**June 1, 2015**

**At the start of each school year, I ask that you each do your best interacting with students while keeping them meaningfully engaged. After that, I encourage you to do what is best for your professional career and your family. That being said, I am sad to see these people leaving:**

**Greg Liske--He has a brilliant math mind and his students enjoy his hands on approach to learning. In the two years he has been here, I don’t know if anyone has been more diligent about staying in contact with parents. Greg has accepted a position at Intrinsic School in Chicago.**

**Katie Ritchie--She had two interviews and received two job offers. When principals called checking references and asked what her greatest weakness was, my response was that she cares too much about her students--which is also her tremendous strength. After 4.5 years at Parkview, Katie has accepted a position in the LaSalle-Peru area as her husband has been promoted there.**

**Sarah Beal –While it is not official, Sarah is relocating to Florida. Sarah was hired the day before school started but came across like she’d been teaching for years. She has a great mind for science, her students love having her as their teacher, and her positive approach is infectious.**

**Ted Wanack—This is Ted’s 2nd retirement from Parkview. Ted is an awesome band teacher and we have been fortunate to have him with us. I fully expect him to return in 2 years.**

**Geri Dalton—Imagine trying to drive safely with 60 middle school kids in the back seat. Then imagine doing that every day since 1971. I hope Geri enjoys her well-deserved retirement.**

**Kudos & FYI**

**I am happy that we are able to offer students the opportunity to participate in the Blue Star Circus Summer Camp. Each day with this program, Emily Turner will conduct Reader’s Theater in order to help improve reading fluency. Kathy Harvey and Megan Rose will work with student’s social emotional skills as they implement parts of the *Why Try* program. Courtney Thatcher is teaching dance lessons while Jeff Kluesner & Paul Nettles will take turns teaching tumbling skills.**

**Following up on what I wrote about bullying last week, cyber-bullying stopped once students realized that what they wrote was proof against them. Instances of cyber-bullying have resurfaced via Snap Chat where you are only allowed to view a message once and it disappears.**

**Over the summer, Courtney Thatcher will take 9 hours of courses as she continues to pursue her Doctoral degree in Education Instruction.**

**I am looking forward to attending the IPA Conference with Jeff Kluesner in Lisle on June 11th as he presents to a group of administrators on “Incorporating Writing in Science.”**

**Along with Katie Ritchie, Julie Wettstein, and probably others, I’ll be attending the Tom Schwimmer’s seminar on Assessment at the East Peoria Holiday Inn on Friday, June 12th.**

**Thanks for an awesome year and I can’t wait to work with each one of you again in August. This summer I look forward to taking some time unplugging, reading, relaxing, reflecting, and recharging for another year. My favorite summer activity is reading by the pool so I’m excited to have new books by my two favorite authors Stephen Kingand Todd Whitaker. When I’m not at Parkview, I’ll spend a week at Lake Shelbyville, go to a Cardinal game, and enjoy Ayla and Nora. Please do not hesitate to call me at (309) 339-0113 if you need anything. Happy summer! –Brad**

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**Tuesday, June 2: Parkview Somer-sault program begins from 9:00 to 12:00 daily**

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

**Monday, August 3: Baseball tryouts**

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

**Tuesday, August 18: Teacher’s Institute Day**

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