**June 4, 2014**

**We have a lot to look forward to this upcoming 2014/15 school year. Kids are talking about how excited they are for the Somer-sault program that will help prepare them for next year’s circus/play. In the fall, teachers will complete a book study over Todd Whitaker’s, *What Great Teachers Do Differently: 17 Things That Matter Most.*  Our curriculum will be supplemented with lots of new non-fiction books. For Encore classes, we will take a project based approach. I am personally happy that we have all our staff in place. This allows us to plan and work towards improvement. I am lucky to be working with such a talented and dedicated group of individuals. This summer I hope you all take time to relax & reflect on what you love about working with kids.**

**While we have a lot to look forward to, unfortunately we are losing one staff member who is irreplaceable. Good luck to Bob Sorenson who is retiring from education for the 2nd time in his career. Bob started out as a teacher in 1964 at District 150 and quickly became a principal. Since his first retirement, for the past 14 years we have been fortunate to have Bob at Parkview. Bob is especially gifted at building a positive rapport with kids. Not to mention, he is one of the most likeable and endearing people I’ve ever met. Great teachers are great story tellers and no one tells a story better than Bob. Good luck to Bob and I hope he enjoys his leisure time. Please visit often!**

**Kudos and FYI**

**This 8th grade class had some of the most brilliant and talented individuals Parkview has ever seen. Thanks to all of you for your help in making it a successful promotion ceremony. Ms. Callahan created the slideshow played before the ceremony. Mr. Nettles organized the lay-out and practices. Before the ceremony, Ms. Foster, Mr. Grys, and Ms. Thatcher supervised the 8th grade. Mr. Bradford took care of the sound while Ms. Turner and Ms. Beal passed out programs created by Mrs. Pilkington. Not to mention the performance by Mr. Wanack and the Parkview band.**

**Doing walk throughs at LaSalle allowed me to see first-hand that we have a bright and hard working group of students entering 5th grade. This group visited with the 5th grade on Monday and joined us for lunch. The 5th grade students created hand-made brochures for each 4th grader.**

**Mr. Bradford’s 7th and 8th grade students were busy last week as they prepared for their mock trial. Thanks to Mr. Aldridge for joining the students to talk to them about the legal aspects of each case.**

**In conjunction with reading about the Titanic, Ms. Thatcher’s students went outside and measured out the length of the ship. Then they utilized the science lab to test the density of various items to determine if they will float. This was followed by a discussion about what they learned.**

**Be sure to check out the “Bullying Hurts” video that is on the Parkview web site. This video was created by Kathy Harvey’s anti-bullying club and features Parkview students.**

**“Books are the perfect entertainment: No commercials; no batteries; hours of enjoyment for each dollar spent.” --Stephen King**

**Thanks for another successful year and for all you do for the kids at Parkview! This summer I look forward to celebrating my 10 year wedding anniversary with Jen, spending time with Ayla & Nora, running, cycling, reading by the pool, going to Lake Shelbyville, and working towards the 2014/15 school year. Please do not hesitate to call or text me at (309) 339-0\*\*\*. Happy summer!!!! --Brad**

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**Upcoming Events**

**Thursday, June 5th: Teacher’s Institute Day and last teacher attendance day. District End of Year Luncheon at China Village from 12:00 to 1:30.**

**Monday, August 4: Baseball Tryouts from 10:00 to 11:30**

**Tuesday, August 5: Baseball tryouts from 10:00 to 11:30**

**Thursday, August 14: Teacher’s Institute Day**

**Friday, August 15: Teacher’s Institute Day**

**Monday, August 18: First Day of School! Full attendance Day**

**Monday, September 1: Labor Day—no school**

**Monday, October 13: Columbus Day—no school**

**Thursday, October 23: Parent teacher conferences—no school**

**Friday, October 24: Parent teacher conferences—no school**

**Tuesday, November 4: Teacher’s institute day—no school**

**Tuesday, November 11: Veteran’s Day—no school**

**Wednesday, November 26: Start of Thanksgiving break—no school**

**Friday, December 19: Last day before Christmas break**

**Mon day, January 5, 2015: Return from break**