**August 29, 2014**

**I like to start out the year reminding everyone that this is my nineteenth year at Parkview. I do this because it is an accomplishment and I am proud to have been a part of this school for so many years. I view it as a privilege and an honor to be your principal. It is particularly rewarding this year with the news that we made AYP for a 2nd consecutive year. It is awesome that thanks to your influence and dedication, our students continue to demonstrate excellent growth in reading & math.**

**In the nineteen years I have been at Parkview, the educational landscape has changed significantly. Reflecting back, here are a few of the vast changes at Parkview between then and now:**

* **Parkview—there was no cafeteria up until 11 years ago. On hindsight, it is mind boggling that for so many years, students had to eat lunch on the stage.**
* **Technology—at Parkview I first taught Language Arts in room 203 (Mrs. Ritchie’s room). There were exactly two computers and one didn’t work. Now we have netbooks, Smart Boards, and the PARCC assessment forces us to utilize technology further. It is no longer about what information a student knows, but teaching effective problem solving skills.**
* **Discipline—then the discipline model was based on structure and discipline. Today, with the *Warrior Way,* we focus on teaching, re-teaching, and re-enforcing positive behaviors. It’s not about following rules, but the importance of being responsible, respectful, and safe.**
* **Curriculum—nineteen years ago there was more of a focus on “one size fits all,” regardless of individual ability. Today we strive to best meet the academic needs of each student.**

**Reflecting back, it’s amazing how much things have changed. Yet each of these changes significantly improved the way we educate students at Parkview. While this is likely the half-way point in my career, I am excited for continued future change and improvement.**

**Kudos & FYI**

**Happy Wanda Aultman day! I again want to wish her a happy retirement. Starting on Tuesday, Terry Weaver will become the day custodian and Bobby Stewart will work nights.**

**We had a great turn-out for Meet Your Teacher night and I received lots of positive feedback. The fifth grade scavenger hunt was a success and it was nice to be able to show off your classrooms with so many cool themes. The theme in Mrs. Clark’s class is “Your goals will take you places.” Mrs. Ritchie’s theme is, “Mrs. Ritchie’s Rocking Readers!” Mr. Liske has a baseball theme.**

**Mr. Heubi has been actively involved with publishing graphic and Science Fiction novels. He recently attended a conference where he met *Reading Rainbow’s* LeVar Burton. Thanks to him, there is an autographed photo addressed to Parkview hanging in the office.**

**“I love this community as I also grew up here! Thanks for being my partner in your child’s education! It was an awesome Meet Your Teacher night!” --Mrs. Boyle via the Remind App.**

**“I am doing accelerated Algebra. I think about ¾’s of the class asked me how to do it. I’ve already gotten to the point where the teacher won’t call on me because he knows I’m right!” --A recent Parkview graduate e-mailing Mr. Sea on how he is doing in his freshman math class.**

**Thanks for enduring the heat with a positive attitude. This weekend I’ll be at Manito’s Popcorn Festival. Have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend. --Brad**

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**Upcoming Events**

**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**

**Wednesday, September 3: GBB Tryouts 3:30-5:00**

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

**Monday, September 8: Mr. Jockisch at a conference—Mr. McCormick will be acting principal**

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

**Tuesday, September 9: PACE Meeting @ Parkview 6:00**

**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**