



DECEMBER 2017 PTA NEWS

YOU HAD US AT PIZZA!

Thanks to everyone who came out for Your Pie Dine and Donate. Your Pie served free pizza last week and collected donations for three of our neighborhood elementary schools. The event raised \$1,200 per school. And thanks to an anonymous matching donor, that amount was raised to \$2,400 for the Parkside PTA!

FA-LA-LA-LA-LA... OUR HOLIDAY BAKE SALE IS TOMORROW!

Since classroom celebrations will be the last day of school, we've moved the bake sale up a week to tomorrow, December 15. Make it merry and donate your most festive, nut-free baked goods! Too busy to bake? Store bought items are always accepted. Sign up here: <http://tiny.cc/holidaybakesale>

TEACHER APPRECIATION - LET'S LOVE OUR TEACHERS

Our annual holiday Teacher Appreciation Breakfast is next Tuesday, December 19th. Please help us make it amazing so we can show our teachers just how much we really appreciate them. In addition to bringing food items, we'll need help with setup and cleanup. Sign up here: <http://tiny.cc/teacherbreakfast>

GARDEN & WELLNESS

The Parkside Learning Garden is cooking this year! A second-grade tasting of arugula salad was held last month, following a school-wide tasting of a bean salad earlier in the year. Starting in the winter, monthly tastings will move to the garden room and incorporate lessons featuring the food that the kids have planted in our school garden! Classroom lessons led by the Wylde Center started in November (focused on Pre-K through 2nd grade). The Wylde Center is also now providing 30 minutes of classroom education every three weeks for the higher grades (3rd - 5th). These activities reinforce the school's curriculum, while encouraging healthy eating habits.

T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE

We have replenished our supplies and have Parkside t-shirts in all sizes. Short sleeves are \$10 each. And, we have added long sleeves for \$15. We will have the shirts for sale before school on our Dec 22 Panda Pride Day.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The communications committee needs someone to help put together this newsletter each month in Word. We could also use additional help with keeping bulletin boards updated and social media communication. For more information email Kristy LaRose larosefamily3@gmail.com

IMPORTANT DATES

- DEC 14** GO TEAM Meeting
- DEC 15** Bake Sale
- DEC 19** Teacher Breakfast
- DEC 22** Panda Pride
- DEC 25-JAN 5** Holiday Break
- JAN 11** PTA Meeting
- FEB 9** Family Dance
- MAR 8** PTA Meeting
- MAR 17** Parkside Stride
- APRIL 12** PTA Meeting



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The next GO Team meeting will be December 14, 2017. This will be a work session focused on the 2018-2019 strategic plan.

WEBSITE RESOURCES

Did you know that digital versions of our PANDA PRESS and the school's PANDA PAW may be found online? They are conveniently posted on the Parkside website under the "NEWS" and ready to view.

DIRECTORY



We have created a new DIRECTORY: atlantapublicschools.us/parksidedirectory It includes a comprehensive listing of all faculty, staff, and administrators with an easily searchable functionality. Profile photos and email addresses for each person are also included.

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

MS. ELIZABETH BYRUM >SECOND GRADE TEACHER



HOMETOWN: I grew up in Biggleswade England and Martinsville Virginia.

FAVORITE TEACHER: My favorite elementary teacher was Ms. Riggins because she taught science, and I love science.

FUN FACT: One thing that surprises people is that I love gardening, and I raise chickens here in Ormewood Park.

WISH FOR STUDENTS: I hope my students believe in their intelligence and use it to solve problems.

FUNNY CLASS COMMENTS: During our monthly speaking assignment, the students were supposed to speak about something they were thankful for and give three reasons why. One student said he was thankful for ham, and he did give three reasons why!

MRS. JENNIFER FASSINGER >Second Grade Teacher



HOMETOWN: Wood Dale Illinois, I attended Oakbrook Elementary School.

FAVORITE TEACHER: Ms. Heinz, she always had the most fun activities for us to complete.

FUN FACT: When I was in middle school and high school, each summer I would work for my father's concrete construction business. I know how to set foundation walls, pour sidewalks, driveways, etc.

WISH FOR STUDENTS: That school is a home and when we come together each and every day we are there as a family. Love one another and enjoy each other.

FUNNY CLASS COMMENT: "When others are talking around me I can't control my mouth and it gets out of hand."

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