music Merchants awarded Parkland for demonstrating outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students. To qualify for the Best Communities designation, Parkland answered detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program and community music-making programs. Responses were verified by school officials and reviewed by The Music Research Institute at the University of Kansas.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Parkland Community,

It is my pleasure to report to you about the very busy spring season that we are wrapping up as this newsletter goes to print. I would like to start by sharing that we have been researching opportunities to address a predicted growth in enrollment as our secondary schools are creeping towards capacity. It has been wonderful getting out into the community to share proposals and listen to feedback concerning our next steps. We conducted an online survey, held faculty meetings, met with business leaders and PTO Presidents, and held two Town Halls to share options for growth. The options include an addition on Parkland High School coupled with the construction of another 6-8th grade Middle School, an 8th/9th grade building, and looking at costs to build a second high school. Our committee has also been conducting site visits to school districts who have grappled with similar enrollment issues or who have 8th/9th grade centers and/or specialty areas inside their high schools and we have been learning and gleaning a lot of information that will help us make an informed recommendation. This summer, we plan to crunch the numbers for all of the options and report our findings to the School Board during regularly scheduled meetings. Please feel free to join us on the third Tuesday of the month if you'd like to stay abreast of this endeavor, or visit us online at www.ParklandSD.org/Vision2030.

This issue of the Parkland Newsletter focuses on next year's budget. The Parkland Board of School Directors has approved plans for a 2.5% tax increase with a 2023-24 Proposed General Fund Budget amounting to \$230,387,002. This represents a 6.5% increase of 2022-23 expenditures. In order to minimize the tax rate for Parkland taxpayers, the Proposed Budget includes the appropriation of \$9,467,809 of Fund Balance to balance the 2023-2024 General Fund Budget. The budget represents a total mill rate of 16.30 or a 2.5% millage increase from 15.90 in 2022-23. The allowable Act 1 Index avails Parkland the opportunity to raise taxes up to 4.1%. Parkland has not raised taxes to the allowable Index in the last 7 years and its tax rate remains the lowest millage rate in Lehigh County.

Key Points About the 2023-24 Proposed Budget are:

- 1. Safety** – A top priority, the budget includes additional funding in safety and security expenditures for professional services and technology as well as personnel who will support all aspects of Parkland's network and cyber security protection. This area also includes new school bus purchases that will maintain the industry standard for the average age of Parkland's school bus fleet.
- 2. Students and Educational Programs** – Parkland continues to invest in research-proven methods to identify and remove barriers to learning for all students. This includes an emphasis on providing support for struggling students to close achievement gaps.
- 3. Growth and Future Planning** – As Parkland continues to be one of the fastest-growing areas in Pennsylvania, the District has been communicating with students, staff and community members about forecasted growth, and options to address it. The District conducted a feasibility study that took full inventory of square footage and capacity in every district facility and paired the analysis with planned housing projects. Utilizing enrollment trend software, a comprehensive analysis is helping Parkland plan for facilities that will solve capacity issues.
- 4. Debt Service** - Careful consideration of debt management is critical in accomplishing goals to address growth and maintain our current facilities. The District's excellent credit rating and refinancing strategy has helped phase in new debt service with minimal impact to the overall debt service budget and fund a one-time \$5M transfer to the Capital Reserve Fund to help limit the impact of new debt service on the General Fund Budget in future years.
- 5. Fund Balance Appropriation** – Due to careful planning and use of ESSER (federal COVID relief) funding, the strength of our local revenue/real estate, and historical financial planning, the District is able to use almost \$4.5M of Fund Balance to balance the budget, thus minimizing the tax impact necessary to balance this year's budget.

Investing in our students and curriculum is Parkland's primary mission, however the District also needs to continue to invest in its facilities and plan for future growth to preserve its educational programs. This budget represents the most essential educational needs of students while considering our current economic climate, our future growth concerns, and the ability and willingness of our community to support a quality, comprehensive educational program. I appreciate the complex planning process and thank all the departments within our organization who have contributed to budget deliberations. I want to note, however, that statewide reform is needed. As mandated costs increase at a pace that far outperforms state funding, it endangers Parkland's ability to fund programs, operational costs, maintenance of our facilities and options to address continued growth in our community. We call on our local and state legislators to pass funding formula reforms that will help ease the burden on local taxpayers who continue to shoulder increasing mandated Special Education costs and Charter School tuition payments.

Best wishes for an enjoyable summer,

Mark J. Madson, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
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LEHIGH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT MILLAGE RANK COMPARISON	
School District	2022-23 Millage (highest to lowest)
Northern Lehigh	24.07
Allentown City	22.64
Salisbury Township	21.84
Catasauqua Area	20.82
East Penn	19.68
Whitehall-Coplay	20.17
Northwestern Lehigh	18.34
Southern Lehigh	17.26
Parkland	15.90
Average is 20.08	

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SMS STUDENT-CREATED MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION ENJOYED AT 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

As part of the Parkland Festival of the Arts, a new multicultural exhibit called **Share Your Story** comprised many faces that make up the Parkland School District community. The event was planned by Springhouse Middle School students who created displays focused on clothing, jewelry, art, and other traditional items. The student-led event featured heritage displays that included: China, El Salvador, Germany, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, the Middle East, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Puerto Rico and Nigeria. Student clubs also helped out and created displays including the Mental Health Awareness Club, Black Student Union and the Multicultural Leadership Club.



LOVE IN ANY LANGUAGE

Orefield Middle School Chorus teacher and Assistant to the Director of Visual and Performing Arts Erich Joella put together a thematic concert entitled **Love In Any Language**. The sixth grade choral selections included a traditional Japanese song, a German/Austrian ballad, and the Italian favorite “Funiculi! Funicula!” Seventh grade performed a Chilean folk song, an Irish piece, and a Parisian version of the famous Can-Can. Eighth graders began with an American classic “Simple Gifts” and then employed a ukulele choir to accompany a Hawaiian version of “Somewhere Over The Rainbow.” They finished their portion of the program with a rhythmic African piece titled “Dansi na Kuimba” in Swahili. The culmination of the concert was a finale combining all OMS Chorus members singing the titled selection “Love in Any Language.” Poignant lyrics combined with powerful music and the performance suggestion was to sign the lyrics. Mr. Joella wondered, “How am I going to teach 500 students to sign the lyrics?” At the same time, Anna Lorenzo, a senior at Parkland High School, suggested he contact her beloved sign language teacher, Mrs. Chey Garvin, who graciously brought 32 Parkland High School students to spend a full day teaching all 500 middle school chorus students the sign language translation of the lyrics. The evening of the concert, the OMS Chorus was joined by Mrs. Garvin along with 50 PHS students who take American Sign Language at the high school to participate in the grand finale!



Anna Lorenzo and fellow PHS students teaching OMS students to sign.

JOURNALISM SUMMIT INSPIRES STUDENTS

BY PHS GUEST STUDENT WRITER, KEIRA LEIBY



Mrs. Beck, PHS teacher, welcomes students to the first-ever Journalism Summit.

A dream became reality when the Keystone Student Journalist Coalition (KSJC) came together at the first “Saving Journalism Summit” hosted by Kutztown University on April 12, 2023. Parkland teacher and advisor of The Trumpet newspaper (Destiny Beck) along with Northern Lehigh teacher and advisor of The Slate newspaper (Chris Barnes) planned and executed the event for student journalists involved in newspaper, yearbook and broadcasting from 12 school districts across three counties who had the opportunity to attend three sessions hosted by more than a dozen guest speakers. Speakers included Wendy Davis from 69 News, Emily Kress from WNEP, Keith Groller from The Morning Call, Talia Trackin from The Washington Post and many more. Students enjoyed hearing personal experiences from those who work in the field. Alexis Traugher, a senior from Northern Lehigh, stated that, “I think [the summit] had a positive impact on student journalism because it gave the raw, to-the-point information about the reality of journalism.”

Presenters enjoyed the experience as well. Crissa DeBree, an editor for The Morning Call said, “It was wonderful seeing so many students interested in journalism!” Keith Groller from the same publication said, “[The Summit] provided a wide array of guests who gave a picture of the different opportunities now available to kids. I enjoyed my experience and thought it was a worthwhile endeavor.”

Students, advisors and journalists who were involved in the successful execution of the “Saving Journalism Summit,” look forward to seeing how the KSJC expands in the years to come. Special thanks to the Parkland Education Foundation for awarding Mrs. Beck a grant to make this a reality.



Students brought sample school newspapers and yearbooks to share with fellow student journalists.



Crowd at the Summit.



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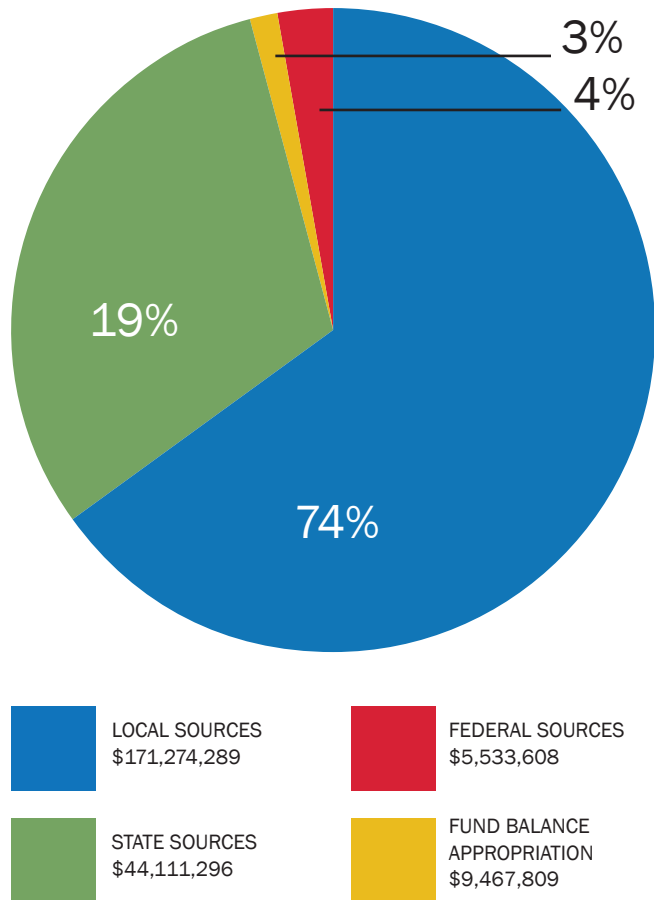
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2023-24 DISTRICT BUDGET

BUDGET BREAKDOWN BY

RESOURCES

**LOCAL**

Current Real Estate Taxes	\$142,440,289
Interim Real Estate Tax	\$2,250,000
Public Utility Realty Tax	\$145,000
Local Services Tax	\$610,000
Earned Income Tax	\$13,000,000
Real Estate Transfer Tax	\$4,000,000
Delinquent Real Estate Tax	\$2,250,000
Interest on Investments	\$2,500,000
District Activities/Gate Receipts	\$450,000
Donations/Private Sources	\$600,000
Federal Revenue from LEA's	\$1,875,000
Other Local	\$1,154,000
TOTAL LOCAL	\$171,274,289

STATE

Basic Education Funding	\$14,154,109
Special Education Funding	\$4,221,128
Transportation Subsidy	\$1,811,895
Rental/Sinking Fund Payments	\$300,000
Health Services	\$185,000
State Property Tax Allocation	\$2,248,942
Social Security Reimbursement	\$3,748,500
Retirement Reimbursement	\$16,660,000
All Other State Subsidiaries	\$781,722
TOTAL STATE	\$44,111,296

TOTAL FEDERAL \$5,533,608

TOTAL REVENUE \$220,919,193
FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATION \$9,467,809
TOTAL BUDGET \$230,387,002

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS - 62%

Instruction includes all activities dealing directly with the interaction between teachers and students and related costs which can be directly attributed to a program of instruction. Costs encompass all programs including regular classroom instruction, special education, early intervention services, vocational education, remediation services, driver education, required payments to charter/cyber schools and support of the Community College. Related costs include instructional expenditures for salaries and benefits (teachers, substitutes and teacher aides), contracted services, new and replacement equipment, supplies, books, maintenance costs directly attributable to instructional equipment and other expenses such as sabbatical leaves.

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES - 28%

This category includes the cost of all services which provide administrative, technical and logistical support to facilitate and enhance instruction.

INSTRUCTIONAL – This area includes pupil personnel, guidance counseling and student accounting services. It also includes the District's library, audio-visual and computer-assisted instruction programs, curriculum development and the professional development and training for the instructional staff.

ADMINISTRATION – The administration of the educational program includes all board expenses, salaries and supplies of the central administration, principals and their clerical employees, as well as the costs for tax collection services. This area also includes legal and programming services and the generation of computerized report cards and class scheduling.

PUPIL HEALTH – This area includes all expenditures related to health services provided by the District, including salaries of physicians, school nurses and health room aides along with medical and dental equipment and supplies.

BUSINESS/FISCAL – Those activities that involve the fiscal operations of the District are included in this category. This includes salaries, supplies and contracted services associated with budgeting, purchasing and disbursing, financial accounting, payroll, asset inventory, and auditing as well as district postage, advertising and data processing costs.

OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE – This includes the salaries of all employees involved in plant maintenance and operations, maintenance and custodial supplies, heating fuel, utilities (water, sewer, natural gas, electric, telephone), property insurance, equipment for buildings, vehicle maintenance and buildings and grounds upkeep.

Attention Parkland School District Property Owners

The 2023-2024 Parkland School District Real Estate tax bills will be mailed on or after July 1, 2023. Any property owner who has not received a bill by July 15, 2023, should contact their respective township tax collector. Property owners who have taxes paid by a mortgage company or other lender should forward their bill to the lending institution as soon as possible to avoid penalties.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTORS**North Whitehall Township:**

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 3256 Levans Rd., Coplay, PA 18037

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 2227 Albright Avenue, Allentown, PA 18104

Upper Macungie Township:

Tracy Hodrick and Kevin Hodrick – 610-481-9191
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For Information about the Taxpayer Relief Act, visit Lehigh County's website at www.lehighcounty.org/departments/assessment-home

Parkland Homestead/Farmstead Gaming Credit

Gaming monies in the form of property tax relief will offset property taxes by approximately \$139.92 per approved homestead and/or farmstead in the Parkland School District. This assessed value reduction will be shown on your 2023-24 property tax bill, which will be mailed to all property owners on or after July 1, 2023.

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

TRANSPORTATION – Pupil transportation expenses include all costs associated with transporting students to public and non-public schools on district-operated buses.

CENTRAL – This area includes activities other than general administration, which support each of the other instructional and supporting services. These include public information services such as the District Newsletter, human resources, planning and research and system-wide technology services.

OTHER – The District’s support of the Intermediate Unit’s Administrative Budget as well as instructional material services.

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES 1%

STUDENT ACTIVITIES – This budget area includes the salaries of advisors for student activities, coaches’ salaries for athletic programs, athletic equipment, supplies, contracted services and student accident insurance.

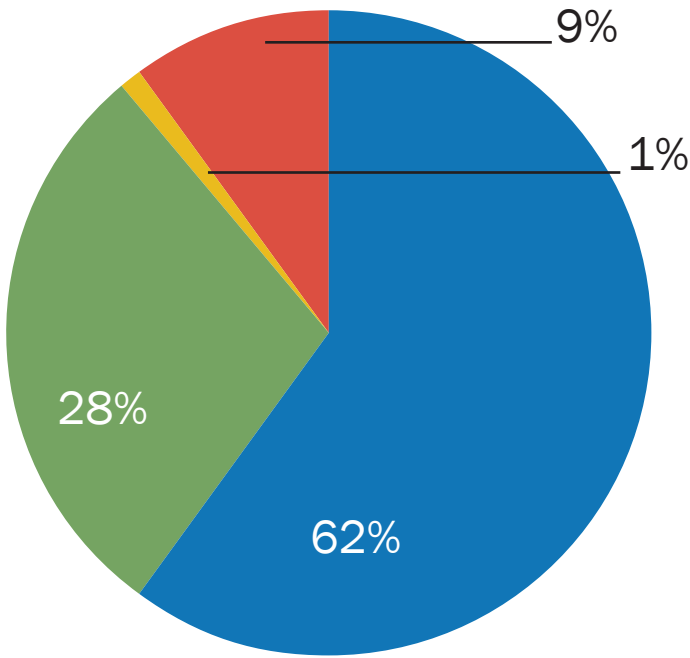
OTHER FINANCING USES 9%

DEBT SERVICE/FUND TRANSFERS – This category covers principal and interest payments on bond issues for school building construction, capital projects, educational technology and bus purchases.

REFUND OF PRIOR YEAR’S RECEIPTS – Payments made from the current budget for refunds of prior year expenditures.

2023-24 DISTRICT BUDGET

EXPENDITURES



INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS: \$141,629,198	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES: \$3,036,269
INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES: \$64,781,212	OTHER FINANCING USES: \$20,940,323

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS	
Regular Instructional Programs	\$99,588,778
Special Education	\$34,722,725
Vocational Education	\$5,240,918
Other Instructional Programs	\$810,245
Community College Support	\$1,266,532
TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS	\$141,629,198

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS	
Pupil & Instructional Staff Support	\$14,643,668
Administration	\$9,870,721
Pupil Health	\$3,159,325
Business/ Fiscal	\$2,084,238
Operation & Maintenance of Facilities	\$17,933,402
Transportation	\$11,790,392
Central Support & Other	\$5,299,466
TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES	\$64,781,212

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	
Student Activities	\$3,036,269
TOTAL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	\$3,036,269

OTHER FINANCING USES	
Debt Service & Fund Transfers	\$20,940,323
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING USES	\$20,940,323

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$230,387,002
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HOW DO I CALCULATE MY TAXES?

The 2023-24 Final General Fund Budget Plan calls for a property tax rate of 16.30 mills. To calculate your school district property tax, find the current assessed value of your property and multiply that value times the millage rate of 16.30. For example, a house assessed at the median value of a home in Parkland, which is \$247,502, would be calculated as follows:

$\$247,502 \times .01630 = \$4,034.28$ property tax for the school district.

Gaming monies will supply every approved homestead/farmstead with an estimated assessed value reduction of \$8,801, which equates to a property tax reduction of approximately \$139.92. This will be clearly marked on your tax bill. Gaming monies do not offset the real estate tax levied to fund the Parkland Community Library.



CELEBRATING OUR PLANET

Megan Tiwold, biology and botany teacher at Parkland High School, partnered with Librarian/Media Specialist Carol Dickerson to plan a day-long EARTH DAY learning event in the library. Orchestrated by botany students, 16 stations focused on topics such as the importance of nutrients in soil, the use of recyclable containers to make self watering stations in gardens, composting, invasive species, the need for butterflies and bees, watersheds, gardening and ways to protect the earth's resources. The students prepared seedlings and grew house plants to give away as prizes for students who made it through at least 8 stations during their class period. Everything was grown in Parkland High School's Greenhouse.





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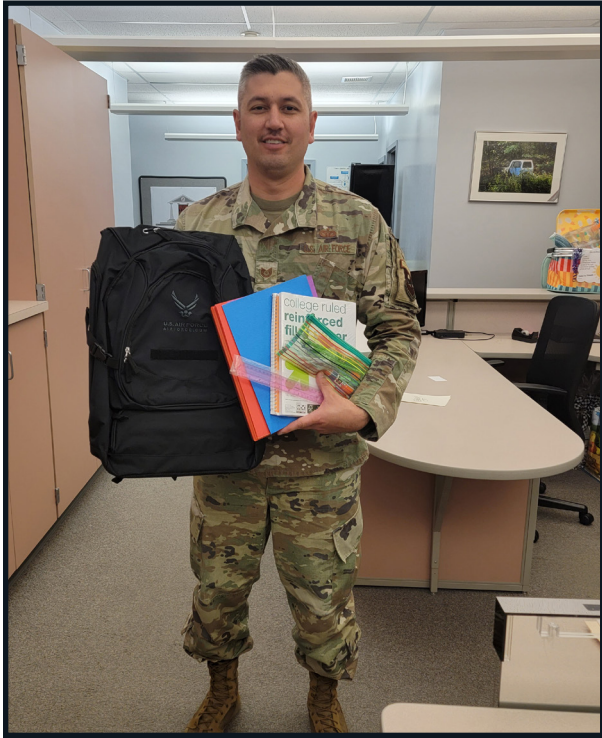
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When technical sergeant/enlisted recruiter Steven McCutcheon read about our need on social media, he donated 10 Air Force backpacks for students.



For the past two years, Parkland REACH, a team of Parkland Staff members who volunteer their time to help students who are food insecure, has provided more than 300 filled backpacks for these students at the start of the school year. In order to provide a quality backpack filled with all the school supply essentials, we are seeking community donations.

We created an Amazon Wish List where items can be purchased and delivered directly to the Springhouse Middle School Food Pantry. If you prefer to purchase the needed items on your own, you can deliver them to the Springhouse Middle School Office between the hours of 8-4, Monday - Thursday during the summer. You can access the wish list by scanning the QR code to the right.

Any help is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support!

Back to School Program How Can You Help?

Purchase and Drop off at Springhouse Middle School

Backpacks	Highlighters
Notebooks	Glue Sticks
1" Binders	Pencil Cases
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Crayons	Rulers
Pencils	Pencil Sharpeners
Pens	AAA Batteries

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A TRIP TO BITTY AND BEAU'S COFFEE SHOP

Parkland teacher Colleen Welsh York took students on a community-based field trip to Bitty and Beau's coffee shop in Bethlehem, a nationally recognized coffee shop that was started by two parents who had twins with Down syndrome. The partial owner is Colleen Dorsey and her daughter, Caitlin Polek, is a Parkland grad. The business started small, but now there are numerous franchises around the country. This coffee shop is very inclusive and specifically hires students who have a variety of abilities. Mrs. York stated, "This truly was the best experience I have had teaching in a very long time. It was so special and made my soul smile to see how happy everyone was throughout the day. In addition, seeing a previous student be so successful and thriving is priceless. We thank the shop for being radically inclusive!"



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: SABRINA GHOSH



Sabrina Ghosh, Parkland Class of 2017, is one of 23 United States citizens to receive the prestigious 2023 Gates Cambridge Scholarship, which offers approximately 80 scholarships each year for students from outside the United Kingdom to pursue a postgraduate degree in any subject available at the University of Cambridge.

Ghosh, who majored in Neuroscience at Boston University, and then worked as a research assistant at Harvard University's Department of Stem Cell and Regenerative Biology, uses stem-cell based models to study protein aggregation in the aging brain. She will be entering a PhD program in pharmacology, where she plans to explore the changes that happen to aging human cells by using models of accelerated aging. She hopes to dedicate her life to researching and treating aging-related diseases.

Gates Cambridge was established in 2000 following a donation of \$210M from Bill and Melinda Gates. The trust has funded 2,100 scholarships for students from 112 countries since the program's inaugural class in 2001. This year, Ghosh was one of 77 accepted applicants, demonstrating leadership potential, outstanding intellectual ability, and a commitment to improving the lives of others.

She will be attending the University of Cambridge in the UK in the fall to obtain a PhD on a full international scholarship funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Being one of the most competitive scholarships and programs in the world, only a handful of other Americans will join this high-achieving and impactful international community. Sabrina remembers where her education started, stating, "My achievements would not have been possible without the unparalleled opportunities and support that PHS and my many teachers and mentors afforded me in my academic, professional, and intellectual endeavors. Parkland teachers provided so much for me as a young, hopeful student years ago."

6 STUDENTS EARN FULL TUITION 76 EARN ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS 25% OR MORE Total equates to more than \$7.2M over 4 years

FULL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS



William Barrett	United States Military Academy - West Point
Thomas Cinamella	Penn State University
Sarah Evans	Lehigh Carbon Community College Honors Program
Erin Marie Halpin	Lehigh Carbon Community College
Forum Patel	Lehigh University
Lianna Schultz	West Chester University

25% or MORE ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Mariam Abdalla	Moravian University	Sydney Lehman	Fordham University
Daniel Barreiros Alves	Penn State Berks	Matthew Link	Monmouth University
Christopher Andersen	Hartwick College	Ava Lundy	Muhlenberg College
Avery Andrush	University of Delaware	Natalie McEvoy	Duquesne University
Emily Bachl	University of Delaware	Ryli McGorry	Utica College
Benjamin Bauman	University of California	Nathan Metcalf	The American Academy of Dramatic Arts
Kaleb Beers	King's College	Marcus Moreef	Widener University
Ryan Beltrame	King's College	Victor Pagan	Muhlenberg College
Grant Berger	University of Delaware	Marena Paulino	Lock Haven University
Corinne Bigley	Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania	Amira Pendry	Kutztown University
Reagan Bleiler	Moravian University	Joesph Philips	Baylor University
Varsha Borkar	Lehigh University	Brady Phillip	Susquehanna University
Lillian Bridwell	Saint Joseph's University	Cecilia Quiroz	Moravian University
Michael Chimics	Muhlenberg College	Sathvika Rajkumar	Penn State - Schreyer Honors College
Bella Dauberman	Susquehanna University	Chase Robbins	Juniata College
Jack Delaney	University of So. Florida	Jason Roca	King's College
Owen DeLong	Eastern University	Mitchell Roth	Lehigh University
Aidan Donohoe	DeSales University	Naarah Roy	Cedar Crest College
Jacquelyn Fekula	Penn State University	Anthony Schultz	Roanoke College
Drew Filipovits	Hampden-Sydney College	Lea Sell	Widener University
Simon Fleszler	Mercy College	Ashley Settle	Stevens Institute of Tech.
Christian Fragassi	Rochester Institute of Technology	Arleigh Shilling-Askew	Bloomsburg University
Marina Pearl	Arcadia University	Madalynn Smereski	Elizabethtown College
Klinedinst Furst		Rachel Stahley	Kutztown University
Emma Gane	Lebanon Valley College	Praveen Sureshkumar	Case Western Reserve
Courtney Gibbons	Cedar Crest College	Daud Tariq	Thomas Jefferson Univ.
Jolene Greenawalt	Kutztown University	Sreepriya Tekumalla	Thomas Jefferson Univ.
Angelina Hallal	Moravian University	Madison Tewksbury	SUNY Buffalo
Lucas Heberling	DeSales University	Addison Treat	Duquesne University
Sierra Hohenshilt	Coastal Carolina Univ.	Jack Urso	Moravian University
Kali Hurst	Rose Hulman Institute of Technology	Isaac Uthuppan	Temple University
Zain Jasim	Temple University	Olivia Van Dien	Quinnipiac University
Rowen Keister	Rochester Institute of Technology	Hannah Vrablik	Coastal Carolina Univ.
Kylie Knafo	Muhlenberg College	Emily Walsh	Susquehanna University
Charlotte Koch	Marywood University	Sejal Wellington	University of Lynchburg
Amelia Kohler	Arcadia University	Olivia Werkheiser	Thomas Jefferson Univ.
Chase Kusko	Muhlenberg College	Preslie Winn	Drexel University
Lucas Lee	University of So. Florida	Trent Yocum	Lycoming College
		Eric Zhang	Arizona State University Honors College

STUDENT WINNERS TAKE 1st or 2nd PLACE AT STATE & NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

STATE HISTORY DAY: Manisha Bharath Ram, Caitlyn Brown, Vidhi Desai, Hannah Fries, Veda Gandhi, Greeshma Konda, Areesha Mariyam, Aarna Pandey, Aum Purani, Shravani Shelke, Eklavya Rai, Jordan Silver & Rohan Yanala

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA (FBLA): Grant Pinsley, Alexander Saccone, Aditya Singhvi, Aishwarya Suresh, Sooraj Tharumia, Antony Tomy & Rishab Yanala

FBLA STOCK MARKET GAME: Aarav Kakade, Tushar Mehta, Shivam Patel & Shashwat Sharma

NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC ART: Courtney Gibbons, Katherine Gilchrist & Brynn Snyder

LCTI STATE WINNERS: Joshua Baron, Kimberly Castillo, Peyton Knowles, Luke Melicharek, Alexandria Miller, Willoh Economou Olson, Daniel Osmanovic, Josif Osmanovic, Jahrelle Rodrigues, Clay Soares & Julian Wiewiora

ALL NATIONAL MIXED CHORUS: Emily Bachl

ALL STATE CHORUS: Emily Bachl, Jaxon Egge, Liam Farrell, Kaida Heintzelman, Marlie Heym & Abigail Meyers

ALL STATE JAZZ BAND: Mitchell Roth

ALL STATE WIND ENSEMBLE: Brandon Cai

ALL STATE ORCHESTRA: Yechan Cho, Joshua Chou, Tariq Shahid, Brooklyn Vasquez & Taehyuk Yang

STUDENT TELEVISION NETWORK: Ethan "Earthquake" Silver

GOVERNOR STEM CHALLENGE: Maelina Hontz, Evan Newhard & Blayne Yocum

U.S. JR. MATH OLYMPIAD: Brandon Cai

MIDDLE SCHOOL STATE MATHCOUNTS CHAMPION: Eddy Zhang

PA MEDIA & DESIGN COMPETITION: Sooraj Tharumia

NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS: Reva Gandhi, Vishruth Hanumaihgar, Andrew Hill, Sanika Kothari, Noah Oxfeld, Mitchell Roth, Daud Tariq, Taehyuk Yang & Joshua Yoon

CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE: Tushar Mehta

DELAWARE VALLEY SCIENCE FAIR MEDALS and 1st PLACE: Adwik Banerjee, Katherine Gilchrist, Ayush Jalani, Vedant Malik, Anish Pallod & Jerry Wang

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD STATE CHAMPIONS: Neha Atchyuthuni, Adwik Banerjee, Vibha Borkar, Soumyadeep Das, Shri Desai, Shagun Dholakia, Twisha Gandhi, Mehek Garg, Sisira Kota, Karthika Kuppala, Kevin Lu, Areesha Mariyam, Gaurav Perugu, Harshita Rajeshkumar Keerthi, Guhan Sathish, Shreemay Shah, Kelly Wang, Anthony Wang, Jerry Wang & Ken Zeng

PA JUNIOR ACADEMY OF SCIENCE PERFECT SCORES:

Adwik Banerjee, Veda Gandhi, Aditya Ghalsasi, Muhammadali Hussain, Ayush Jalani, Yihan Li, Aaditri Suresh, Vivian Xu, Daichi Yamashita & Derek Yao

U.S. PHYSICS BOWL: Brandon Cai & Jerry Wang

ATHLETES PLAYING IN COLLEGE



View the complete list of athletes who will play their sport in college along with their respective schools at this QR code:



CONGRATULATIONS SENIOR SPEAKER MEREDITH SCHMOYER

At Parkland High School, students audition for the prestigious role of giving the senior class speech during Commencement. Congratulations are extended to Meredith Schmoyer who gave this year's speech!



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STRING JAM INSPIRES MANY



Brian Mishler, Parkland High School Orchestra Director, applied for a Parkland Education Foundation grant to bring "Time for Three," a professional orchestral group, to Parkland so that all students in grades 4-12 who are studying a string instrument could gather for a workshop. Students learned skills and techniques that are not necessarily taught during regular instruction, such as improvisation. The students were also able to watch the professionals perform and then

rehearse new music that was performed alongside the professional group during a public concert that was held at night. The photo above shows our packed high school gym filled with string students and families as the students got ready for the concert. We thank Mr. Mishler for going above and beyond to organize such an amazing opportunity for our students to learn from some of the top professionals in the country. The Foundation was Parkland Proud to award this grant.

2023 ALUMNI CELEBRATION

On May 4th, the Parkland School District Education Foundation hosted its 11th Annual Distinguished Alumni event. The event was a little bit different from our traditional Gala. The first part of the celebration was at Parkland High school where each Distinguished Alumni was honored and gave a short speech. We then went to Lehigh Country Club for a celebratory party. This was a tremendous community evening and we were beyond grateful to be able to gather to celebrate these amazing Distinguished Alumni.

- **Dr. Kimberly Legg Corba (1985) Direct Primary Care Family Physician, Owner Green Hills Direct Family Care**
- **Dr. Jamie Giaquinto (1990) Principal, Cetronia Elementary School**
- **Doug Patt (1962) Real Estate Broker, President Patt White Company, Realtors**
- **Jessica Holtz Steinberg (2003) Co-Head of professional basketball at CAA Sports**
- **Andre Williams (2010) Entrepreneur, Motivational Speaker, former Professional Football player**

The Distinguished Alumni event is our biggest fundraiser of the year. It helps us to raise money to fund our Celebrate Innovation Grants. This year, we are excited to fund over \$200,000 worth of innovative grants. The Education Foundation would like to sincerely thank all of the volunteers, companies and individuals whose donations and time made the event possible. Our commitment to preserving the excellence of Parkland would not be feasible without the generosity and commitment of the community.

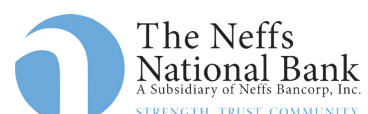
Visitors to our website (www.parklandsd.org/foundation) can watch the 2023 Inductee interview videos that were produced by Parkland students. If you know Parkland alumni who have changed the world for the better, consider nominating them from our website and click on "Distinguished Alumni Gala" and then "Nominate Alumni to Distinguished Alumni Wall of Honor."

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Photos from top to bottom and left to right: Alumni recipients from left to right are: Doug Patt, Jamie Giaquinto, Jessica Holtz Steinberg, Kim Corba and Andre Williams. Students performing at the event. Volunteers from the Distinguished Alumni Celebration Planning Committee.



THE FOUNDATION THANKS ITS CORPORATE PARTNERS IN EDUCATION





UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

For a list of Parkland Schools Summer Library Hours and local summer camps and learning opportunities, visit www.parklandsd.org/camps.

June 10 - Parkland Community Library Summer Quest Kickoff

June 24 - Upper Mac Community Day at Grange Park, 12 - 8 PM. Visit <https://www.artsquest.org/upper-macungie> for more information.

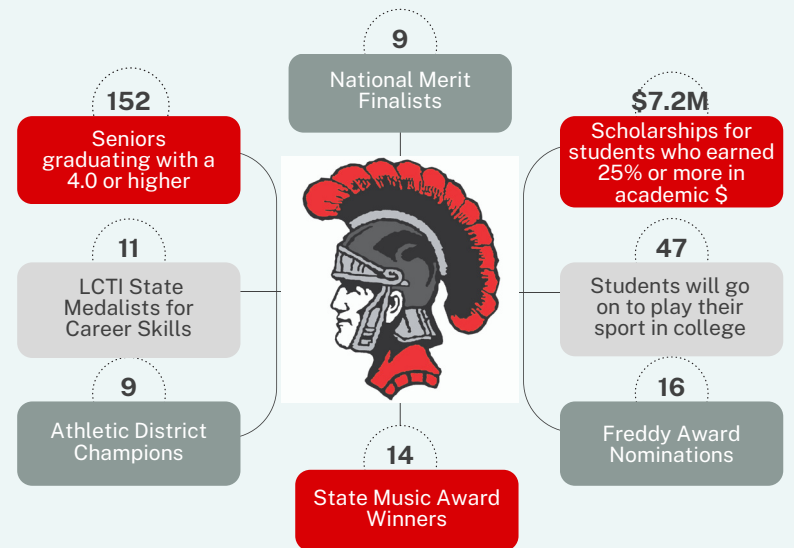
July 15 - Parkland Garden Club 24th Annual Garden Tour - Visit www.parklandgardenclub.com for more information.

August 17 - 20 - Friends of Parkland Library Used Book Sale, Jordan Evangelical Lutheran Church. Visit <https://www.parklandlibrary.org/friends-of-the-parkland-community-library/> for more information.

Adult Sports Leagues - The Townships have partnered with Heyday Athletics to provide basketball, soccer, kickball and disc golf leagues this summer. Learn more at heydayathletic.com.

The North Whitehall, South Whitehall and Upper Macungie Township Parks and Recreation offices are offering concerts and movies in the parks. Check all three township websites and social media for dates, times and locations of these and other upcoming events.

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