**May 8, 2015**

**Happy educator’s appreciation week! Every staff member at Parkview is an educator as we all have meaningful interactions with students every day. This not only applies to teachers, but also counselors, para-professionals, lunch ladies, bus drivers, and everyone else. It is your positive interactions that allow Parkview students to enjoy school and become excited about learning**

**At Parkview we continuously seek to improve the way we educate kids. We introduce initiatives such as the Illinois Learning Standards implementation, incorporating technology into lessons, and the student growth model, with the purpose of improving instruction. While we can implement the best programs, they will fail without excellent educators facilitating them. Education is about people—not programs. It is each one of you who truly makes the difference.**

**I want to thank each one of you for all you do for the students at Parkview. Thank you for going out of your way to positively interact and connect with them. Thank you for setting high expectations as you help students reach their full potential. Thank you for making extra time for students before school, during lunch, and after school. Thank you for working so hard to keep students actively engaged. Thanks for being a great educator that I am lucky to work with daily.**

**Kudos & FYI**

**I really enjoyed the professional development presented by Parkview teachers last Friday. Carrie Foster, Josh Grys and Courtney Thatcher presented on different approaches to co-teaching and described some of the successes they have enjoyed in their own classrooms. Jeff Kluesner’s session focused on incorporating a hands on approach to science while utilizing the New Illinois Science Standards. I went back and forth between the two sessions and both were engaging and left me feeling excited about education. It is awesome that we have these teacher resources at Parkview.**

**Thanks to Mr. Aldridge for acting as the judge in Mr. Bradford’s 8th grade mock trial.**

**Mr. Liske does an awesome job keeping parents informed about what is going on in his class as he sends out multiple Remind 101 messages to parents daily.**

**Mrs. Ritchie’s students created their own “Bucket Lists” of things they want to do or accomplish and researched how they will complete the task. They will write about this using MLA format.**

**Thanks to Mrs. Wettstein & Mr. Liske for helping at the PACE Pizza Ranch fundraiser. The next PACE event is at McDonald’s on May 19. Thanks to PACE for providing Pizza Ranch Thursday.**

**Go by the gym after school and you’ll see a glimpse of Tuesday’s circus performance, *Another Dimension*. The show is at 6:30 and PACE will sell pizza, snow cones, cotton candy and glow sticks.**

**Monday’s Warrior Way lesson focuses on positive self-talk. This afternoon is a reward for students continuously demonstrating the Warrior Way. Thanks to Paul Nettles for organizing this activity and to American Rental who donated the snow cone machine.**

**“Our job: Teach the students we have. Not the ones we would like to have. Not the ones we used to have. Those we have right now. All of them.” --K. Maxwell**

**Time is flying by as we only have 12 school days until 8th grade promotion. Happy weekend! –Brad**

***Student Focused—Results DRIVEN!***

***The PAST is THERE.***

***The FUTURE is HERE!***

**Tuesday, May 12: Drama-Circus Performance @ 6:30**

**Wednesday, May 13: Grade level team meetings: June 1st planning, possible scheduling and procedural changes for next year, 8th grade awards and speakers.**

**Thursday, May 14: “Another Dimension” encore performance for all students @ 12:50**

**Thursday, May 14: Rising Star Meeting 2:45-3:30 What is our improvement focus for next year?**

**Friday, May 15: 8th Grade Trip to Six Flags**

**Tuesday, May 19: BOE Meeting @ 6:00**

**Wednesday, May 20---Full teacher’s meeting from 2:45-3:15. WGTDD Chapter 17 Stephanie Boyle, “Great teachers keep standardized testing in perspective. They focus on the real issue of student learning.” WGTDD Chapter 18 Sarah Beal—“Great teachers care about their students. They understand that behaviors and beliefs are tied to emotion, and they understand the power of emotion to jump-start change.”**

**Wednesday, May 20—Scheduling Committee Meeting 3:15-3:45**

**Wednesday, May 20: Academic Awards @ 6:00**

**Thursday, May 21: Accelerated Reader Reward Field Trip to Planet X from 9:00 to 11:00**

**Friday, May 22: End of the 4th Grading Period—1:35 dismissal**

**Monday, May 25: Memorial Day—no school**

**Tuesday, May 26th: Spring Band Concert @ 6:00**

**Wednesday, May 27th: 8th grade promotion ceremony at East Peoria High School @ 6:30**

**Wednesday, May 27th: 5th grade field trip to Sommer Park (tentatively scheduled)**

**Wednesday, May 28th: 4th Grade visit Parkview**

**Wednesday, May 28th: 7th grade field trip to Wildlife Prairie Park**

**Friday, May 29th: Teacher’s Institute day. Full teacher’s meeting from 8:30 to 9:30. WGTDD Chapter #19 Katie Ritchie, “Clarify your core.”**

**Friday, May 29th: Luncheon at the China Village Buffet @ 12:00**

**Monday, June 1: Last day of school! Fun Day!**

**Tuesday, June 2: Parkview Somer-sault program begins**

**Thursday, June 16: Somer-sault program @ 6:00**

**Monday, August 3: Baseball tryouts**

**Monday, August 17: Teacher’s Institute Day**

**Wednesday, August 19: Awesome-ness begins**