



Parkside Panther Periodical



Parkside Elementary School
February 2018

Principal's Message

February is here, and it is a fun-filled, exciting month here at Parkside Elementary School!

Our students have been hard at work completing mid-year assessments to check their understanding and movement through the core standards. We have some great areas of strength to celebrate, but also see where we need to maintain laser like focus in order to see the gains we hope to see at the end of the school year! Teachers are getting anxious for parent teacher conferences to share the growth of your students later this month.

During January, our school has underwent a Comprehensive Needs Assessment to help us make some critical decisions in planning for the upcoming school years. Thank you to all those parents who participated in our Parent Focus Groups, as well as students who provided our school with valuable feedback to help us make critical decisions. With your help, we can achieve greatness!

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Parent Teacher Conferences

Mark your calendars for Parent Teacher Conferences! Scheduling will be available on Wednesday February 7th.

Dates to Remember

- 2/8: Mobile Food Pantry
- 2/14: Happy Valentines Day!
- 2/16: Early Dismissal Day
- 2/16: Mid Year SMART Awards Assembly
- 2/19: No School
- 2/22-2/23: Lion King Jr. Musical, 7 PM
- 2/28-3/1: Parent Teacher Conferences
- 3/2: No School

Early Dismissal on February 16th

February 16th is an early dismissal day for all Murray School District students. Please note the following schedule for Parkside students that day:

AM KINDERGARTEN: No AM Kindergarten will be held on Friday February 16th.

PM KINDERGARTEN: PM Kindergarten students will come to school in the morning, beginning at 9 AM. School will be dismissed for PM kindergarten students at 10:30 AM. Please plan child care, and pick up from the school accordingly.

ALL OTHER STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED FROM SCHOOL AT 1 PM ON FEBRUARY 16TH. Teachers will be participating in professional development in the afternoon, and the main office will be closed at 1:30 PM. Please plan accordingly.

Mindful Moment



Parkside is on its way to being a Mindful School. Mindfulness helps students improve their ability to slow down, stop and think and make good decisions using their thinking brain, not their emotional brain. They learn about their brain, what happens in their brain during stress and moments of calm. Having the ability to be mindfully aware of themselves and others, the ability to calm down and focus has been shown to promote school success. Ask your kids about mindfulness or about their brain and join them in taking 3-5 minutes to deeply breathe while focusing all your attention to your breathing.