



Panda Press

The Parkside PTA Newsletter

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Parkside Dine-Outs

Help raise money for the PTA while enjoying dinner out with your family! Please mention that you are there for Parkside in order for us to receive credit.

Your Pie – Tuesday, April 16

PTA Board Elections

Parkside has been fortunate to have had awesome leadership this year, and we are looking forward to building upon their good work with a new board starting next school year.

Anyone can nominate individuals to serve on the PTA board. Just fill out a card with the nominee's name and contact information and place it in the nomination box in the main office. (Nominees must be a member of the PTA and current on their PTA dues to be eligible.) **The deadline to receive nominations is March 23.**

The PTA nominating committee, representing a cross-section of parents, will create a slate from the submitted nominees and present it to the school body the **last week in March**. The slate of nominated officers will be considered at last PTA meeting of the year, **Thursday, April 25**. Nominations can also be made on the floor during the meeting. Open positions on the board include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Teacher Liaison.

In addition to board members, PTA needs committee chairs! Several of our chairs will be staying on next year, but we have open positions, including Bake Sale Chair and Fundraising Chair. Although these are not elected positions, they are important roles that have a huge impact on our school. If you or anyone you know is interested in serving as a committee chair, please let us know. Remember, co-chairing can be a great option!

If you have any questions about the board nomination process or leading a committee, please contact Katie Howard, Nomination Committee member, at katiephoward40@gmail.com or (404) 210-6170.

SWAG [Sustainability-Wellness-Garden] Committee Update

The **Spring Garden Workday is Saturday March 23, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.** Come help us get our school garden ready for spring! We'll be working on the chicken coop, repairing and prepping the raised beds, planting, painting and removing debris. Activities will be available for the kiddos, and we provide all the tools you'll need.

March is National Nutrition Month! Visit superkidsnutrition.com for information about healthy eating, kid-friendly recipes, activities and toolkits that you can use at home. The benefits of family meals are significant: better grades, less risk-taking behaviors, more courteous children, positive emotional well-being and healthier diets.

Parkside was the only APS school selected to participate in **Feed My School**, a Georgia Department of Agriculture program that "increases the nutritional value and quality of cafeteria food and bridges the communication gaps from the farm to the cafeteria." Watch for Feed My School activities from **April 15 - 19!**

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DATES TO REMEMBER

March 21 – PTA Meeting (childcare provided)

April 1 - 5 - NO SCHOOL, Spring Break

April 25 - PTA Meeting and Officer Elections (moved from April 23; childcare provided)



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Quantavious Dumas, front office

Where did you grow up and attend elementary school? I grew up in Atlanta — Thomasville to be exact, and I attended Parkside!

Who was your favorite elementary school teacher and why? My favorite elementary teacher was Ms. Johnson. Class was always fun and challenging and we've kept a lasting relationship throughout the years.

What's one thing about you that people would be surprised to know? I was Mr. Math Team in high school.

What's the funniest thing you heard in the office this week? Not sure, but I guess I always get a chuckle out of older kids who always seem to forget their teachers' names.

What is the most important thing you hope students take with them from Parkside? That this is home and you can always come back if you need help or guidance. We will always be here for the kids.