Parkway Manor PTO Newsletter



2024 PARENT/GUARDIAN SURVEY

Thank you for taking our survey!



District Shares 2024 Parent/ Guardian Survey on Jan. 16

Message from PSD Administration:

The Parkland School District surveys the community every few years to glean feedback on academic programs, student support, facilities, communication, parent involvement opportunities, the school budget and other important topics. The survey results are analyzed by administration and building leaders and help us set priorities as we plan for the future and strive for continuous improvement. The survey will be open for two weeks. Please plan to set aside 10 minutes to share your input. LINK TO SURVEY HERE.

T&P NEWS

January PTO meeting will not be rescheduled. It was canceled due to school being closed.

Updates are shared in this Newsletter, on social media, and via the Remind App. Text @cdfkka to 81010, to get PTO updates fast via REMIND.

Register for Kindergarten!

Spread the word to friends and neighbors, please call Parkway Manor to register an incoming kindergarten student, 610-351-5850.

The fun begins in March! Link to WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN preview events.

Parkway Manor parent, Dave Ellowich, joins School Board

He will serve a two-year term as the result of a board vacancy created by state Sen. Jarrett Coleman's resignation. Congratulations and thank you for your dedication to the Parkland School District!

Update from Mrs. McDonnell PTO Staff Liaison

Lehigh Career & Technical Institute (LCTI) visited all 5th grade classes on Monday, January 8 to introduce students to the many programs and opportunities offered to high school students. The in-class visit will be followed up with a field trip to LCTI on Monday, March 18, 2024 where the students will get to see the different facilities available to them, and to explore the programs more in-depth.

Fifth graders are also working through an individualized career exploration program on Clever called **Xello**. By May, the state of Pennsylvania and the Parkland School District require each 5th grade student to complete seven missions in the Xello program.

Otis Lennon testing for all first grade students will take place the week of January 29. More information will be made available to parents next week.



COMING UP: Food Drive + Cereal Wars

We are excited to participate in Parkland's 2024 district-wide food drive. Last year's Parkway Manor PASTA WARS were extremely successful.

We have been asked to collect boxes of cereal, so we are excited to begin CEREAL WARS from February 12-23, 2024!

With the help of Student Council, we will pair classrooms up in teams to see who can collect the most cereal boxes!

The winning classrooms will be recognized and will receive a special prize for their hard work.

Information will be provided to students and families in the next few weeks. Stay tuned for more from Mrs. McDonnell!





Announcement About the Future of PTO Events

Unlike the fundraising campaigns on the next page, school-wide PTO events are community-building opportunities, not fundraisers. These gatherings contribute to Parkway Manor's prominence as a vibrant school with meaningful and lasting connections between staff, students, and families.

PTO Social Events have low entry fees (\$0-\$4 on average). The PTO Board's goal is always to make every family feel welcome, and cover its direct costs.

PTO Academic Events, like field-trips, assemblies, and the Science Fair, are primarily paid for by PTO fundraisers and dues. Despite growing enrollment, our efforts and your support cover these important programs, and relieve the school of more than \$10,000 of costs annually.

Today, the PTO's only insufficient resource is the collective, time-saving value of more volunteers.

The PTO Board and its handful of dedicated volunteers need more help to continue such events. What we require is 90% after school/work hours, AND/OR done on your own time.

SHORT TERM IMPACT: 28-Year Tradition and Hallmark Event Canceled

With no interest from parents/guardians to help with **the 29th Annual Science Fair, the March 27th event is canceled.** We are working on a spring Urban Air night in its place, as in-house events like the Science Fair are far too much for the PTO Board to handle alone.

LONG TERM IMPACT: Hopefully None!

As the largest elementary school in Parkland, being candid with you now can resolve this challenge in no-time! Just 5-10 newly raised-hands can make a difference for 560+ kids. Call two food trucks... set-up a few tables... grab one shift... donate a raffle item! Our success is made up of hundreds of small tasks, easily done on your own time or with a friend!

Please reach out about how you can help replenish the intangible asset of "just being there" for our children, their teachers, and your neighbors. Find us at an event, or email ptoparkwaymanor@gmail.com.

With sincere appreciation,

PTO Board Members

HEY 5th GRADE!!!

YEARBOOK PACKETS are coming home! Parents and guardians can celebrate their 5th grader(s) in the Yearbook.

Use the form to:

- Submit a baby photo
- Create a student bio
- Write a dedication

Price of yearbooks will rise to \$23 (from \$20) due to increased printing cost. Any extra books can be purchased for \$25.

Ordering will begin at the end of January.



WE NEED MORE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL PICS!

Two Ways to Submit

- 1 Online: https://bit.ly/46hQFZT Use Password: Parkway23-24
- 2 Email to Yearbook Coordinator Michelle Lynn mbusdesign@yahoo.com

NEXT YEARBOOK MEETING: THURSDAY, JAN. 18 @ 7PM WEGMANS

FUNDRAISING:



Orders due Monday, Feb. 12!
Delivered week of March 3rd.
Organization ID: 116918

LINK TO FUNDRAISER



February 23 to March 15, 2024

Info coming soon. TOP 3 Readers and TOP 3 Fundraisers in each grade win a prize!!

Shop and Support!



NEW: \$2 Water Bottle Stickers with PM PANTHER logo will be on sale at PTO events!



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FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH 7:05PM

\$1 DOG NIGHT!

(DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM)

BY PARKWAY MANOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS BY FEBRUARY 16TH FOR A CHANCE TO WIN ONE OF THESE COOL PRIZES!

PRIZES:

ZAMBONI RIDES FANBONI RIDE

(ALL PRIZES WILL BE RAFFLED OFF PRIOR TO THE GAME)

Questions? Email PTOParkwayManor@gmail.com

PARKWAY MANOR NIGHT WITH THE PHANTOMS

NAME:

CELL NUMBER:

(ALL TICKETS WILL BE TEXTED TO THIS NUMBER PRIOR TO GAME)

TEACHER:

NUMBER OF TICKETS:

X \$20.00 = \$

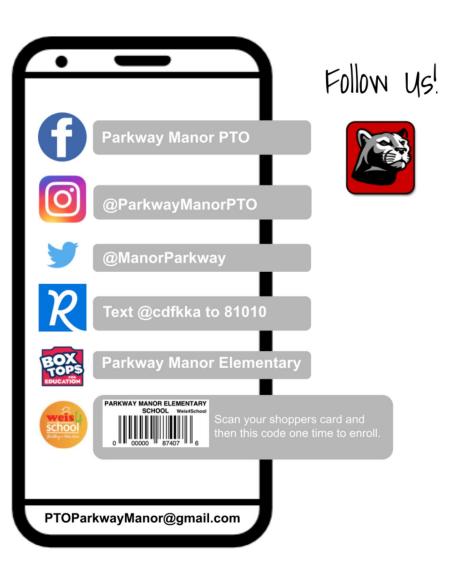
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(MADE OUT TO PARKWAY MANOR PTO)

MY 5TH GRADER WILL PERFORM THE NATIONAL ANTHEM: YES | NO



ALL ORDERS MUST BE IN NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH!



NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, Feb. 7

9AM in Cafeteria

STAY IN THE LOOP!



Next PTO Meeting Wednesday, Feb. 7 (a) 9AM in Cafeteria



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Join CALL TO ACTION Committee

to help with quick turnaround tasks, as needed. Can't make it? Just don't respond!



Get your Volunteer Clearances! Good for 5-years.

parklandsd.org/departments/ human-resources/volunteers