**August 14, 2014**

**Welcome back! I hope all of you feel recharged and ready to tackle the upcoming school year. This is an exciting time to be in education with all the positive changes being made. This coming year marks the end of AYP, No Child Left Behind, and there is no more ISAT. With the PARCC assessment and the new Illinois learning standards, there is more of an emphasis on student critical thinking skills and doing an even better job of helping kids become college and career ready. With the constant infusion of technology in our world, kids are learning differently and workplace expectations are changing. As educators, it is important that we adapt to meet student needs.**

**Recently, Mr. Aldridge sent out an e-mail introducing a new theme, “The PAST is THERE. The FUTURE is HERE.” I want to reiterate what Mr. Aldridge said that the future is here right now and that this is going to be an awesome year**

**While we have positive changes, our main theme will continue to be “Student Focused—Results Driven!” Everything we do at Parkview centers on individual student success. Parkview students deserve the best and we will set high expectations for them. That is our #1 focus.**

**Kudos & FYI**

**At Parkview the floors are shining and the building looks great. Be sure to say “THANK YOU” to Wanda Aultman, Teresa Weaver, Lydia Thousand, Jason Thompson, and Pam Bohm. They spent their summer cleaning and painting Parkview and they take great pride in their work.**

**I am happy to welcome Steve Heubi to Parkview as he takes over the 5th & 6th grade English-Language Arts, Cross Categorical position. Steve comes to Parkview after teaching in Peoria.**

**Continuing professional development is key to growth and necessary for constant improvement. Congratulations to Courtney Thatcher who was accepted at Illinois State University to the Doctoral program in Teaching and Learning with an emphasis on literature.**

**Greg Liske is pursuing a degree in physics education. He plans to utilize this by combining science into his math lessons and taking more of a “hands-on” approach.**

**Congrats to the Warrior Way team who was recognized by PBIS Illinois as a silver level school.**

**As part of a district wide community service project, Tammy Conway and the Parkview Student Council will “Adopt a Troop” for a military group in Afghanistan this fall.**

**This Friday the PACE group is having a fundraiser at Taco Johns in Creve Coeur. If you eat at Taco Johns between 5:00 and 8:00, a portion of the proceeds will benefit PACE.**

**Good luck to Mr. Sea, Mr. Liske, & the Parkview baseball team at their first game on Saturday.**

**“I always thought the idea of education was to learn to think for yourself.” --Robin Williams**

**Again, we have a lot to look forward to and this is going to be an awesome year. I am proud to be part of such a dedicated and caring staff and I am proud to be your principal. --Brad**

***Student Focused—Results DRIVEN!***

***The PAST is THERE.***

***The FUTURE is HERE!***

**Upcoming Events**

**Thursday, August 14: Teacher in-service day—see schedule**

**Friday, August 15: Teacher in-service day—see schedule**

**Monday, August 18: First day of School! 1:35 dismissal all week**

**Monday, August 18: Baseball home vs. St. Joseph’s @ 4:15**

**Tuesday, August 19: Bus Evacuation Drill**

**Tuesday, August 19: BOE meeting @ 6:00**

**Wednesday, August 20: Grade level team meetings from 2:45-3:15**

**Thursday, August 21: Baseball home vs. Oak Grove @ 4:15**

**Tuesday, August 26: Student Council information meeting @ 2:45**

**Tuesday, August 26: Baseball home vs. Peoria Quest @ 4:15**

**Wednesday, August 27: Meet Your Teacher Night from 6:00 to 7:00**

**Thursday, August 28: Baseball home vs. Morton Union @ 4:15**

**Monday, September 1: No School—Labor Day weekend**

**Tuesday, September 2: Student Council speeches**

**Tuesday, September 2: GBB tryouts from 3:30-5:00**

**Wednesday, September 3: Teacher Collaboration Meetings 2:45-3:45**

**Wednesday, September 3: Baseball home vs. Mossville @ 4:15**

**Thursday, September 4: Baseball home vs. Georgetowne @ 4:15**

**Tuesday, September 9: Baseball home vs. Peoria Christian @ 4:15**

**Tuesday, September 16: Picture Day!**

**Tuesday, September16: BOE meeting at 6:00**

**Wednesday, September 17: mid-terms end**

**Wednesday, September 24: mid-terms go home**

**Tuesday, September 30: GBB home vs. Peoria Quest @ 5:00**

**Wednesday, October 1: Teacher collaboration meeting 2:45-3:45**

**Tuesday, October 7: GBB home vs. Edison @ 5:00**

**Friday, October 17: 1st grading period ends—1:35 dismissal**

**Monday March 9: PARCC Performance Based Assessment this week**

**Monday, March 16: PARCC Performance Based Assessment continues**

**Monday, April 27: PARCC End of Year Assessment this week**

**Monday, May 4: PARCC End of Year Assessment this week**