



PARKWAY MANOR PTO Newsletter

March 2023

PTO WELCOME

Our mission is to support the education of children at Parkway Manor by fostering relationships among the school, parents, caregivers, and teachers. We organize and support school events, fundraising efforts, and enrichment programs that enhance our children's educational, social, and developmental experiences.

Update from Mr. Bartman

March is a busy time for both the PTO and the school!

Wednesday 3/22: Kindergarten Registration event! Email nunns@parklandsd.net to register, then you will get a Sign-Up Genius for this event.

Last Day of School is Friday, June 9, 2023!

2023-24 Early Dismissals for K-5 will be at 11:45am.

Be aware of changes to the District calendar next year. PA requires Professional Development about 6-7x per year, which can take place on half-days. To help teachers and staff get to their PD location and maximize their time to learn, Early Dismissals for K-5 will be at 11:45am.

NEW! Fall 2023 Conferences week before Thanksgiving:

2023 Conferences offered only Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday after dismissal at 11:45am. That Monday is the day teachers will stay late for families that need evening meetings. NO Thursday or Friday conferences in fall 2023.

District has plans to streamline parent/teacher apps and software used to communicate. Ease, cyber security, and not disrupting teachers' previous lessons and files are priorities as they explore options.

Staff Representative, Ms. McDonnell

Parkway Manor collected **2,606 items, the most of any school, for the district-wide Food Drive**, even more than the high school! ... **SHOUT OUT** Mrs. Richenatcher's 4th grade class paired with Mrs. Bauder's Kindergarten class who won the Pasta Wars! Items were donated to Food Pantries at OMS, SMS, Parkland Cares and local food banks... We only had one day to gather, pack and unpack the items, and one person came to deliver them! It was a huge undertaking, but we did it! **NEXT YEAR WE NEED ULINE BOXES! Does anyone have a connection to ULine to donate same-size boxes for the spring 2024 food drive? Please let Mrs. McDonnell know!**

April is PSSA season: Testing on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday because of a shorter timeline this year.

PTO News & Updates

We sold 299 Phantoms Hockey Tickets! See you at the PPL Center this Friday, March 17. Game @ 7:05pm, tickets were sent to buyers via text message!

Purchasing Tents- Mr. Bartman and the PTO will each purchase one tent for outdoor school events.

PTO Scholarships for Graduating Seniors- Did you know the PTO offers scholarships to two seniors who went to PM? Applications, which are at PHS, are due for review later this month.



PTO sponsored the MAD SCIENCE Assembly for all K-5 students on March 9th. Ask your kid(s) about it! **THANKS PTO!**



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Board Treasurer Opportunity 2023-24! PTO is looking for a volunteer to shadow the current Treasurer and take over the Board position next school year. **Email** ptoparkwaymanor@gmail.com with your interest!

YEARBOOK

Yearbook Sales start very soon and go through April!
A paper order form will go home to every student.

Submit Your 2022-23 Photos by the end of March to help the Committee design each page! Questions should be directed to Michelle Lynn, PTO Yearbook Coordinator, mbusdesign@yahoo.com.

Yearbooks are not sold for profit, students who order pay the direct cost of printing.

EASY Upcoming Fundraisers!

Dine & Donate

Visit **YoFresh after the Science Fair 3/29** and part of your purchase will be donated back to Parkway Manor. There will be a flier to show when your purchase coming soon!

Enjoy Menchie's after the spring 5th Grade Concert 4/20 which is offering the same generous Dine & Donate program! There will be a flier to show when you purchase coming soon.

ALL THINGS SCIENCE FAIR!

Did you know this is a 28-year tradition at Parkway Manor?!



**MARCH 29TH
5:30-7:00**

FUN FOR ALL!

- ★ aScientific Scavenger Hunt for all attendees with prizes!
- ★ K - 5th grade projects displayed in Gym!
- ★ Food and drinks sold!

It Can't Happen Without Volunteers! [Sign-Up Genius](#) was sent on Tuesday 3/14. If you never gave us permission to email you, please do so at PTOparkwaymanor@gmail.com.

Donate a Family Raffle Basket to the Science Fair!

Contact Alyssa Elowich by Friday, March 24 to donate by emailing ptoparkwaymanor@gmail.com. Your basket can be labeled, "Donated by the Smith Family." Thanks in advance!

THANKS to this year's JUDGES who are members of our community & STEAM professionals from AirProducts, LVHN, PSD Education Foundation Board, Science Olympiad advisors & students, Parkland School Board, and NHS students at PHS!

***GOOD LUCK STUDENTS!!** Please review the [Sci. Fair packet](#) again for complete guidelines and event details!*



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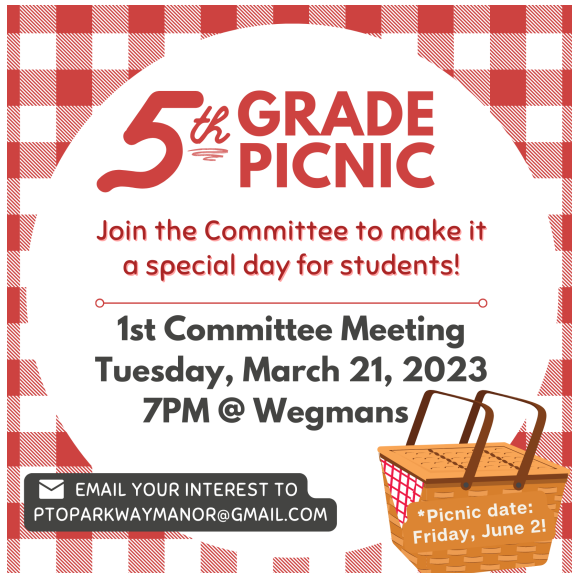
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UPCOMING EVENTS



Email PTOParkwayManor@gmail.com to help plan the **5th Grade Picnic** on Friday, June 2. First meeting 3/21 @ 7pm Wegmans



Spring Book Fair & Food Truck Night will be Wednesday, May 10 at 5:30PM. Plan to join us for dinner and dessert!



Outdoor Movie Night! SAVE THE DATE, Friday, April 28.

Movie will begin at sundown.



VIRTUAL PTO MEETING IN APRIL! This will be our last evening Zoom meeting for the year. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend both 9AM and 7PM meetings.



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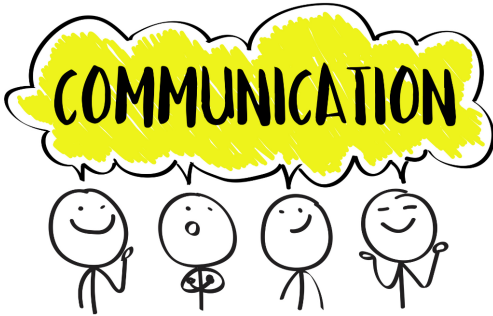
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Important Reminder About...



There is so much happening between now and June 9th! We work hard to help families keep it all straight.

If you've been feeling a bit out of the loop, focus your attention on these areas for PTO information:

1. **WEDNESDAY EMAILS:** Mr. Bartman and Susan Nunn generously include PTO announcements in the school's weekly emails, sent on Wednesdays. This protects your contact information with the school, and cuts down on PTO clutter in your inbox. **If nothing else, ALWAYS open those emails and every PDF inside!**
2. **Remind App:** Join @ParkwayManorPTO for occasional messages about monthly meetings or event deadlines. We do not email you directly, so opt in to what's going on with Remind.

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Get reminders + alerts on all things PTO by joining us on the **Remind** app!



3. **SOCIAL MEDIAL & EMAIL**

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Facebook [@Parkway Manor PTO](#)

Twitter [@ManorParkway](#)

Email PTOParkwayManor@gmail.com

4. **SIGN-UP GENIUS LIST:** Emails you will get from the PTO are through Sign-Up Genius, only if you give us permission by joining the list. **It is important to do so, as recruiting volunteers for activities/events is the #1 challenge to sustaining a PTO+family community that is as robust as ours!**

5. **CALL TO ACTION COMMITTEE:** As-needed, no commitment! PTO emails list ONLY IF & WHEN there is an immediate request for help. When a teacher, staff or PTO needs "all hands on deck" for last-minute or important tasks, an email goes out. If you are available to help for that task only, say yes. Otherwise, no action required! Tasks are usually same-day and can be done in an hour! **Nearly all requests come to the PTO from a teacher with a big task & a short deadline, we help them connect with you!** Email us to get put on this list, PTOParkwayManor@gmail.com

6. **CALENDARS:** PTO Meetings and events are on the school's homepage calendar, AND nearly all are also the annual printed District calendar.

7. **PAPERS SENT HOME:** School-wide PTO related information and forms will almost always be printed out and sent home once with every student, with the school's permission. Hard copies are a great reminder for busy families!

Finally, the PTO Board puts together all our own communication. We are grateful to Mr. Bartman and the staff's partnership on sharing it with you!



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Everyday Ways to Support Our School

Shop at Weis Markets and earn points for Parkway Manor. Use the barcode on the last page to enroll.



Amazon Smiles is no longer! Thank you for your past contributions through Amazon's giving program.



REMEMBER Volunteers must first have their clearances submitted. To view requirements, [click here](#).

Next PTO Meetings:
Wednesday, April 12, 2023
@ 9AM in Cafeteria
AND
@ 7PM Virtual on Zoom

March

- 17th** LV Phantoms Hockey Night @ 7:05pm
- 18th** Community Resource Fair, Health Symposium & New Parent Social | 9AM-12PM @ PHS
- 21st** 5th Grade Picnic Committee | 7PM Wegmans
- 22nd** Kindergarten Registration Event
- 29th** Science Fair *volunteers
- 29th** Dine & Donate @ Menchies after Fair
- 31st** Third Marking Period Ends

April

- 6th-10th** CLOSED Spring Holiday
- 12th** PTO Meeting 9AM Cafeteria & 7PM Virtual on Zoom
- 14th** Report Cards in HAC
- 20th** Elem Chorale Concert @ 7PM
- 20th** Dine & Donate @ Menchies after concert
- 24, 25, 26, 28th** PSSA 3rd-8th Grades
- 28th** Early Dismissal 1:45PM
- 28th** Outdoor Movie Night *volunteers

May

- 1-5th** PSSA 3rd-8th Grades
- 5th** District Band & Strings Concert (5th GR) | 7PM @ PHS
- 7th** Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week begins
- 8-12th** Book Fair *volunteers
- 10th** School Nurses Day
- 10th** PTO Meeting 9AM Cafeteria
- 10th** Book Fair & Food Trucks | 5:30PM *volunteers
- 17th** 4th Grade Band & Strings Concert
- 19th** Early Dismissal 1:45PM
- 25th** 5th Grade Chorus Concert | 7PM
- 29th** Holiday SCHOOL CLOSED



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