



PARKWAY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

NEWS

Giving Books Through the Ron Edwards Fund



The [Ron Edwards Scholars Program](#) ensures River Bend Elementary students have access to books — especially those who may not be able to purchase one during the fall book fair. For students, owning a book is more than a treat; it is an invitation to explore the world, stretch their imagination, and grow as learners. Your support helps make that possible.

Your Impact in Action

Thanks to the generosity of the community and the Ron Edwards Scholars Fund, **37 brand-new books – totaling \$425.65 – were purchased for River Bend students this week.** These books will go home with young readers who may not otherwise have the opportunity to build their own libraries.

Because investing in readers means investing in futures.

Congratulations to Our Esstman Grant Recipients

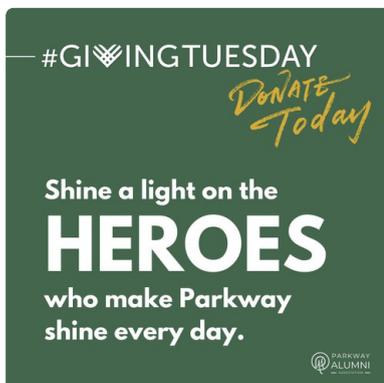


The Parkway Alumni Association is proud to announce this year's recipients of the **Suzy Esstman Community Fund (SECF) Grants**—an initiative created in memory of **Suzy Zucker Esstman** (PNH '81, Alumni Hall of Fame '08). Established by her family, the SECF honors Suzy's legacy by supporting innovative learning experiences that reflect her passion for community, creativity, and joyful education.

Suzy was known for bringing people together and uplifting the communities she loved—especially Parkway. She championed ideas that inspired curiosity and fun, including the beloved *Pop Open a Book* summer reading program at Green Trails Elementary. Her spirit continues to shape Parkway classrooms through these special grants.

This year, the Parkway Alumni Association received **53 grant applications from teachers across the district** and is thrilled to fund **13 projects totaling \$4,446.77.** These grants support initiatives that enrich learning in meaningful, imaginative ways—whether inside the classroom, outdoors, or in virtual spaces. [Meet this year's recipients.](#)

Upcoming Events & Opportunities



Giving Tuesday

This Giving Tuesday, give early to support the Light of Parkway Award—honoring the operations and support staff who make our schools warm, welcoming, and caring every single day.

Created in memory of Sandy Finch, a beloved Parkway bus driver known for her upbeat spirit and kindness, this award celebrates the heroes who quietly keep our district strong.

Give early. Support the people who light the way. [Give Today!](#)

Parkway Night at the Blues - Tickets Now On Sale!



Experience the thrill of St. Louis Blues hockey live at the Enterprise Center—and make a difference while you’re at it. When you buy tickets through this special offer, \$8 from every ticket sold goes directly to support PAA programs. [Ticket sales now online!](#)

December 27, 2025

- Watch the Blues play the Predators at 7:00 pm
- Holiday hockey with a cause!
- Perfect for a family night, gift, or group outing



Hall of Fame Nominations

Nominations Now Open for the Parkway Alumni Hall of Fame – Class of 2026!

Do you know a Parkway graduate who’s making a big impact? Whether through professional success or outstanding service to their community, we want to recognize alumni who represent the very best of Parkway.

Established in 2004, the Parkway Alumni Hall of Fame honors graduates who have brought pride to the district through their

accomplishments and leadership.

Inductees will be honored at the 2026 Hall of Fame Gala in St. Louis.

Nomination deadline: March 1, 2026

Help us celebrate Parkway’s legacy of excellence—[nominate a deserving alum today!](#)



Trivia Night 2026

Mark your calendars and join us for Parkway Trivia Night at The Lodge Des Peres on Saturday, March 28 at 7 p.m.!

Bring your friends, family, and teammates for a night full of fun, laughs, and friendly competition. Whether you’re a trivia pro or just in it for a good time, everyone’s welcome!

[Registration now open!](#)



Upcoming Alumni Reunions

Looking to reconnect? Our reunion calendar is updated monthly with events organized by graduating class and high school.

Whether you're planning or attending, [find your class and join in the celebration today!](#)

Leave a Legacy - Start a Scholarship Fund

Interested in our scholarship programs or want to create one to honor yourself or a loved one? Contact Sandy Riutcel, Executive Director of the Parkway Alumni Association, at 314-415-8074



(office) or sriutel@parkwayschools.net for details. We're here to support your aspirations and ensure our alumni can continue their academic journey!

What's Happening At School?



100 Days at Parkway

Dr. Melissa Schneider is nearing her first 100 days as superintendent, and her calendar tells quite a story. She set out to visit all Parkway schools in the first week and meet with every principal this semester. Mission accomplished!

The common theme from nearly 70 stops to schools, events, and other activities: listening closely, building trust, and shining a light on the people and programs that contribute to Parkway's success.



Parkway Ranked Among Highest

Parkway Schools achieved a performance score of 91% on Missouri's recently-released 2025 state report card, marking the highest score in the past four years, and a 3.3-point improvement from 2024.

Based on 2025 data, Parkway's APR score ranks:
2nd out of 11 districts with 15,000+ students
3rd out of 17 districts with 10,000+ students



State Champs

FOUR. STRAIGHT. TITLES! Your Central High Colts successfully defended their run as MSHSAA Class 1 Boys Swimming & Diving state champs.

Senior Brody Blatt (100 free, 100 back) and junior Connor Muran (200 IM, 100 breast) doubled down on individual golds, the Colts

once again swept the relays, and plenty of PRs and school records were set along the way. A huge tip of the cap to West High, finishing just 10 points shy of a 1-2 Parkway finish in the team standings.

Alumni Highlights

World Series Pitcher

When an '03 Parkway Central grad is on the mound for Game 7 of the World Series...

We're all Blue Jays fans?! [Read more about the journey of Max Scherez.](#)



Opportunities Within Parkway

We Are HIRING

Find work that matters at Parkway Schools.

SCAN ME! →

We have openings:

- Teachers
- Teaching Assistants
- Custodians
- Mechanics
- School Secretaries
- Grounds Crew
- Before and After School Care

PLEASE SHARE

Calling All Alumni - Parkway is Hiring!

We need help at your school! We have openings for bus drivers, and many others for custodians and grounds crew employees needed to support our families. If you know someone who is interested, please share this with them. Interested applicants can call 314-415-8401 for more information or [visit this website.](#)

The Info You Don't Want to Miss



Class Reunions

Don't miss your opportunity to share in the memories and build the future. [Find your class reunion information or start planning one!](#)



Class Memoriam

Parkway Alumni Association extends condolences to family and friends of the following Parkway alumni and staff. [CLICK HERE to read more.](#)



Class Notes

Find out where Parkway grads are making their mark in the world. [See our latest class notes here.](#)



Connect with your School



We exist to encourage communication among alumni and foster programs which serve and support the Parkway community.

