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The Parkside PTA Newsletter

October 2018

NEWS & EVENTS

10/20/18: Don't miss our 2nd annual "**Commit to King**" **Fall Festival** this Saturday, October 20, from 10am to 2pm. This **FREE** community event will be held at King Middle School, 545 Hill St. SE., where we'll join families from the other five King feeder elementary schools. **We can't do it without volunteers, so please consider working a shift around your family's fun time.** Sign up at: tinyurl.com/2018CTK. See you there!

10/21/18: Garden Workday (see below)

11/1/18: PTA Meeting and Chili Night — always the tastiest PTA meeting of the year! Childcare will be provided, and there will be a sign-up to bring chili, cornbread, and other fixings.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Garden & Wellness

Morning yoga has returned! On Wednesday mornings from 7:30-7:45 am in the gym, all students can participate in free lessons led by certified child yoga instructor Lucy Curtis. Yoga encourages focused breathing, self-calming and mindfulness. **The Wylde Center** also returns to Parkside this month, providing engaging garden-based education for 3rd through 5th graders. The last official **garden workday** of 2018 is Sunday, October 21, 9:30-11:30am. All volunteers are welcome! We'll be finishing work on the garden room, filling the new raised beds with soil, and more. We provide tools, gloves and activities for the kids. Come on out and get involved! Thank you to our volunteers who created **fall decorations** using mini native corn cobs harvested from plants the 5th graders planted in our garden last year. They look great!

On Facebook?
Search for our
parents group,
"Parkside Elementary
Parents," where you can
ask and answer questions,
share experiences and
engage with other
parents.



Fundraising

If you love the idea of turning your child's art into a keepsake, then our **Square 1 Art fundraiser** is for you. Choose from dozens of items, from coffee mugs to garden flags to jewelry, to customize with your child's artwork. They make a perfect keepsake and gift for family members. Items will arrive in time for the holidays — and help raise funds for our school! Look for order forms in the Green Folders on Thursday, October 25.

GO TEAM UPDATE

The Go Team met on Thursday, September 20. They voted to elect three new members: parent representative Katie Howard, staff representative Jennifer Fassinger, and community representative Barath Parthasarathy. Officers were elected as well, and the team voted to alter the meeting schedule to make it easier for more parents to attend meetings. New meeting times will alternate between 3:15pm and 5:00pm. Principal Foster gave a “State of the School” report and the members discussed their individual motivations for joining the Go Team and their goals for this year. The Go Team’s next meeting will take place **TODAY** at 5:00pm, and everyone from our school community is always welcome to attend.

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