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PARKLAND ALUM JUDGE BRINGS REAL COURTROOM EXPERIENCE TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



District Court Judge Joshua Wolson (Parkland Class of 1992) held a civil case hearing at Parkland High School (PHS), despite the risk of school announcements disrupting proceedings. He contacted PHS Principal Nate Davidson almost a year ago with the idea to bring the courtroom to his alma mater to give students interested in law and civics a close-up view of the legal system.

The case was one he thought would resonate with teens. It involved a woman who claimed police violated her rights after a mistyped text led them to her home.

Judge Wolson, District Court Judge for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, stands with his Courtroom Deputy Christine Stein, also a Parkland graduate.

The hearing, attended by students, addressed police actions in Upper Saucon Township. The incident began when a woman's text, auto-corrected to suggest self-harm, prompted a police response. Despite her assurances of safety, officers insisted on checking her welfare. The woman, citing a disability, declined to exit her home. Police then surrounded the house, covered her doorbell camera, and eventually detained her when she briefly opened the door. She agreed to let them go inside, where they searched the house and confiscated a firearm she legally possessed. Her lawsuit alleged illegal search, seizure, and firearm confiscation. Plaintiff's attorney argued police exceeded their authority after confirming she was uninjured, violating her Fourth Amendment rights. The defense countered that officers had a duty to ensure her safety.

Wolson must decide if the police actions violated the woman's right to be left alone. He encouraged settlement discussions and pledged a swift ruling, but did not make one during the public proceedings that were witnessed by the students and other bystanders.

After the hearing, Wolson, a 1992 Parkland graduate, spoke to students about his career path, emphasizing diverse academic backgrounds can lead to law. He highlighted his journey from Penn to Harvard Law School, clerkships, and his 2019 appointment as a federal judge. "It was such a unique opportunity to observe a real, live court case inside our building," said Mr. Davidson. "We talk all the time as educators about real-life exposure and we couldn't get much closer than having a real courtroom brought to us."

The final outcome was not announced. For Judge Wolson, the case comes down to determining whether police, well-intentioned or not, violated the express will of a citizen exercising the fundamental right to be left alone. His decision will determine whether the matter goes to trial. Until then, he encouraged all parties to try and come up with a settlement agreement. He stated, "If there's a settlement to be had, maybe this is a good time, while there is uncertainty hanging over your heads."

We are so thankful to Judge Wolson, whose novel idea to hold court at PHS will surely inspire a future generation of lawyers.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Parkland Community,

As we approach the upcoming budget season, I want to address the significant uncertainties we are facing and provide you with an overview of our proactive planning. I also want to acknowledge some of the successes we experienced this winter and invite you to celebrate the vibrant spirit of spring with us.

Nationally, proposed budget cuts from the Department of Education, coupled with the ongoing economic climate, are creating a challenging landscape for public education. While the School Board already passed a resolution that promises not to exceed the State's Act 1 Index tax increase threshold for Parkland of 4%, we remain concerned about announced state funding decreases to Parkland by more than \$1.6M in basic education and special education funding as well as cyber charter tuition reimbursements. In light of these fiscal constraints, we are currently evaluating staffing needs for the next school year. This process involves a thorough analysis of all positions, determining which will be filled and which may need to remain vacant. We are also examining all operational areas to identify potential expenditure reductions and have enacted a spending freeze for any non-essential items from March 17th through the end of the school year. Our goal is to minimize the impact on our students' educational experience while ensuring responsible fiscal management. Key dates in the budget timeline appear in the box to the left, and I invite the community to contact me directly with any questions or concerns related to the budget. These factors necessitate a careful and strategic approach to our financial planning.

Despite these financial challenges, we remain committed to maintaining our major assets - our facilities. This summer, we have several important projects planned:

Cetronia Elementary: A full HVAC replacement will be completed, half of which is being paid for with a grant that we won for the project. Additionally, demolition of the adjacent property will take place.

Fogelsville Elementary: We will redesign and pave the bus loop to improve safety and efficiency and make some HVAC upgrades.

Kernsville Elementary: Drainage improvements will be implemented to address ongoing issues.

Vision 2030 PHS Addition: We are moving forward with plans to break ground on the high school addition next spring, a critical project for the long-term needs of our district.

This year, we successfully implemented flexible instruction days, or work-from-home days, during inclement weather. By ensuring students and staff took their Chromebooks home in advance, we were able to maintain continuity of learning despite challenging weather conditions. I'd like to acknowledge the incredible efforts of our custodial and transportation staff during this particularly difficult winter. Their dedication to clearing snow and ensuring safe passage allowed us to operate on two-hour delay schedules, minimizing disruptions to our students' education.

It's springtime in Parkland, and there is so much to celebrate! Our sports teams were very successful this past fall and winter, and it is wonderful to see our students back outside all over our school campuses. Spring also marks the time when our PHS students put on the annual stage show, which this year is *Les Misérables*. We are also excited about the Prom, which will be held on May 3rd at SteelStacks. We are thrilled to announce that the Army National Guard and Parkland Education Foundation, along with proceeds from the Timothy Zaveri Parkland jewelry sale, are generously sponsoring the event.

Spring marks the time when the Superintendent's Parkland Pride Award nomination form opens. I am happy to continue this long-standing tradition and invite community members to nominate Parkland staff or volunteers who have gone the extra mile this school year to make you proud to live in Parkland or be a part of the Parkland staff. You can nominate people at www.parklandsd.org/ParklandPride.

We understand that these times of uncertainty can be concerning. We are committed to transparency and will continue to provide updates as we navigate these challenges. We encourage community engagement in the budget process and value your input. We are dedicated to working collaboratively to ensure that Parkland School District continues to provide a high-quality education for all our students, while being responsible stewards of taxpayer funds.

#ParklandPride

Sincerely,

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

KEY DATES IN THE 2025-26 BUDGET TIMELINE

APRIL 25

Budget Seminar - Board Meeting where Budget is reviewed in detail with Administration and Board

MAY 13

Adoption of Proposed Final Budget

JUNE 6

District newsletter is mailed out to all residents and includes Budget Overview

JUNE 17

Adoption of Final Budget by the School Board



Tell us about a Parkland School District staff member who has gone the extra mile this school year!

Nominations are due
April 15th.

All nominations must be made online at:
www.parklandsd.org/ParklandPride

JOIN ME FOR COFFEE WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

APRIL 30 | 11 AM |
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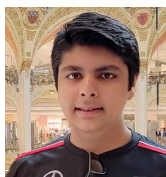
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PARKLAND PRIDE SPOTLIGHTS



PHS STUDENT Tushar Mehta was the winner of the 2024 Congressional App Challenge in Pennsylvania's Seventh District. His app is called NeuroAID: An Explainable Artificial Intelligence (XAI) based Brain Tumor Detection System using MRI Analysis.



PHS TEACHER Bethany Pepe was an American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) Teacher of the Year Merit Finalist (one of just two outside of the Teacher of the Year). This recognition celebrates her outstanding contributions to education and dedication to advancing the field of Family and Consumer Sciences. She will be honored at the 2025 AAFCS Annual Conference in Kansas City this June.



PHS STUDENT Brandon Cai was named a top 300 scholar in the Regeneron Science Talent Search by Society for Science and Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc. The selection as scholar is a great honor, and signifies his talent and promise in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. He joins a distinguished group of alumni that includes Nobel Prize winners, MacArthur Fellows, entrepreneurs and innovators who were named among the top 300 competitors in this program as seniors in high school. This year's entrant pool of 2,471 students was the largest since the 1960s. PHS was awarded \$2000 to be used toward STEM-related activities as part of Brandon's recognition.



PRINCIPAL Michael Gehringer of Kernsville Elementary was a finalist in this year's Pennsylvania Principal of the Year competition.



PRINCIPAL Dr. Jamie Giaquinto of Cetronia Elementary was a finalist in this year's Pennsylvania Principal of the Year competition.



PHS SCIENCE TEACHER Mrs. Laura Kowalski was one of four winners of the 2025 Singer Family Prize for Excellence in Secondary School Teaching. Mrs. Kowalski was nominated by former student Aditi Jasapara, and will be honored at a ceremony at the University of Rochester in May.



BUS DRIVER Nina Reynard was featured on WFMZ for decorating her bus with Eagles paraphernalia and teaching her students the Eagles Fight Song in time for the Super Bowl. We love how she makes connections with her students on the bus!



SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR Lisa Roth was featured on the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit website in a video about pursuing her current role as an Instructional Assistant in a deaf and hard of hearing classroom after retiring from a 38-year career at Air Products. Her dedication to children is inspiring!

NEW COUNSELING PLAN OUTLINES SERVICES

Parkland's counseling department just published a new plan that outlines its mission to provide a comprehensive school counseling program that empowers all students to achieve academic success, social-emotional well-being, and college, career, and life readiness. The counselors believe in providing every student with access to a high-quality education and ensuring they graduate prepared for post-secondary opportunities. They work closely with students, families, educators, administrators, and the community to create a safe and supportive environment that fosters the development of the whole child.

Our 28 school counselors live this mission every day. They provide individual and group counseling, lead our positive behavior supports programs, collaborate with educators and families and advise students on academic and postsecondary planning. Additionally, they support students and families during difficult crises. In the Plan, you will see the counseling mission statement, school counselors and their building assignments, a description of constituents, the role of the counselor, an overview of our business advisory council, and a comprehensive list of services. Check it out at www.parklandsd.org/counseling.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. PARKLAND 2025



Congratulations to Garet Hill on being named the 28th Mr. Parkland, which was hosted by the Class of 2025. Garet also won the People's Choice award for his rendition of Frank Sinatra's "New York, New York."

Twenty senior contestants started the evening with an opening group dance.

Contestants included: Leo Dauberman, Max Estaban, Will Dobil, Brian Eras, Sam Lundberg, Brandon Cai, Torin Heiland, Samith Rohatgi, Luka Pettine, Jack Habash, Jakob Barnett, Andrew Song, Zain Matin, Asher Pijut, Eli Garcia, Ziair Cartagena, Aadit Kedia and Garet Hill.

Judges were: Kendal Conrad (singer/songwriter), Ben Youngerman (2005 winner), last year's Mr. Parkland Dennis Marube, David Diehl (previous contestant) and Krista Metter (Touchstone Theater teaching artist).



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DIWALI BECOMES A NEW SCHOOL HOLIDAY



The Parkland School District is pleased to announce the addition of a new holiday for students starting with the 2025-26 school year after adding Eid al-Fitr this year. Students will be given the day off for Diwali, or Festival of Lights, which is one of the most popular holidays in India that celebrates good over evil. It usually starts in late fall, but changes every year with the Hindu calendar.

The requirements to attend public school are now 180 days. Since the State now allows Flexible Instruction Days (also known as online learning days) there will no longer be additional inclement weather days built into the calendar.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTIONS

Congratulations to the 2025 Parkland Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees (pictured from left to right): Jim Ott (Track & Field and Baseball), Tony Sarko (Golf), Megan Lesser Kirschman (Softball), Doug Leonzi (Football and Basketball), Paul Stewart (Long-time Basketball and Football Coach) and also Lisa Trombetta Fink (Soccer) who could not attend ceremony.

Also inducted was the 2023 Boys Volleyball State Champions Team.

You all make us Parkland Proud - GO TROJANS!



STUDENTS PERFORM ACTS OF KINDNESS



Schnecksville Elementary students made Valentine's cards for senior citizens residing in assisted living and skilled nursing facilities.



Ironton Elementary students made 400 Holiday cards for an Administration Center employee's son who spent the holidays with his Army Airborne Unit in Italy.

PARKLAND SENIOR CITIZEN CLASSES

REGISTER at WWW.PARKLANDSD.ORG/SENIORS



The following classes will be offered this spring 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 April 11, 2025, online at www.parklandsd.org/seniors.** If you don't have Internet access, call us at 610-351-5628 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 April 14. Kindly refrain from contacting the office until after April 16 if you have not yet received confirmation. Thank you.

WATER AEROBICS

Parkland High School Pool

Wednesdays, April 30-June 4, 5:45 PM-6:45 PM

Saturdays, May 3-June 7, 1:00-2:00 PM

This class, co-sponsored by Upper Macungie Township Recreation and South Whitehall Township Recreation, features low impact aerobics (conducted in shallow water). The class will focus on the use of all muscles and limbs, breathing and stretching. Water shoes or old, clean sneakers are suggested. Swim noodles are provided at the pool. Swimmers should enter through the lower entrance at the back of the Athletic Wing. Please arrive by 5:30 PM on Wednesdays and 12:45 PM on Saturdays to ensure entrance to the building and time to change in the locker room. 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 through May 19 (NO CLASS April 21), 4:30-5:30 PM

Schnecksville Elementary School Gym

Wednesdays through May 21 (NO CLASS April 30), 4:30-5:30 PM

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. Please bring your own yoga mat, block, blanket, water and eye mask. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the class starting to get set up as the class will start promptly at 4:30 PM. Maximum of 65 participants per class. Monday classes will be held at Kernsville Elementary School, 5051 Kernsville Road, Orefield, PA 18069. Wednesday classes will be held at Schnecksville Elementary School, 4260 Sand Spring Road, Schnecksville, PA 18078. *For those who are already attending, there is no need to re-register.*

ST. LUKE'S CHAIR & STRENGTH CLASS

St. Luke's Fitness & Sports Performance Center-West End

Wednesdays & Fridays

April 16 – May 23, 9:00-9:45 AM

This class, co-sponsored by Upper Macungie Township Recreation and South Whitehall Township Recreation is a chair strength and mobility class, 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. The St. Luke's Fitness & Sports Center is located at 501 Cetronia Road, Allentown, PA 18104.

INTRODUCTION TO SMART PHONES

Parkland High School Library Link Lab

Tuesday, April 22, 3:15-4:15 PM

Led by Parkland High School students and sponsored by South Whitehall Recreation. This course focuses on how to utilize your phone and its apps to the fullest. One will also learn how to manage their phone, making sure it operates for as long as possible. This course requires a smartphone. Parkland High School is located at 2700 North Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown. Please enter through the main entrance.

INTRODUCTION TO MISINFORMATION

Parkland High School Library Link Lab

Tuesday, April 29, 3:15-4:15 PM

Led by Parkland High School students and sponsored by South Whitehall Recreation. In this course one will learn about the various scams, reliable info, and where to identify good sources of information. This course contains 3 parts, "Finding Credible Sources", "Bias and Opinions", and "Fake News and Scams". Participants should bring their own smartphone, or other device, to the class. Parkland High School is located at 2700 North Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown. Please enter through the main entrance.

THINKING WITH AI (ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE)

Parkland High School Library Link Lab

Tuesday, May 6, 3:15-4:15 PM

Led by Parkland High School students and sponsored by South Whitehall Recreation. In this course one will learn how to utilize new AI tools that have been released recently. One will learn how to ask AI questions properly, how to identify if something is AI generated, and how to use an AI (ChatGPT for this class). This class requires a laptop. Parkland High School is located at 2700 North Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown. Please enter through the main entrance.

FINANCIAL WELLNESS FOR SENIORS

Administration Building, Boardroom

Friday, May 16, 12:00-1:30 PM

Join Pennsylvania State Employee Credit Union (PSECU) for a lunch and learn session in our Parkland Administration Center Board Room. You will receive information and engage in conversation surrounding the importance of protecting your identity and finances against fraud, scams, and theft. The Administration Building is located at 1210 Springhouse Rd., Allentown. Please enter through the main entrance.

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PROTECTING OUR SENIORS: UNDERSTANDING MODERN MONEY SCAMS AND AI THREATS

Administration Building, Boardroom
Wednesday, May 21, 10:30-11:30 AM

In this user-friendly presentation, we delve into two alarming trends in modern scams targeting our senior community: investment fraud and AI-enabled impersonation scams. This presentation aims to raise awareness about these evolving threats and provide practical tools for our senior community to stay safe in an increasingly digital world. Our goal is to educate and empower seniors and their loved ones to recognize and protect themselves against these sophisticated fraudsters. By understanding these scams and implementing easy-to-do protective measures, we can work together to shield our loved ones from financial exploitation and emotional distress. The Administration Building is located at 1210 Springhouse Rd., Allentown. Please enter through the main entrance.

MORNING BREW & BRIEFING SEMINAR: CEMETERY PRE-PLANNING

Administration Building, Boardroom
Friday, May 30, 9:30-10:30 AM



The Morning Brew & Briefing session is dedicated to the important topic of cemetery pre-planning. This event is designed to provide you with valuable insights into making thoughtful decisions about your cemetery arrangements, ensuring peace of mind for you and your loved ones. Over a casual brew & lite bites, our experts will guide you through the process of cemetery pre-planning, answer any questions you may have, and provide useful information about options, benefits, and resources available to you. It's an opportunity to make informed choices in a comfortable and open environment. The Administration Building is located at 1210 Springhouse Rd., Allentown. Please enter through the main entrance.

TAX REBATE REMINDER FOR SENIORS and Other Qualifying Claimants with Limited Incomes

The Senior Citizens Real Property Tax Rebate allows a portion of property tax dollars to be rebated to senior citizens and other qualifying claimants with limited incomes.

- Parkland School District will once again be conducting the rebate program in 2025. Applications can be downloaded from the web at <https://www.parklandsd.org/departments/business-administration/senior-citizen-tax-rebate>.
- A list of frequently asked questions is also available on the District website at the same web address.

For further help or information, please call the Business Office at 610-351-5510 between 8 AM and 4 PM, Monday – Friday.
The deadline for filing is June 30.

SENIOR CITIZENS INVITED TO SPRING DINNER AND CONCERT

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 Band Concert on Tuesday, April 29th, or the Parkland High School Orchestra Concert on Wednesday, May 7th.**

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 so that we can host as many people as possible.

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE ONLINE AT: www.parklandsd.org/seniors
PLEASE CALL 610-351-5578 IF YOU DO NOT HAVE COMPUTER ACCESS AND WE WILL ASSIST YOU.

For any questions pertaining to the Senior Citizen Program at Parkland, please contact our Office of Community Relations at **610-351-5578**. **NOTE: ALL GUESTS MUST BE 55 OR OLDER AND RESIDE WITHIN THE PARKLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT.**

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LEGO MASTER VISITS VETERANS MEMORIAL

Emmanuel “Manny” Garcia is known for his appearance on the first season of “LEGO Masters”, where he competed alongside his father, Nestor Garcia, as part of the “Father & Son BFFs” team. He visited Veterans Memorial Elementary School to help the students celebrate Makerspace Day - a day at Veterans Memorial where students explore tools and technology and gather to work on projects while sharing ideas, equipment, and knowledge.

During the assembly, Manny shared that he builds cities, castles and trains and would someday like to build the Statue of Liberty. Through his work in creating original designs, he has learned the art of perseverance, working in small groups, kindness and sharing. He told the students, “As long as you have Lego pieces, you can build anything. You just have to sort and organize your pieces to get started.”

The school collected LEGO donations for weeks in preparation for the event which included a schoolwide assembly and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math activities in all of the classrooms. Projects in classrooms included a Crayon quilt, Popsicle Bridge, Marble Run and Maze, LEGO Building Challenge, Shark Tank Challenge, Treehouse Challenge and more.



STARS & STRIPES SPECTACLE: MEMORIAL DAY EVENT



The Rotary Club of Allentown West is proud to announce the Inaugural Flags for Unity event, a heartfelt tribute honoring personal heroes as well as military members, veterans, first responders, and other cherished loved ones. This commemorative display will feature hundreds of full-sized American flags transforming the Parkland High School practice football field into a solemn landscape of remembrance, honor, and community unity.

The event will take place from May 22nd to May 26th, encompassing Memorial Day Weekend, on the grounds in front of Parkland High School, located along North Cedar Crest Boulevard at the school's campus entrance. The opening ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, May 22nd at 5:30 PM, featuring a procession by a local Rifle Corps, an invocation, a Department of Defense U.S. Army flyover and skydiving demonstration, and performances by Parkland music students. A 30-minute closing ceremony will be held on Memorial Day at 6 PM, including a guest speaker's address. The flags will be lit nightly and purchased flags can be donated or retrieved after the closing ceremony at 6:30 PM on Memorial Day.

Community members are invited to purchase flags individually or in groups to honor the heroes in their heart. Event sponsorships are also available at various levels, with details accessible at <https://flagsforunity.org>.

All proceeds from the Flags for Unity event will support local veterans programs and the Allentown West Rotary Club's initiatives to combat food insecurity, including the funding and packing of weekly food packages that are distributed to Parkland students in need throughout the school year.



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PARKLAND WINS TOP WORKPLACE FOR 8TH TIME



Parkland School District has been awarded a Top Workplaces 2025 honor by Morning Call Top Workplaces. The list is based solely on employee feedback gathered through a third-party survey that measures 15 culture drivers that are critical to the success of any organization, including alignment, execution and connection.

Dr. Mark Madson, Superintendent, was honored with the Top Leader award for large employers—his second time receiving this recognition. “Being named a Top Workplace is a profound honor that reflects our commitment to serving Parkland students,” Madson said. “I am incredibly proud of our staff who consistently go above and beyond to support our community.”

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POST PROM

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Parkland P Dogtag \$60

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Proceeds benefit PHS Post Prom

The Post Prom Party provides a safe, fun, supervised celebration that takes place from 11 PM - 5 AM inside Parkland High School - keeping our seniors off the roads and away from temptations that could put their lives at risk.

But we need your help to make it happen!

This beloved tradition relies on donations from caring community members like you to cover costs for Entertainment, Food/Refreshments and Prizes & Giveaways.

Your generous contribution ensures this beloved tradition continues, giving our seniors one last night together while easing parents' minds knowing their children are celebrating responsibly.

Donate today or purchase Parkland jewelry to help us create lasting prom night memories, not tragedies.

To contribute: Visit us at <https://phs.parklandsd.org/prom>

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MAY 15 - MAY 17
22nd Annual Parkland Festival of the Arts

Thursday, May 15th

PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS CONCERTS
6:30 pm & 8:00 pm | PHS Auditorium

PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ART SHOW
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Trojan Art Gallery: Senior Art Award Recipients

Gallery Showcase: 2025 East Central Pennsylvania Regional Scholastic Art Awards

Art Studios: Parkland Student Art Show

Friday, May 16th

FAMILY DANCE NIGHT | 5:00 pm

Bring the family out for a fun flashmob experience that will be showcased on Saturday, May 17th.

Free to attend - RSVP online to reserve your space:
www.parklandsd.org/FOTA

Saturday, May 17th

ARTISTS ON THE QUAD | 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

- Performances by Parkland School District Music Ensembles
- Kids Crafts
- Arts and Crafts Marketplace
- Elementary, Middle & High School Art Exhibit
- Character Parade & Meet and Greet
- Art & Basket Raffle
- Festival Food
- Instrument Exploration
- Indoor Colorguard
- Dance Showcases



A close-up photograph of a child's hand holding a green marker, drawing on a blue fabric cast. The cast is wrapped around a limb, and the child is in the process of drawing a smiley face. The text "We help kids and parents feel better." is already written on the cast in a black, handwritten-style font. The background shows a person's arm in a light-colored sleeve.

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CELEBRATING INNOVATION: GRANTS IN ACTION



GROWING YOUNG MINDS: HYDROPONIC GRANT BRINGS HANDS-ON LEARNING TO FIRST GRADERS AT KRATZER

The Parkland Education Foundation loves supporting innovative teachers who bring their passions into the classroom. This year, we were thrilled to fund a grant for first-grade teacher Mara Hein, who has a deep love for gardening and a desire to share it with her students.

With this grant, Mrs. Hein introduced hydroponic gardening into her classroom, giving her young learners a hands-on way to explore science, sustainability, and the magic of growing their own food—no soil required! Students are actively engaged in planting, observing growth cycles, and learning about the importance of nutrition and the environment.

Projects like this show how grant funding can turn a teacher's passion into an exciting, real-world learning experience for students. By supporting educators who bring creative ideas to the classroom, we're helping young learners grow—both academically and personally.

We can't wait to see what these young gardeners grow next!

JOIN THE PARKLAND ALUMNI NETWORK

For more information call 610-351-5572 or visit www.parklandsd.org/foundation



GRADUATION LAWN SIGN SALE! (Order your sign by May 9th)

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PARKLAND EDUCATION FOUNDATION *Distinguished Alumni* CELEBRATION

SAVE THE DATE
May 1, 2025

4-5 PM (FREE)
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI
CEREMONY
PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL

6-8 PM (TICKETED EVENT)
CELEBRATION AT
LEHIGH COUNTRY CLUB

2025 INDUCTEES:



GREG BUTZ (1975)
President and CEO of Alvin H. Butz, Inc.



GREGORY CONI (2010)
AIA, CPHC Associate Healthcare
Project Architect



GARY IACOCCA (1972)
Owner and President of Yocco's



ISHAI SETTON (1997)
Filmmaker - Director and Editor



STACEY WEAVER STAUFFER (1991)
Television Host/ News Anchor/ Speaker/
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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 29	PHS Senior Citizen Dinner, PHS Cafeteria	5:30 PM
April 29	PHS Band Spring Concert, PHS Auditorium	7 PM
April 30	SMS Band Spring Concert, PHS Auditorium	7 PM
April 30	OMS Art Show	6 PM
April 30	OMS 7th/8th Grade Band & Strings Concert, OMS Auditorium	7 PM
May 1	OMS Chorus Spring Concert, PHS Auditorium	7 PM
May 1	Parkland Ed Foundation Distinguished Alumni Celebration	4 PM
May 2	SMS Chorus Spring Concert, PHS Auditorium	7 PM
May 5	OMS 6th Grade Band & Strings Concert, OMS Auditorium	7 PM
May 5	SMS Orchestra Spring Concert, PHS Auditorium	7 PM
May 7	PHS Senior Citizen Dinner, PHS Cafeteria	5:30 PM
May 7	PHS Orchestra Spring Concert, PHS Auditorium	7 PM
May 8	5th Grade Strings Concert, PHS Auditorium	7 PM
May 9	5th Grade Band Concert, PHS Auditorium	7 PM
May 12	SMS Art Show	6 PM
May 12	SMS Honors Ensemble Concert, SMS Auditorium	7 PM
May 15	PHS Student Art Show	6-8 PM
May 15	PHS Chorus Spring Concerts, PHS Auditorium	6:30 & 8 PM
May 16	Family Dance Night, PHS Auditorium	5 PM
May 17	22nd Annual Festival of the Arts, PHS	10 AM-4 PM
June 4	PHS Class of 2025 Commencement, PPL Center	7 PM

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