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February 2018 PTA NEWS

A CAN'T-MISS EVENT: OPENING CEREMONY FAMILY DANCE

Put your dancing shoes on, and join us for our Family Dance tomorrow night from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.! Please sign up to help at www.tinyurl.com/parksidedance.

\$3 Adult + 1 child
\$1 Each additional child
\$10 Family max

PARKSIDE WINS BIG IN DONATIONS & GRANT FUNDING

DonorsChoose.org: OshKosh/Carters sponsored all 18 projects Parkside educators posted in November and December. Plus, they donated an additional \$10,000, which was split among educators for extra supplies (around \$200 each). Supplies ranged from books and STEM kits to technology and a t-shirt press.

Local donations: New Grant Park restaurant, Your Pie, hosted a soft opening, donating all proceeds to Parkside, ANCS and Wesley. Each school received \$1,240, and an anonymous donor matched the donations for a total of \$2,480 coming to us.

Grants: Parkside has won four grants: CREATE, a teacher residency program; REAP (Reading is Essential for All People) and Everybody Wins! Atlanta, both of which focus on improving reading proficiency; and the Atlanta Local Food Initiative Orchard Grant, which will allow us to expand our orchard this semester.

GET READY TO RUN WITH PARKSIDE STRIDE

Parkside Stride is Saturday, March 17. Registration forms are going out soon. Students must use the paper registration form to get the Parkside discount.

Look for a SignUpGenius for volunteers to go out soon. Pre-race volunteer needs include helping the art club with medals and putting signs up around town. Race day needs will be setting up, registration, course volunteers, and cleaning-up.

Visit the Stride website at runsignup.com/ParksideStride or contact Sarah Cannon at sarahwcannon@att.net for more info.

JOIN OUR NEW COMMITTEE

Are you interested in tutoring some of our Pandas? Please consider joining our new Academic Support Committee. Contact Leigh at leighstevensoh@gmail.com for more details.

IMPORTANT DATES

- FEB 9** Family Dance
- FEB 10** Garden Workday
- FEB 19-23** Winter Break
- MAR 8** PTA Meeting
- MAR 17** Parkside Stride
- MAR 19** Teacher Workday
- APRIL 2-6** Spring Break
- APRIL 12** PTA Meeting



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HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE NEWS

Thank you to everyone who came out for our last workday – it was a very productive day! We cleaned up beds and even added a new one, repaired the greenhouse in preparation for planting seeds with the kids, and painted the garden room. Our goal is to make the garden room a fun and educational space for our kids. As recipients of the Orchard Grant, we'll be able to expand our orchard with seven new fruit trees, including persimmon, plum, muscadine, and pawpaw. We'll plant them on March 6.

The next garden workday is Saturday, February 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Next Tuesday, the second grade will get a garden-based lesson with the Wyld Center.

In other news, in January we hired an intern to work on nutrition and wellness projects for the school. Yoga continues every Thursday morning from 7:30 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. for all Parkside students. Volunteer and watch our activities in the Parkside Learning Garden's Facebook group or email us at ps.garden2wellness@gmail.com.

#COMMIT2KING SOCIAL

Attention fourth and fifth grade parents: there will be a King Feeder School parent social on March 18 from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Please look for a letter from Principal Foster for more details.

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

VICTORIA SOESBE > FOURTH GRADE SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER



WHERE DID YOU GROW UP AND ATTEND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL?

I grew up in Tullahoma, Tennessee, and went to Robert E. Lee Elementary School.

WHO WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEACHER AND WHY?

Coach Allen was a favorite teacher because he made the Civil War very visual and understandable. He had a sense of humor but also was serious about the subject. I still remember lessons and demonstrations. He helped create my love of history.

WHAT'S ONE THING ABOUT YOU PEOPLE MIGHT BE SURPRISED TO KNOW?

I used to be a radio DJ in college.

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU HOPE KIDS TAKE WITH THEM FROM PARKSIDE?

I hope someone inspires a love of learning in any subject that will lead them to be successful.

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