



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

February 3—2 Hour late start

February 11—No School, Evening Conferences

February 12—No School, Conferences

February 15—No School (President's Day)

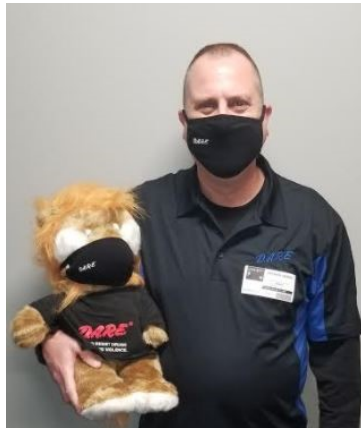
March 5—No School, Teacher Work Day

March 8-12—No School Spring Break

March 15—Tri 3 Starts



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D.A.R.E. is Back!

With Officer Pat Geiken

Thanks to Officer Pat Geiken and Hutchinson Police Department, Park Elementary is able to offer D.A.R.E. to 3rd and 5th grade students once again! Thank you, Officer Pat, for the positive impact you continue to make at Park Elementary!



Having a "Plan B"

Early School Dismissal Information

Minnesota weather can be unpredictable, especially during the winter months. It's important to have a "Plan B" in place so that you and your child(ren) know what to do if school is dismissed early due to the weather. It is recommended to outline what your child should do (go to daycare or have alternative transportation in place). Please keep in mind that this year, the bus company cannot accommodate bus switches/bus passes. An excellent place to record your plan is in your child's homework planner or taped to your child's take-home folder.

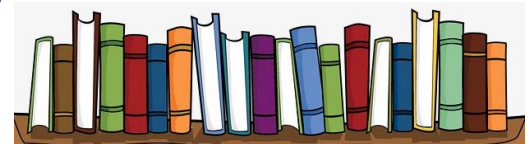
[Click here](#) for more information.



Park Elementary conferences are

February 11th & 12th!

[Click here to sign up.](#)



Tiger Teamwork

The Library Team



Over 15,000 books, audiobooks, and magazines can be found at the Park Elementary Library! On an average week, approximately 2,500 items are checked-out! Mrs. Deal and Mrs. Fairbanks are the two educational assistants that happily help students and staff with material circulation. On a weekly basis, they assist all 820 students find reading materials that are suitable, challenging, and engaging.

When asked what book they'd recommend to our students, Mrs. Fairbanks responded with, "For Mystery lovers, try *Ali Cross* by James Patterson. Realistic fiction fans should check out *Restart* by Gordan Korman and if you are into Fantasy but love a twist of Mystery...try the *Winterhouse* series by Ben Guterson!

Mrs. Deal suggests, "My newest Realistic genre recommendation is *Mustaches for Maddie* by Chad Morris and Shelly Brown. From our Animal genre, any of the 7 titles from *A Dog's Purpose* Puppy Tale series by W. Bruce Cameron, would make a great read!"

{ Around the Building }



Ms. Card's students were told to find something yellow for their scavenger hunt during Morning Meeting.



Snowflakes with Ms. Starke

Students are working on summarizing in Room 24! We have done lots of practice with thinking about the order in which things happen. Some of the key words we've been focusing on include: first, second, third, then, next, now, and finally. We used these keywords and step by step by directions to make these awesome snowflakes!



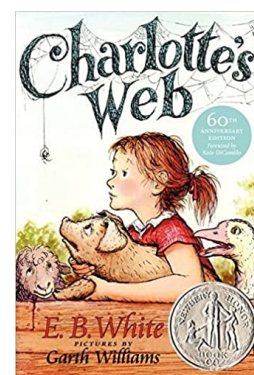
Hands On Learning

5th grade science students have been learning about Isaac Newton's three laws of motion and concluded their unit with two station days.

They threw darts ("A body in motion stays in motion unless acted upon by an outside force"), raced cars ("Force = Mass x Acceleration"), bounced balls ("Every action has an equal but opposite reaction"), and more.



Charlotte's Web



Mrs. Padrnos' class read *Charlotte's Web* during distance learning. When the students returned to In Person learning, they watched the movie as a class and had pajama day!



Specialist Spotlight

Phy-Ed

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**Mrs. Hahn &
Mrs. Juergensen**

A typical day in the Physical Education class begins with a fitness warm-up activity. These activities vary from cardiovascular, muscular strength/endurance, and flexibility. The purpose of these activities is to increase the students' awareness and level of fitness. After the warm-up, students have a lesson that focuses on the skills that will help them to be successful in the games in a unit. The students will then participate in an age-appropriate game using the skills practiced in that lesson.

Units Covered so far this year:

- Soccer
- Football
- Fitness Testing
- PACER, Trunk Lift, Push-ups & Curl-ups
- Bowling
- Volleyball

Distance Learning Lessons:

- Trick Shots
- Games from Around the World
- Limbo, Five Batu, Lane Chicken & Ulu Maika
- Flexibility, Strength and Cardiovascular Endurance
- Center of Gravity, Body Balances & Stretches
- Backpack Workout
- Winter Wonderland Exercises

Upcoming Units:

- Basketball
- Table Tennis
- Jump Rope/Jumping Stations
- Hockey
- Tennis
- Components of Fitness
- Juggling
- Fitness Testing
- Kickball/Softball
- Recreational Games
- Track

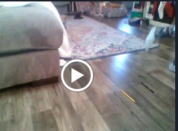
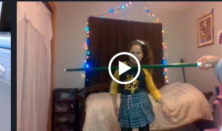


Students Enjoying Autumn Wonderland!

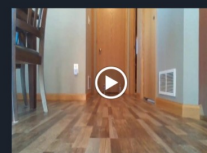
In December, students participated in Games From Around the World. Here are some highlights.



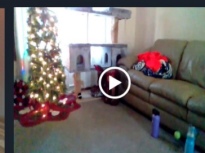
Limbo - Jamaica



Lane Chicken - China



Ulu Maika - Hawaii



Click on the slide above to be directed to some short videos.

Body Balance Pictures



Students sent in body balance pictures for our PE bulletin board.

