



March 2018 PTA NEWS

Get Ready to Run > Parkside Stride is Saturday

Haven't signed up yet? No problem! Race day registration starts at 7 a.m., with the 5K starting at 8 a.m. and the 1 Mile following at 9:15 a.m. Awards are immediately after. We'll also have giveaways and raffle items from the Hawks as well as Roller Girl tickets to give out. We love our volunteers. Sign up to help at tiny.cc/ParksideStride. See you there!

Fun with Fundraising > Mark Your Calendars

- Thanks for helping us raise over \$700 at our January bake sale. Our next bake sale is March 30. Please help ensure all our kids get a chance to purchase a goody by donating nut-free homemade or store-bought treats.
- Keep collecting those Box Tops! Ask your friends, family, and neighbors to snip and save them for you. Our spring collection contest starts on April 23 and runs through May 4.
- Another Your Pie benefit is right around the corner. Plan to dine out at the Grant Park restaurant, Your Pie, on Tuesday, April 24. A percentage of all sales will go to Parkside. It all adds up!

Health & Wellness Committee News

Great news! Thursday morning yoga has been extended through the rest of the year thanks to PTA sponsorship. It's free for all kids. Tell your tots to join us Thursday mornings, from 7:30 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

With the help of four first-grade classes, we planted nine new native fruit trees, vines, and bushes last week, thanks to our FoodWell Alliance grant. Come check out our persimmons, pawpaws, muscadines, elderberries, and an unusual mayhaw plant in the Learning Garden!

Also, Parkside is hosting the APS Student Wellness Ambassador Leadership Academy Expo on **Saturday, March 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** There will be yoga, farm to school activities, food demos, and more. Free admission to all APS students!

Help tutor our students!

Can you help tutor some of our Pandas? It's easy and flexible, and is an incredible service to our school. Please contact Ms. H-G (magirdhari@atlanta.k12.ga.us) for tutoring K-2nd grade students, and 3rd grade parent Sara Obregon (sara@habitudes.net) for 3rd-5th grades.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Mar 17** Parkside Stride
- Mar 19** Teacher Workday
- Mar 30** Bake Sale
- APRIL 2-6** Spring Break
- APRIL 12** PTA Meeting



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GO Team Update

The GO Teams of Parkside, Benteen, and Obama Academy Elementary Schools will host the continuing community conversation about school enrollment and rezoning solutions on March 20 at 6 p.m. at Parkside. Thank you to everyone who attended the last meeting on February 28.

Other news:

- The GO Team approved the fiscal year 2019 budget.
- The next meeting is March 16 in the Media Center and is open to the public. (Meetings minutes and agendas can be found on the Parkside website.)
- GO Team elections to fill five seats are on March 20.

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

SARAH COTTONE > Media Specialist



Where did you grow up and attend elementary school?

I grew up in Lexington, Kentucky, and attended Stonewall Elementary School. GO CATS!

Who was your favorite elementary school teacher and why?

My favorite teacher was Mrs. Ellison, my fifth-grade teacher, because she helped me get my grades up so I could attend the NKOTB concert! But I also loved spending time in the library with Mrs. Willett, because it was the only place I didn't get in trouble.

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

I love music! Broadway is my favorite genre, but I also love loud rock n' roll. Everything from Frank Sinatra to Rob Zombie! I've travelled all over the east coast to see shows.

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

A first-grade student asked me where the church section was, so I showed him. He was so excited to find "Jesus" books and showed everyone, saying "I found Jesus! I found Jesus!"

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

I hope our students take a love of books and reading with them throughout their lives!

GO DIGITAL >

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