

**NOVEMBER  
2023**



# PARK AVENUE ELEMENTARY

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

### Update from the principal:

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the Coffee with the Counselor and Principal last week. We enjoyed hosting you to discuss the new Standards Based Grading system and the role of the Guidance Counselor. We will be hosting a Coffee with the Counselor and Principal each grading quarter. Please add the following dates to your calendar so you can join us in the Park Avenue Library at 8:30am: January 18, March 21, and May 16.

Here at Park Avenue we follow the ODE statewide expectation of implementing PBIS strategies. PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports. There are many ways this is accomplished within our building. Classroom teachers have their own positive behavior management systems which vary from teacher to teacher, but include things like earning tickets, pom poms, stars, marbles in a jar, etc that students exchange for prizes. Building-wide, students can earn Wampums which get entered into a raffle on Friday that get pulled and students selected pick prizes off our prize cart. The other way we encourage positive behavior is through our Quarterly Reward Trips. In order to attend our first quarter trip, students had to have 3 or fewer Major office referrals. Each morning at PowWow, we recite our Park Avenue Pledge- "Indians are Responsible, Respectful and Safe, we will be PAX leaders today." Students were taught these 3 building wide rules (Responsible, Respectful, and Safe) and what they look like in all parts of the building at the beginning of the year, and we continue to reinforce these daily. When students don't demonstrate these behaviors and get a Major office referral, we discuss with the student which rule they weren't following, and how they can make different choices in the future. Students are currently working towards their second quarter PBIS trip, for which they will have to have 2 or fewer Major office referrals.

Additionally, we also have a monthly attendance challenge between the homerooms in each grade level. We provide updates at Powwow weekly on the leading homerooms in each grade level that will earn the reward. For the month of October, students earned an extra recess and popsicles. Attendance is incredibly important to student achievement and success, which is why we are trying to encourage and promote consistent attendance.

Feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns,

Ally Schleichert



### UPCOMING DATES:

- 11/8-11/16- BOOK FAIR
- 11/13- PTO MEETING 6:30PM
- 11/14- 1 HOUR EARLY RELEASE- P/T CONFERENCES
- 11/21-11/26- THANKSGIVING BREAK
- 12/8- NOVEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH PIZZA PARTY
- 12/11- PTO MEETING 6:40PM
- 12/14- 1ST/3RD GRADE HOLIDAY CONCERT
- 12/18-12/19- PTO SANTA SHOP
- 12/21- 2 HOUR EARLY RELEASE
- 12/22-1/2- WINTER BREAK



# COUNSELOR'S CORNER: MRS. KARA STRINE

We are looking forward to focusing on **Gratitude** this month! One way to think about Gratitude is “choosing to appreciate the people and things in our lives.” Practicing Gratitude can increase our well-being and even our happiness! Gratitude is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students **Be Well**. Across grade levels, students will be developing skills like emotion regulation, positive self-talk, and stress-management.

**Family Challenge:** Have some fun connecting as a family this month while practicing Gratitude. Here is a “PurposeFull Pursuit” you can complete together! Find a place in your home to display a glass jar. Cut up small slips of paper and place them next to the jar. Use the jar to collect special people, places, events, and memories that your family is thankful for. Find a time each week to add slips of Gratitude to the jar and assist students in writing or drawing gratitude as needed. Having a gloomy day or a challenging time as a family? Pull out the slips of Gratitude and read them aloud together as a reminder of your Grateful moments.

## GRATITUDE

is choosing to appreciate the people and things in our lives

### MONTHLY CHARACTER TRAIT OVERVIEW: **GRATITUDE**



## OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH RESPONSIBILITY

Will Pidcock  
Ella Sturgess  
Everett Reau  
Ava Carey  
Will Scohy  
Colt Keesee

Myles Courtad  
Abrianna Marks  
Preston Osborne  
Vivanne Keefus  
Jace Meimer  
Dalton Rader

Luke Barnhouse  
Jaxon Pettigrew  
Lilah Aberts  
Kamryn Nettle  
Theo Carrick  
Connor Grimm

Jessica Lyons  
Matthew Pettigrew  
Daniel Forquer  
Alex Pilkington  
Bristol Lawyer  
Gunner Frost

**Reward:**

**Pizza with  
the Principal**

**November 10**



**Reminders:**

Don't forget to utilize our district's Nutrislice website to get our breakfast and lunch menus. <https://mtgilead.nutrislice.com/menu>

