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NOVEMBER 2017 PTA NEWS

PTA MEETING TONIGHT

TONIGHT IS CHILI NIGHT! Childcare will be provided. Join us at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria for our annual chili night/PTA meeting. Principal Foster will present with Larry Wallace, State Accountability Manager for APS, and Associate Superintendent Dr. Emily Massey to discuss Parkside's College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) score. Can't attend? We will live stream the meeting on our private parent Facebook page.

HOORAY FOR THE FALL FESTIVAL!

A big thanks to our Parkside volunteers who contributed to our successful inaugural "Commit to King" feeder school fall festival! We had students and families attend from all seven feeder schools and King Middle, as well as more than 100 children from outside our schools who attended with their families, making it truly a community event. Attendees enjoyed a variety of activities, tours of King Middle and even dunked Principal Foster in the dunk tank! Thanks from the PTA and we hope you all enjoyed the event and got to know your fellow King feeder school families and our middle school better!

TEACHER APPRECIATION

Wednesday, November 15th we will host an after-school cookie and lemonade/tea break in the teacher's lounge for our teachers and staff. Volunteers sign up here: tinyurl.com/TeacherCookieBreak. Also, more information soon on our parent-provided potluck breakfast on December 19th. Volunteers needed! Contact Erin McFall: erinmwalls@gmail.com

GARDEN & WELLNESS

We've been very busy! Last week, the Wylde Center held the first of four classes in the garden with our first graders, thanks to a cluster-wide grant from the Zeist Foundation. We have a new herb garden and started planting tulip and daffodil bulbs and will continue planting through the winter. We're hoping for more fruit trees and plants in the spring in the orchard! We love donations for the garden! We're currently in need of kids' gloves, small hand rakes, and any supplies for the garden room (book shelves, rugs, books).

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thanks to all the students, faculty, parents, and guardians who supported the Parkside Fall Book Fair. We raised \$4,600 -which is \$1,000 more than last year! Special thanks to Mrs. Cottone for graciously hosting the Book Fair in the Media Center. The spring BOGO Book Fair will be in May.

IMPORTANT DATES

- NOV 9** PTA Meeting
- NOV 13-17** Career Week
- NOV 15** Teacher Appreciation
- NOV 16** Lunch with Students
- NOV 16** Go Team Meeting
- NOV 17** Bake Sale
- NOV 20-24** No School



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BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Thanks to everyone who saved their Box Tops! We collected a total of \$225. Mrs. Fassinger and Ms. Stitt's classes are the top two collectors and will receive their prizes soon. As always, keep collecting. We'll have a drive again in the spring.

FAMILY DANCE VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are in need of a volunteer to coordinate the family dance that will be held in early February. Please contact our PTA President to learn more at leighstevensoh@gmail.com

GO TEAM UPDATE



At this month's GO Team meeting we elected new officers for the 2017-2018 school year. RM Lathan /Chair ▪ Tracy L. Dubose/Vice Chair ▪ Kendra Gayle Lee/Secretary

We also reviewed Parkside's Strategic Plan and will spend next month's session (Nov. 16th @ 4pm) reviewing milestone data and adapting our plan for this year and beyond.

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

MS. VICTORIA MANNING >First Year Teacher at Parkside



HOMETOWN: I grew up in Alpharetta, GA and went to school at New Prospect Elementary.

FAVORITE TEACHER: My favorite elementary school teacher was my fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Pullen. I moved schools in fifth grade and remember her making me feel so welcome and loved in her classroom. She was the teacher that made me fall in love with reading and see how fun reading could be.

FUN FACT: I think people would be surprised to know that I love big dogs. I have a 115 pound Newfoundland named Phoebe.

FUNNY CLASS COMMENTS: I asked my students if anyone knew who Sacagawea was and one girl replied "Yes! That's my favorite kind of pasta!"

MS. KEIDRA STITT >Third Year Teacher at Parkside



HOMETOWN: I grew up in the Atlanta area and attended F.L. Stanton elementary school in our very own Atlanta Public School District.

FAVORITE TEACHER: Ms. Simmons was my favorite elementary school teacher because she was funny and made learning fun and engaging.

FUN FACT: I am a sports fanatic and I love football. I love to travel!

WISH FOR STUDENTS: I hope students remember to always try their best and they can do anything they put their minds to!

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