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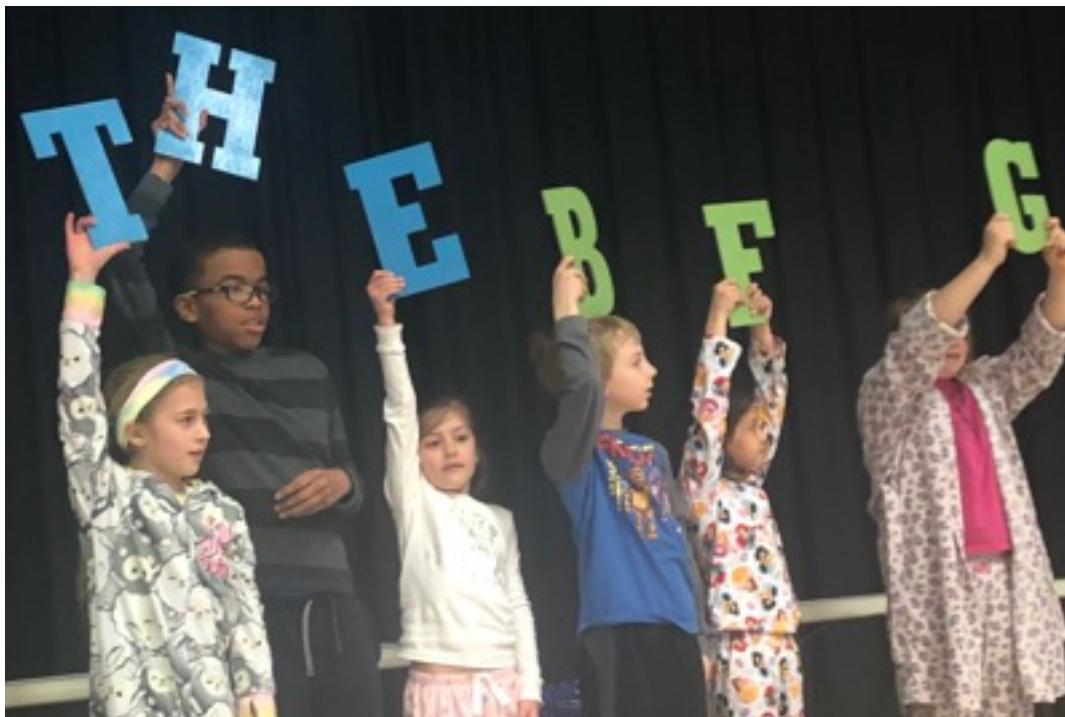


PLEASE WELCOME MRS. LEFF
LONG TERM SUB FOR OUR FIRST GRADE INCLUSION CLASS.

MORNING DROP OFF

Please remember to keep the line moving when dropping children off in the morning. Be sure students are ready to exit the vehicle, preferably from the passenger side, and walk toward Mrs. Crowe who will cross them safely.

PARKWAY PRINTS



Lessons We Learned From The BFG.

Thank you for reading along to the *The BFG*, our One School, One Book selection. This book is a favorite among all age groups and it's easy to see why! A big friendly giant befriends a orphaned "human bean" named Sophie and they embark on an unlikely friendship. Students and families came out in droves to watch The BFG film adaptation. It was a fun night filled with popcorn, candy, and cozy movie-watching set-ups.

A little nonsense now and then, is cherished by the wisest men.- Dahl

And more importantly, after both reading the book and watching the movie, I hope students walked away remembering some simple, but important lessons Roald Dahl wanted to teach us.

Don't be **biffsquiggled**. These lessons apply to every day life, too, especially life at Parkway!

1. **Bullying is Ugly.** The BFG was bullied by mean giants who were being unjust. At school, students can stand up to bullies and defend those who need defending.
2. **Give People a Chance.** The BFG looks very frightening, but when you look closely you realize he is not as scary as he seems. At school, students can try giving someone a chance despite what you've heard about them. Decide for yourself!
3. **Don't Let Fear Stop You.** In the book, many of the characters had fears. It's normal to feel fearful, but don't let that stop you from trying new things.

Books can be great sources of inspiration. I hope The BFG inspires our students to be upstanders who try new things and make new friendships.

As always, reach out if you need anything or have any questions.

- Mrs. Chang

Look what's happening around Parkway!



Our students had fun playing Minute to Win It (picture 1), they showed up to build on Maker Day (picture 2), and are busy petting furry animals at the Vets club (picture 3).

A Note From Our School Counselor, Mrs. Tisa...

It's That Time of the Year! Time for the NJSLA!

During the week of April 8th through April 15th your third or fourth grader will be taking the NJSLA. Please do your best to make sure your child attends school this week and arrives promptly.

Helping Your Child Prepare For the Test

The best thing you as a parent can do to help your child do his/her best on standardized tests is to provide positive support by expressing confidence in your child's ability to do their best. Let that be your expectation, as well. Children should know that test scores are important, but are not the measure of your love and acceptance of them.

On test days, try to provide a calm, stress-free environment each morning as your child gets ready for school. Get up in plenty of time to avoid morning rush and anxiety. Curtail nighttime extra-curricular activities and outings that may interfere with their regular bedtime routine.

Test-Taking Tips to Reinforce With Your Child

- Get plenty of rest each night.
- Eat a good breakfast.
- Have a positive attitude.
- Relax...don't fret.
- Try hard...do your best.
- Listen carefully and follow directions. Think before you answer.
- Read directions and questions carefully.
- Don't rush...work at middle speed.
- Check over your work when finished.
- Don't expect to know every answer.

Children's health experts warn that excessive use of digital devices and social media is harmful to children.

Our advice: Place healthy limits on use of devices and have children use their devices within your eyesight.

**School
Climate Student
Survey**

Parents of Kindergarten & First Grade Students:
Please complete the School Climate Survey with your child. There will be a link to the survey in next week's Parkway Press shared by the PTO. 2nd through 4th grade students will complete the survey in school.

Congrats to our Little Free Library Squad for a successful Maker Day!

Students and community volunteers built and painted 10 Free Little Libraries to be installed around the Mount Laurel community. There will be one at Parkway, too!



A Note From Our School Nurse, Mrs. Mazaleski....

The weather may be getting warmer but we're not out of the woods just yet! Spring illnesses are common and Parkway has had our fair share of visits to the nurse for a variety of symptoms. Please monitor closely for signs of illness. If your child has a fever, is vomiting, or is experiencing diarrhea or if your child has been diagnosed with a contagious illness, he/she should not come to school and should not return to school until 24 hours after symptoms subside. A good rule of thumb: Would I want a child with these symptoms sitting next to my child at school? If the answer is no, then it's probably a good idea to keep your child home.

As a reminder, below are the district's health policies:

Illness: Children must stay home for 24 hours after a fever > 100 (without the use of fever-reducing medicines) and for vomiting, diarrhea, pink eye or other contagious illness. Notify the school each morning of an absence. **Please leave the child's name and the type of illness your child is experiencing.** This information helps us to monitor trends at school and for the county.

Medication and health changes: Please notify the health office of any new medications or any health/medication changes. If your child will need to take ANY medication during school hours, please have your physician complete the required district medication permission form (click HERE for form – doctor and parent/guardian must sign) and bring the necessary medication to the Parkway Health office. For safety reasons, only parents/guardians are permitted to transport medication to school.

Staff Member Highlight

Ms. Christy Anyzek, one of our Grade 2 teachers, was featured in South Jersey Magazine as a “Top Teacher”. Ms. Anyzek more than deserves this recognition for the many ways she goes above and beyond for her students both in and out of the classroom. She maintains an engaging learning environment where students are excited to learn while their social and emotional needs are met. She often uses her free time before, during and after school to connect with students in ways that will help them reach their full potential. Ms. Anyzek is calm, present and reassuring. She does her job with both professionalism and humor. Parkway is lucky to have such a dedicated staff member.



Please join me in congratulating our very own South Jersey Magazine “Top Teacher”, Ms. Anyzek.

“Ms. Anyzek is a dynamic teacher that cares deeply and works hard to meet students’ individual, social, emotional, and academic needs. She strives to make sure every student has success.”

- Parkway Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Astacio

April Dates to Remember

- 1 – Circle of Giving Hat Day***
- 4 – 3rd Marking Period Ends***
- 8 – NJSLA Testing Begins***
- 9 – Flower Sale Begins***
- 12– PTO Mother/Son Event***
- 13- Dinner Night Out- Jersey Mike’s***
- 17- Report Cards Issued***
- 17- PTO Meeting at 7:00pm***
- 19-26- Schools Closed- Spring Break***

