



April 2018 PTA NEWS

See you tonight!

Please join us for the last PTA meeting of the year. We'll get an end-of-year roundup on our committees and our IB program. We'll also meet the PTA President from King Middle School and get a brief report from her.

Fun with fundraising > news & upcoming events

- Good news for next year! Parkside was just awarded an INNOVATION GRANT (\$4,001.33) by the Southern Education Foundation that will go toward Social Emotional Learning (SEL) peace corners for kids, after school robotics hardware and activities, and production and publication of a student newspaper.
- Keep collecting those Box Tops! Ask your friends, family, and neighbors to snip and save them for you. Our spring collection class contest starts on April 23 and runs through May 4.
- Parkside Dine Out: Help raise money for Parkside by coming out to Your Pie (275 Memorial Avenue) Tuesday, April 24 from 5 to 8 p.m. Make sure to mention Parkside at checkout and 15% of your bill will go to our school! You can dine in or take out.
- Thanks for helping us raise \$670 at the March bake sale!

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week: May 7-11

Help show our Parkside teachers and staff how much their hard work means to us. Email Erin McFall at erinmwalls@gmail.com to volunteer and be on the lookout for more details in the coming weeks. We have received generous donations from Full Commission, a restaurant opening soon at the Larkin on Memorial Avenue and the Glenwood Chick Fil-A.

Get ready for Georgia Milestones

Testing for 3rd through 5th grade begins April 25. The school will provide healthy brain-boosting snacks for kids, but look for more information coming home on how parents can help our wonderful teachers and proctors get through those long days, too.

IMPORTANT DATES

- APR 12 PTA meeting
- APR 14 Garden workday
- APR 20 GO team meeting
- APR 24 Dine Out: Your Pie



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Garden & Wellness Committee news

On March 24 Parkside hosted the APS Student Wellness Ambassador Learning Academy Expo. It was an incredibly successful event, with over 250 students in attendance. We got to show off our garden with a fun scavenger hunt, and the PTA hosted two chef tastings tables!

Join us for a garden workday this Saturday, April 14 from 9:30 -11:30 a.m. Snacks, water, tools and gloves are provided! Volunteers will get to bring home herbs and other crops that are harvested. Email Kate Mattison at k8mattison@gmail.com with any questions.

Parkside Share Table Kicks off this Friday!

Parkside is excited to launch a new initiative to reduce lunchtime food waste and help students get the nutrition they need to support their success. Students are encouraged to place unopened non-perishable foods including juice boxes, fruit with non-edible peels like bananas and oranges, and packaged foods such as baked goods, carrots etc., on the Share Table in the cafeteria instead of throwing those items away. Anything on the table is available to all students who want or need additional servings that day. Don't Trash It-Share It!

GO Team Update

Thank you to all the candidates who ran for parent representative seats on the GO Team and everyone who voted in the election. Congratulations to our two new parent GO team members, Jenna Colvin and Khalil Thompson. The next GO Team meeting is April 20, at 3 p.m. in the Media Center.

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT



COACH FRETT > PE Teacher

Where did you grow up and attend elementary school?

I grew up in New York City and attended Daniel Webster Magnet School.

Who was your favorite elementary school teacher and why?

My 5th grade teacher Mr. Williams who had such a positive impact on my life at such an early age.

What's the one thing about you people may be surprised to know?

I love history and I am really into the stock market and investing.

What's the funniest thing you heard in the gym this week?

The funniest thing I heard this week was of course when I was talking with our lovely Kindergarten students. I was telling them about field day and one of our students thought I said "weird day," instead of "field day." That was hilarious.

What's the most important thing you hope kids take with them from Parkside?

One thing that I hope students take away from Parkside is that they can truly be anything that they want to be when they grow up. Also, I hope that they leave with a strong confidence knowing they are equipped for middle school academically and socially.

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