**August 22, 2014**

**Awesome first week! I have received nothing but positive feedback on what a terrific start to the school year it’s been. The great start is the result of having an absolutely terrific group of students. Not to mention, that with very little change in staffing, we were effectively able to plan and work to improve over the summer. On the first day of school, it was very helpful going through the *Warrior Way* stations and the circus performance was a lot of fun. It’s going to be an awesome year and I am lucky to be able to work with such a dynamic and dedicated group of educators.**

**Unfortunately, we are losing one valuable staff member. As of next Friday, after fifteen years at Parkview, Wanda Aultman will retire. I have always appreciated how meticulous Wanda is at keeping Parkview looking great. Wanda has the important task of opening up Parkview at 5:00 am and she has *never* called in sick the previous night. One time Wanda was trapped in the elevator for two hours. While most of us would have been having a nervous breakdown after such an ordeal, Wanda never once complained or even said much about it. In fact, after getting out, she insisted on getting right back to work. This illustrates what a strong and dedicated person she is. In her retirement, Wanda says that she has very few specific plans for her leisure time, other than going to the Riverplex with her husband. She also says that she will miss Parkview. I appreciate everything that Wanda has done at Parkview School for the past 15 years. Wanda, I hope you have a happy retirement and that you come back to visit.**

**Kudos & FYI**

**Getting everything organized for the first day of school is a huge undertaking. Thanks to Emily Turner for creating the individualized student schedules. Also, thank you to Amber Pilkington who volunteered at Parkview for five hours last Sunday entering these student schedules into Skyward.**

**Paul Nettles does a great job of planning and organizing all of the *Warrior Way* events and activities. He organized the behavior stations and recruited the student leaders to participate.**

**The ice bucket challenge this afternoon is in conjunction with the *Warrior Way*. It is nice that we are able to have fun with students while also raising money for a good cause. Next Monday’s *Warrior Way* lesson is titled, “Be There and Be Ready.” It emphasizes being on time.**

**I’ve already had parents praising how much they like *Remind 101*. *Remind 101* is an app being used by Ms. Starman, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Ritchie, Mr. Liske, and possibly others. *Remind 101* is effective at sending messages to students and parents. This could be homework reminders or anything going on in the classroom. It’s a safe and quick way to communicate instantly.**

**Recent graduate Shelby Brown was featured on a local news story in conjunction with the Center for the Prevention of Abuse. In the story, Shelby talks about the positive experience she had at Parkview while working with the HARTS program. It is rewarding to hear about the successes of former students. We are lucky to have Kathy Harvey working with HARTS groups again this year.**

**Meet Your Teacher Night is a good time for positive parent connections. In 6th, 7th, & 8th grade, parents will rotate through each of their child’s classes. Fifth grade will have a scavenger hunt.**

**“It matter not what someone is born, but what they grow to be.” –J.K. Rowling**

**With one of the coolest summers on record, I’ve lamented how little I’ve used my swimming pool. So I am one of the few people excited for a weekend with 95+ degree heat. Happy weekend! --Brad**

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**Upcoming Events**

**Monday, August 25: East Peoria Band assembly @ 11:00**

**Monday, August 25: Warrior Way Lesson—“Be there! Be Ready!”**

**Monday, August 25: Heat Schedule! 1:35 dismissal through Wednesday**

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

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

**Wednesday, August 27: Collaboration meeting from 1:45 to 2:45**

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

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

**Friday, August 29: Happy retirement Wanda!**

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

**Tuesday, September 2: Encore meeting from 2:45-3:15**

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

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

**Wednesday, September 3: MAP testing begins**

**Wednesday, September 3: Encore meeting from 2:45-3:15**

**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**