



Park Elementary News

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Important Dates

November 4 —PTO Meeting at Park @ 3:45

November 5—Election Day

November 6—2 Hour Late Start

November 8—Picture Retakes

November 11—Veterans Day Program

November 18-22—American Education Week

November 22—Tiger Pride Day

November 26—Last Day of Trimester 1

November 27-29—Thanksgiving Break / No School



Birth - Grade 5

BOND REFERENDUM TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Vote at Hutchinson Recreation Center
900 Harrington St SW, Hutchinson

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DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!



Department Updates



Department Spotlight

Food Service

We are off to a GREAT start with the breakfast and lunch programs here at Park Elementary! Student participation has already increased from last year and we are seeing a steady incline.

Here in the kitchen we have seven employees that prepare and serve two healthy and tasty meals each day for the students and staff. We also have two cafeteria monitors that help maintain an orderly environment and ensure students are eating well.



Pictured: Stephanie Mielke, Andrea Bollingmo, Rachael Wright, Deb Stammer, Joanie Steibach. Subs: Bryce and Mark. Not pictured: Carol Hansen and Bonnie Kauffman

In addition to the staff, we have had a number of 5th grade students that have volunteered to help serve their classmates. We really enjoy having them help out.



Making a repeat appearance are the Tiger Lunch Kits: This particular one was a Pizza Lunch Kit, similar to a Pizza Lunchable. It included: 4 Flatbread Squares, A cup of Marinara Sauce, Shredded Mozzarella, Turkey Pepperoni, Kettle Chips, Applesauce Cup, and Sugar Snap Peas. The students showed great enthusiasm over the kits!



Reminders:

- Breakfast is free to all students at Park and is served from 8:15am until 8:45am.
- Visitors wishing to have lunch with students MUST purchase a lunch ticket from the office. We can not allow visitors to charge to the student accounts. Also, In order to sign in, you must bring your ID.
- Adult meal tickets are \$4.50 and child tickets are \$2.80.

PTO

BINGO Night

PTO hosted Family Fun Night on October 22nd. Many students came to try their luck at BINGO, which was the first PTO Fun Night of the school year. Attendees had a great time playing rousing rounds of the game. Prior to the event, the Title 1 Intervention Specialists welcomed the BINGO players with ice cream, they distributed free books, and gave out information regarding the Title 1 program at our schools.



The next PTO meeting will be in the Park Elementary Library on Monday, November 4th at 3:45pm. Join us!



REMINDER:
Fifth grade full band rehearsal is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, December 4th.

Pictured Right:

The ELL department decorated an altar to celebrate el Dia de los Muertos. This is done to honor the life of the love ones that have passed on. They do this by cooking their favorite meals during the time they were alive.



Department Updates

American Education Week

November 18-22

MONDAY: High 5 a staff member

TUESDAY: Dress up like a staff member

WEDNESDAY: Write a note to a staff member

THURSDAY: THANK a staff member

FRIDAY: Spirit Day - wear black and gold!

Project Bookshelf

A Donation Opportunity

Are books on your children's holiday wish list? There is a group of children wishing to receive a book as a gift, but whose family cannot afford to give them one. Would you



consider donating a new, unwrapped book to be distributed by the McLeod County Social Services? Book donations may be dropped off in the chimney-decorated box in the Park Elementary Library November 4-December 6th.

If you prefer, monetary donations to purchase books are also welcome and should be sent to: Friends of the Library, c/o Hutchinson Public Library, 50 Hassan Street SE, Hutchinson. Thank you!

PTO CHECKS FOR CHILDREN GOAL THERMOMETER

\$20,000
\$17,000
\$14,000
\$11,000
\$8,000
\$5,000
\$2,000
(\$1,000)

\$20,000:
STAFF
CHALLENGE!

\$12,500:



\$5,000:



\$2,977

Checks for Children Fundraiser

Please help us reach our goal of \$20,000 which is about \$25 per student. Send a check, payable to Hutchinson PTO, or donate through our GoFundMe page.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/park-pto-checks-for-children-fundraiser>

See the diagram for the student incentives for meeting certain goals.

Thank you for supporting your PTO!

Fall is in the Air

Fire Safety Day

Leaving a Lifelong Impression with Students

Members of the Hutchinson Fire Department visited with second graders in October to discuss the importance of fire safety education. Students had the opportunity to examine the gear that firefighters wear, practiced exit drills during a smoke simulation, and saw new heights while riding in one of the fire truck buckets. Thank you, Hutchinson Firefighters, for your time and providing this invaluable experience!



Hands-On Learning

5th Grade



Autumnal Activities



Homecoming Tiger Pride



Autumn Wonderland

A special Phy-Ed Activity



Walk/Bike To School Day Power Up!



Farm Safety Field Trip



4th Grade



Proud Moments

Second Step Presentation

Three Park Elementary students volunteered their time to present to the School Board. They highlighted our social-emotional program called *Second Step*. Great Job, Desta Woube, Charlie Wasek, and Maricela Alvarado.



The Tiger Fund: Grants Awarded

Supporting Innovative Ideas in the Classroom



Park Elementary is proud to claim several grants from the ISD 423 Foundation. Recipients were honored at Homecoming, and were called out onto the field at half time.

Here are some of the 2019 recipients:

- \$1,000 grant for STEM Bins
- \$970 grant for 4th grade teachers for extended reading book boxes.
- \$102 grant for the Special Education Department’s wooden barn quilt project.
- \$510 grant for 2nd grade STEAM bins

To read more about these grants: [click here](#).



CARES Celebration

Good Job, 5th Graders, for demonstrating “CARES”



[Kindness]

At conferences, we displayed our Kindness mural, reminding everyone to *Be the "I" in Kind*. We hope you took a moment for a fun photo! See the photo submissions below.

Also, Park Elementary will be spreading kindness in our #makeKINDNESSloud campaign. We are encouraging ALL students and staff to recognize the amazing potential they have to impact our school and our community through simple, yet powerful acts of kindness.

