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May 2018 PTA NEWS

LETTER FROM OUR PTA PRESIDENT

As we close out the school year, I wanted to take a moment to thank our entire Parkside family, especially those of you who took on leading roles, for a fun-filled, productive and impactful school year. Thanks to all of your help, support, and volunteer hours, we were able to grow all of our events. We had banner attendance at the Parkside Screen on the Green, the Family Dance, and the Parkside Stride. Our bake sales generated record amounts for the PTA. We packed Your Pie at our first PTA dine out. Our garden has flourished. The inaugural Commit to King Fall Festival was a great success and brought together families from all of the King feeder schools. These wonderful community building events could not have happened without our volunteers.

Additionally, for the first time ever, the PTA was able to support our families and teachers by offering supplies at a steep discount and providing them for the entire student body regardless of who purchased the supplies. In addition to meeting teacher requests and replenishing the supplies throughout the year, we were able to show our appreciation to the entire staff through our coffee carts, holiday gifts, and an amazing teacher appreciate week featuring food from some of our favorite local restaurants, massages, gift cards, and more.

Our sponsors have continued to play a pivotal role in helping us ensure that our events are accessible to all of our families, ensuring that we have the funds to support our teachers and staff, providing childcare at our events, growing our garden and tastings, and continuing to plan for the future. Please make sure to thank our sponsors when you have the chance, because their continued support is critical to our continued success.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to volunteer with PTA, please consider doing so next year. We have opportunities that require varying skill sets and that work with all schedules. In fact, we now film our meetings via Facebook Live so that those who can't make the actual meeting can stay up to date. It is immensely rewarding to work with this special and dynamic community, and I look forward to a great 2018-2019 school year.

Sincerely,
Leigh Schrope

THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week is almost over! A huge thank you to all of our donors: Full Commission (opening in June at the Larkin), Six Feet Under, Chick Fil-A, Jane Lomas with Keller Williams Intown, the Teacher Appreciation Committee, PTA members, and all of our amazing volunteers. You helped us show the faculty and staff of Parkside how much their hard work means to us!

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY 22 Awards

Ceremony

MAY 25 Last day of school!



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AND THE WINNER IS...

Thanks for collecting those Box Tops! Our class winners for collecting the most Box Tops are Ms. Miles and Ms. Andrews. Congratulations – and enjoy your party.

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT



MRS. MCCANNON > KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

IF YOU SEE MRS. MCCANNON IN THE HALLS, BE SURE TO GIVE HER A HIGH FIVE. SHE'S RETIRING AT THE END OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK, MRS. MCCANNON! WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST - AND WE'LL MISS YOU.

Where did you grow up and attend elementary school? I grew up in East Freetown, Massachusetts and went to Freetown Elementary School.

Who was your favorite elementary school teacher and why? I think Mrs. Walker, my first-grade teacher.

How many years have you been a teacher and how many of them have been at Parkside? This is my second career, and I'm grateful I had that before becoming a teacher. I've been teaching for 16 years. Parkside is the only school I have ever taught, even my student teaching was here.

How do you plan to spend your retirement? I really don't know how I'll spend my retirement. I know I'll substitute teach and just enjoy freedom after working for so, so, so, many years.

What is the most important thing you hope students take with them from Parkside? Students should come away from Parkside knowing that each and every teacher here really cares for each and every one of them. Students should also come away learning and appreciating respect for each other and adults. Of course, they should leave Parkside having learned the necessary academic skills for success as well as wisdom to carry them to middle school and beyond in life.

What are some of the biggest changes you have seen at the school over the years? The changes over the years have been education itself and the demands that are rising yearly on students and teachers, as well as challenges that come with changes in leadership.

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Congratulations to the graduating 5th grade families! Have a great summer, and we look forward to seeing everyone else return on August 1!

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