



Park Elementary News

ISD 423

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

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Important Dates

December 20—Holiday
Sing-a-Long @ 2:15

December 23-Jan 1—No
School, Winter Break

January 2—Students Re-
turn back to school

January 6—PTO Meeting,
3:45, Park Elementary

January 9—PTO Skating
Night

January 20—No School
for Students (MLK Jr. Day)

February 13—No School,
Evening Conferences

February 14—No School,
Conferences

February 17—No School
President's Day



Inclement Weather Notification

From the Park Elementary Office

Now that winter weather has arrived, it is a good time to review what your child should do in case of a school closing, early dismissal, or late start. The directive to close or delay school comes from the office of the Superintendent. Official announcements are listed on the school's website (www.isd423.org) along with the following radio or TV stations: KDUZ 1260 AM, KARP 106.7 FM, or WCCO 830, KARE 11, WCCO 4, KMSP FOX 9 and KSTP 5. In addition, a Campus Messenger is sent to each parent/guardian's email address, notifying them of a school closure. Please follow us on Twitter: **@parkelem**.



Cell Phones/Smartwatches

Reminder

The use of cell phones, smartwatches, or other electronic devices are not permitted during the school day unless approved by the classroom teacher. They are also not to be used at recess. If students are using these devices in view of an adult, they will be instructed to return the item to their backpack or asked to turn in the device to a staff member until the end of the school day.

Walking with a Purpose

Food Shelf Donations

The Phy-Ed department hosted its annual "Walk for Hunger" food shelf drive December 12th and 13th during students' physical education classes. The students walked laps throughout the building; combining wellness and creating awareness for community service. All food shelf donations were delivered to the McLeod County Food Shelf, just in time for the holidays! This year, our students collected 1,524 pounds of food! Thanks to all who donated!



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TigerBots Lego League

Article in the Hutch Leader

Members of the Park Elementary TigerBots Lego League team shared the progress they have made so far this year on the robot they designed, built and programmed. The team showed their fellow students their creation. [Click here](#) for the full article.



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Hospice Trees

Throughout the month of December, parents/guardians had an opportunity to support the local hospice chapter. We constructed our own paper trees of lights in the hallways of Park Elementary. Each bulb is "lit" with a \$2 donation that goes directly into the hospice fund of the Allina Health Hospice Foundation. Hospice provides free services to area residents with terminal illnesses.



The main hallway has become adorned with paper trees!

Gathering Thanksgiving Goods

Numerous third grade students had the opportunity to collect Thanksgiving food items and monies for families in McLeod County. We were able to serve 45 families and 150 (or so) individuals with a thanksgiving meal! McLeod County Human Services helped with loading the donations. This collection was made along with the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Hutchinson, Crow River Cutters/Wild Turkey Federation, MCSS, and Lynn Hustler's 4-H. We hope to continue helping our community and collaborating together for years to come! Students were happy to help others in need this holiday season. Thank you to those who were able to donate items! Pictured below are a few images from the activity.



**We hope you had a
happy Thanksgiving!
~ Rachael**



Around the Building



Department Spotlight

Custodial/Maintenance Staff

Our Custodial department provides numerous services for all students and staff at Park Elementary. Whether it be addressing a maintenance request from staff, piecing equipment together, providing set-up for school and community events, or restocking supplies, our custodians are professionals dedicated to providing a clean and safe learning environment. The department prides themselves on maintaining our beautiful building.



Pictured: Anthony, Theresa, Dawn and Tony.

5th Graders Learning

Students are measuring mass with a pan balance



PTO

Movie Night



The students really enjoyed watching *James and the Giant Peach* at our last PTO Family Fun Night event. Pictured to left is a few Student Council members running the snack bar. Our next PTO meeting will be at the Park Elementary Library on January 6th at 3:45pm. Stay tuned for information regarding our next family fun night—Skating Night on January 9!

Lost and Needing to Be Found

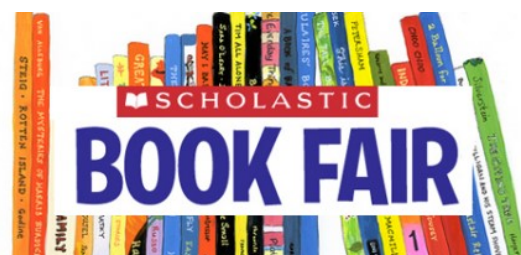


We have already collected a wide array of coats, sweatshirts, and other clothing items. With the arrival of winter, it's important that students have all of their winter gear. Please remind your child(ren) to comb through the racks of the Lost & Found to reclaim items. Thank you!

You're invited to Park Elementary's Book Fair!

When: During Winter Conferences, 2/13 and 2/14

Where: Park Elementary Foyer





Honoring our Veterans

A School Lyceum

Staff and students at Park Elementary showed their appreciation for veterans on November 11th with a moving program. It entailed speeches, music, and story-telling. Below are some pictures from the program.



Leaders in Training

Student Council Members are Chosen

Once a month, 32 fourth and fifth graders meet with the Assistant Principal, Mrs. Getzke, in their role as student council representatives. These students were selected by their classmates to help make decisions regarding Park Elementary and then report to their peers. In addition, each student is responsible for reporting to an assigned second or third grade classroom in order to keep them informed.



Our school appreciates the commitment that these leaders-in-training have demonstrated to our building! *Pictured above: Ruby Rostberg, President and Cooper Platisha, Vice President. Pictured Below: All Student Council members.*



Thank You, American Legion!



Safety Patrol Captains thanked our Legion for paying for the Legionville camp that they attended. What a wonderful experience!

American Education Week

Park Elementary Staff and Students Celebrated All Week (Nov. 18-22)

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Thank You Notes

American Education Week

November 18-22

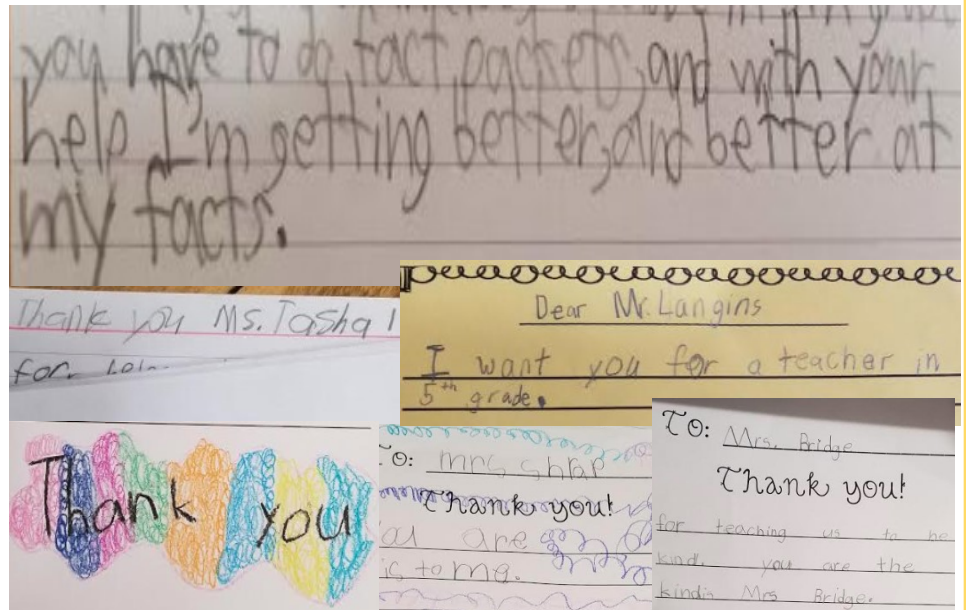
MONDAY: High 5 a staff member

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!



A Motivational Gift for Staff

Staff received "Keep Your Day" magnets, made by Daryl Lundin and the Tiger Manufacturing Class.



Pajama Day



Dress like a Staff Member Day



Building Happenings

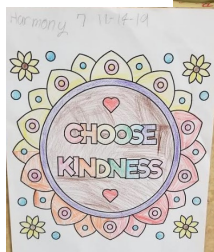
World Kindness Day

November 13th, 2019

Park Elementary staff and students celebrated World Kindness day on November 13th. Here's a few of the fun things we did to spread the kindness:

- Mrs. Mathews and Mrs. Thode's classes got together to make the "Sprinkle Kindness" posters that are displayed around the school. They had to write ideas of how to "Sprinkle Kindness."
- The Kitchen Staff wrote motivational messages on bananas (with food safe markers).
- Mrs. Bussler's class surprised their teachers from last year with cards, hugs, and smiles.
- Mrs. Hoag's class wrote letters to their 2nd grade park partners (Mrs's Olberg's class).
- Staff wore Kindness shirts.
- Classes took pictures in front of our Kindness mural

It was a great day!



Park Partners at Work

Breakout Box



Breakout Box with Park Partners

Mrs. Withers—4th grade

Mrs. Rude—3rd grade



Building Happenings

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In honor of winter's early arrival, some fourth graders penned poems and created a visual to go along with their words with the help of our Librarian, Mrs. Hanneman.



Winter

*Cold, wind, freezing ice,
Snow on Christmas Day,
Shivering, chattering, snowball fights
In the snow we play.*

*Sleet, hail, snowflakes fall,
Down on the ground they go,
Suddenly, NO! gone is the snow,
And how I miss it so.*

By Jaclyn



Christmas Fun

*Stockings filled with a toy
the kids play with joy.
We play in the snow
and boy it's so cold!*

*Christmas flies by so fast
I hope this year will last.
Last year was good, this
year was better, hopefully
next year is the best ever.*

By Annabelle and Lexi



Christmas

*What a joy to think of a toy!
Especially on Christmas Eve!*

*Think of the joy when you were young
with all the Christmas memories.*

*I was always joyously joyful
with a fun toy in my hands
I wish it was Christmas Day
for the whole entire year!*

By Lily



Cold Winter Day

*Swirling snow outside the window
I'm going to play outside...
Getting too cold for it
time to go inside.*

*Time for that hot chocolate,
I barely blow it just so
I blow it too hard
and now it feels like snow.*

*Snow flakes are falling
I watch them from the house.
Then, I feel cozy
it is as silent as a mouse.*

By Weston