



Park Elementary News

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*Celebrating lifelong learning and building a school community
that encourages learning, respect and communication.*

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Important Dates

October 8-12—
Homecoming Week

October 10—Walk/Bike
to School Day

October 16—Flu Shot
Clinic @ Park

October 16-17—Fall
Conferences

October 17-19— No
School due to MEA Break

October 24—Release
Time Begins

October 24—Fundraiser
Pick-Up

October 26—Reading
Celebration Day

November 7—2 Hour
Late Start

November 8—PTO Bingo/
Title 1 Night

Important Reminders

From the Park Elementary Office

If there is a change in plans for your student (getting picked up early for an appointment, change of transportation plans), **please send a note with your student.** Without a note, teachers are expected to send a child on the bus as usual. If you are needing your student to ride a different bus, provide an address of where they need to be dropped off. Have questions about what stop that would be? Call the bus company, Hutchinson Bus Lines, at 320-234-0888 for assistance. In addition, we ask you to keep us informed if you change your address or contact information. Thank you for your cooperation.

Grant Given for Giving Project

Courtesy of Shopko Foundation

In the middle of September, the fourth grade teachers, along with one of our counselors, Mrs. Huepenbecker, were the happy recipients of a grant, bestowed by Shopko Foundation's Community Charitable Grant program. Tony Bentz, the local Shopko Manager came to deliver the check. Our school was awarded \$1,000, which will help fund the annual 4th Grade Giving Project. Each year, all fourth grade students help select and purchase (through donated monies), holiday gifts for individual/families in need. Without the generosity of the Shopko Foundation, this project would not be possible. Thank you!



Pictured above, from left to right:
Mrs. Huepenbecker, Mr. Olberg,
Mrs. Heidebrink, Mrs. Hartman, Mrs. Hoag,
Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Withers, Mrs. Thode, Mrs.
Weisenberger, Mrs. Kegley and Tony Bentz.

PTO

Be in the Know



PTO is well underway for the 2018-2019 school year. Thanks to those parents/guardians who attended the first couple meetings. We hold our monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month, alternating between Park Elementary's Library and West Elementary's library, beginning at 3:45 PM. The upcoming meeting will be in the Park Elementary Library on Monday, November 5.

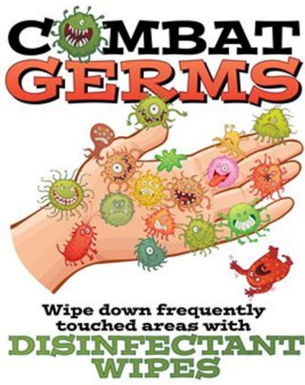
Thank you to those who purchased and/or sold items for the Cherrydale Fundraiser. Items will be available for pick-up, after school on Wednesday, October 24. Exact times are to be determined. More information will be forthcoming in the coming weeks.

It is with great excitement that we announce the date for the first PTO Family Fun Night of the school year! On November 8, from 6:00-7:00 PM, we will be doing a fall favorite—BINGO! Look for more information on this family event very soon!

Notes from the Health Office

Get Ready for Flu Season

Antonia Barrick, ISD 423 District Nurse



Start with Prevention/ Get your Family Flu Shots

A flu shot clinic is taking place on October 16th and 17th at Hutchinson Public Schools (in conjunction with conferences). Dates and locations are as follows:

- Tuesday, 10/16: Park Elementary and Middle School from 4:00-7:00 PM
- Wednesday, 10/17: High School from 7:30-9:30 AM and West Elementary from 10:30 AM-2:00 PM

Here are some important things to keep in mind about the flu:

- Flu season runs from October through May in the United States; the highest cases typically occur from December through February.
- Younger children, especially those under five, are at highest risk of getting the flu due to their developing immune systems. While all family members should get a flu shot annually, it's especially important for children with chronic health conditions (asthma, diabetes, heart conditions, etc.) and family members of immunocompromised children to be vaccinated.

Recognizing Flu Symptoms:

- Fever of 100.⁰F or above
- Cough and/or sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Headache and/or body aches
- Chills
- Fatigue
- Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea (more common in children)

Treating the Flu

- Most adults and school-aged children will get better without needing medical treatment. If you are concerned, please consult your health care provider.

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- Keep the sick child/family member in a separate room, avoid contact with healthy family members, and designate one person as the caregiver. The caregiver should not be pregnant or someone with an immune disorder/chronic condition.
- Do NOT give aspirin to any child who might have the flu. Talk with your healthcare provider about which medicine they would advise for a fever/pain.
- Ensure plenty of rest and fluids, such as water, broths, sports drinks (per healthcare provider).
- Keep the student out of school/daycare until they have been fever-free for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medication.

Please seek medical care at once if any of these symptoms occur:

- Fast breathing or difficulty breathing
- Bluish skin or blue/purple lips
- Dehydration
- Severe or persistent vomiting
- Being confused or not waking up/interacting
- Flu symptoms that improve but then return with a fever and worse cough
- Pain or pressure in the abdomen/chest
- Seizures

Learn more at www.flu.gov

Other Important Health Notices

Cough drops **are not** allowed at Park Elementary. Cough drops and other cough suppressants (i.e. suckers, mints, etc.) are not recommended because they are considered a choking hazard. Research shows that drinking water or use of liquid cough medicine (that is administered in the health office) is just as effective in helping with coughs.

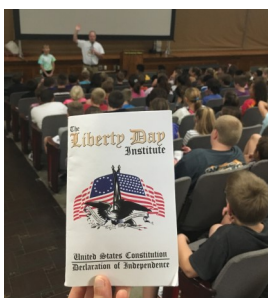
If your child needs medication of any kind, it must be brought to the health office by a parent/guardian (this includes cough medicine). Proper paperwork needs to be completed by the health staff. **Please do not send any medication in your child's backpack.**

School Lyceums and Department Updates

Constitution Day Recognized

Local Lions Sponsored Booklets

Fifth graders congregated for a short program to honor Constitution Day on Friday, September 14th. Students heard from members of the Lion's Club about our nation's most treasured document. At the conclusion of the program, students received a handheld copy of the U.S. Constitution. Thank you to the Lions Club for volunteering your time and sponsoring the informative booklets (pictured below)!



Department Spotlight

EL Department

Our English Language (EL) department services students who are identified as English Learners. English language learners are students whose native language is not English. They may come from a home in which no English is spoken to others that are exposed to multiple languages. As such, the department works on meeting the varying needs of our students to help improve their English proficiency. To assist our certified EL educator in the EL classes are Mrs. Sakamoto and Mrs. Johnson. Both serve as translators and educational assistants (pictured below). They are each in their fifth year of service at Park Elementary.



Fall Conferences

Online Signups Soon to Close

Fall conferences will be held on the following dates at Park Elementary:

- Tuesday, October 16, from 4:00-8:00 PM
- Wednesday, October 17, from 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Parents/guardians should have received an email with instructions on how to electronically reserve a conference time for your child/children. The deadline to signup online for conferences is 8:00 AM on Tuesday, October 9. Thereafter, teachers will assign time slots to those who missed the deadline. Don't delay! [Click here](#) to get started. Need assistance? Reach out to your child's teacher or call the Office at 587-2837.

Making Busses Safe

A School-Wide Program

Students at Park Elementary received bus training as their busses arrived during the first week of October. The goal of bus training is to promote a positive and peaceful environment on busses by decreasing inappropriate student behavior. A lesson was also given in the classroom. The goal is to create and sustain a safe and friendly atmosphere on busses. In addition, students also reviewed the procedure for evacuating the bus should an emergency make it necessary (pictured below).

As a regular segment of the Daily Announcements at our school, bus and pedestrian safety tips are shared with all students.



[In and Out of the Classroom]

Connecting our Generations

A Memorable Service Project

Third graders from Mrs. Padrnos' class had the wonderful opportunity to work with senior citizens who reside at Prince of Peace. They worked on crafting Homecoming Windsocks! It was an enriching experience for both our students and the Prince of Peace residents! Pictured below are some snapshots from the day's activity.



Studying Life Cycles

A Hands-On Lesson

Students in Room 117 enjoyed learning about the life cycle of monarch butterflies during the month of September. "Release Day" proved to be very exciting as they watched their butterflies fly away! Pictured below are some of the students holding the beautiful creatures, prior to releasing them.



Science Matters

Identifying Mystery Minerals

Fifth grade science students in Mr. Tillmann's, Mr. Bouta's, and Mrs. Kaminsky's science classes have been working in small groups performing five tests to determine various mystery minerals. The five tests are: Color, Luster, Streak, Hardness, and Cleavage test. Brief explanations of each test are as follows:

- Color test: evaluating the color to help identify the mineral; some minerals have more than one color whereas others can be colorless. This is why additional tests are performed.
- Luster test: observing how light shines off a mineral
- Streak test: testing the color streak of a mineral by rubbing the rock across a hard surface, such as a ceramic plate
- Hardness test: evaluating a mineral's resistance to being scratched
- Cleavage test: how a mineral splits along definite planes

Pictured below are students as they performed a couple of the different tests.





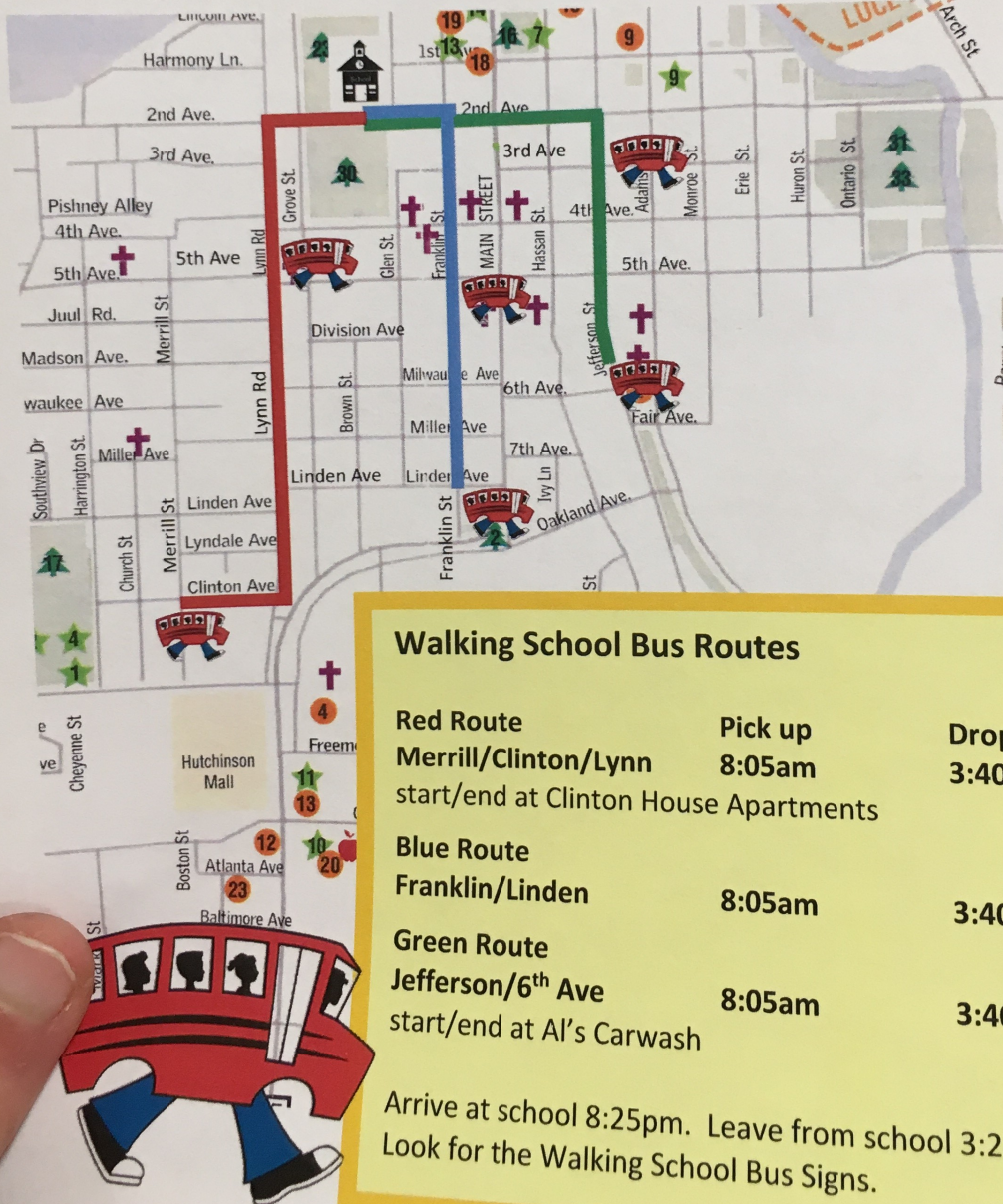
Save the Date!

Join in on the fun!! Come walk or bike to school with your classmates!

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

Park Elementary will host Mayor Forcier, Lieutenant Tom Gifferson, and Fire Chief Schumann leading groups of kids along walking routes for the event! Snack station will be available to walkers/bikers in the am.

Parent volunteers are needed from 7:50am-8:30am. Volunteer by contacting Candace at 320-484-4557 or choversten@hutchhealth.com



Walking School Bus Routes

Red Route	Pick up	Drop off
Merrill/Clinton/Lynn	8:05am	3:40pm
start/end at Clinton House Apartments		
Blue Route		
Franklin/Linden	8:05am	3:40pm
Green Route		
Jefferson/6 th Ave	8:05am	3:40pm
start/end at Al's Carwash		

Arrive at school 8:25pm. Leave from school 3:25pm.
Look for the Walking School Bus Signs.