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Parkland Scene

Reminder Spring Break is March 21st through March 29th. Classes resume on March 30th.

IMPORTANT DATES:

3/20	End 3rd Quarter—Parkland Scene goes home
3/30	Classes Resume, Jazz Band, Builders Club, Parents Sports Meeting 6:00 p.m.
3/31	Pals Viking Choir, FVC Honors Choir rehearsal 3:30-5:30
4/1	Variety Show 7:00 p.m.
4/2	FVC Honors Choir @ Creekside
4/3	Report Cards, End 4th Exploratory Term, Class Photos, Dance
4/6	5th Exploratory Term begins, Track HOME vs. Johnsburg
4/7	6th Grade Honors Breakfast, Track @ Nippersink, PTO Meeting 6:30
4/8	7/8th Grade Honors Breakfast
4/9	8th Grade Individual Photos 7:35 a.m., 7th Grade Reward Trip
4/10	NO SCHOOL
4/14	Track @ Beardsley
4/15	Drama Play, Track @ Heinemann
4/16	EARLY RELEASE, FVC Band Festival @ Parkland
4/17	8th Grade Dinner Dance 6:00—8:30 p.m.
4/21	Track @ Bernotas
4/22	Chorus Concert 7:00 p.m.
4/23	5th Graders Visit, Track HOME vs. Creekside, Team Pictures, Band Concert 7:00 p.m.
4/24	Parkland Scene

The Parkland Academic/Art Fair is Tuesday, April 28th!

Please plan on attending this wonderful event with your child—see your child's artwork, academic accomplishments, the PTO Book Fair and Raffle, and listen to the band and chorus students perform!

The 8th grade graduation date has been set for Wednesday, May 27th at 7:00 p.m.

Eighth Grade Information:

April 17th – Dinner Dance 6-8:30 p.m., ***Tickets $10.00,*** **May 1st** – Flag Test, **May 21st** – Constitution Test; **May 22nd** – Great America Trip. **May 26th** – mandatory graduation practice; **May 27th** – mandatory graduation practice, picnic, graduation @ 7:00 p.m. Students will be given their graduation gowns on Thursday **5/21** during homerooms. Each student will receive 4 tickets on **5/26** during practice. Ribbons will be given to the students the night of graduation. Students are to arrive by 6:15 p.m. on graduation night and proceed to the Learning Center. Students should carry their gowns and not bring any personal items into the Learning Center; we also ask that parents do not accompany their child to the Learning Center. If you have any questions, please call 815-385-8810 and ask for Mrs. Clayton.

Reminders

The Parkland Scene is also available online at www.d15.org select Parkland School.

The **Parkland PTO Meeting Dates for 2008/2009** school year are as follows: 4/7, and 5/5.

BUS RIDERS – This is just a reminder that our **bus students must ride their assigned bus.** Please note: The office cannot switch buses. The school office does not handle transportation issues. If you have any concerns, call 815-385-6622.

The McHenry Public Library, hosted by the Friends of the McHenry Public Library, will be hosting a $4/Bag Book Sale!

When: Saturday March 14 and Sunday March 15

Time: Noon-4:00pm

Where: McHenry Public Library Warehouse, 809 Front St. (use north parking lot; go to rear of building)

$4 a bag—What a Bargain!

VIKINGS ARE GOING GREEN!

Please drop off your newspapers and magazines in our Green and Yellow Recycling Bin in the parking lot. Students may also bring your magazines & newspapers to homeroom. We earn **$** from your trash **plus** your homeroom may **win** the traveling Go Green Recycling Trophy! *Thanks for making a difference.* Congratulations to Mrs. Wick's homeroom for winning the Go Green Trophy for February with 63.5 inches!!

Did You Know…

As teens work on gaining independence, they want opportunities to assert their own identities and make their own decisions. Taken from "Navigating the Teen Years" brochure from the Office of National Drug Control Policy-National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign, it states that teens are craving respect for their ideas, opinions, and beliefs. Research shows that parents who respect their teen's individuality help prevent risk-taking and protect their kids against depression and other problems. On the other hand, when parents try to control their teen's beliefs or stifle their opinions, it can undermine confidence and lead to other emotional problems. Here's how to build respect in your relationship with your teen:

- Stay involved, but give your teen the privacy and space to be an individual.
- Encourage your teen to develop and express his or her own opinions and ideas.
- Don't be dismissive of your teen's beliefs if you don't agree with them. Instead, learn to engage your teen in a healthy debate.
- Make time to listen and be responsive to your teen's fears and concerns.
- When you have to criticize or discipline your teen, focus on the behavior, not on your teen. Don't call your teen names or use hurtful language.
- Don't belittle your teens' way of dressing or appearance or their taste in music or entertainment.

Appreciate and acknowledge your teen's unique interests, skills, and strengths.

Quote from FREEVIBE.COM, "Teens need their space but at the same time a parent should know what they're doing. If the kid feels like you do not trust him, he will not trust you. Period."

Spring Programs Free at McHenry Public Library Spring is right around the corner, so come out of hibernation and see what your library has to offer! We have Storytimes for toddlers through age 6, Dr. Seuss programs, gaming events, free movies, book discussion groups and specialty recurring programs like Girls & Guys Read, Go Fetch Science Club, Book Munchers and Reading Rainbow with a Scientific Twist. For Spring Break, we're showing "Pinocchio" and making puppets from 10 a.m. to noon on Tues. March 24, a drop-in craft all week where you can make a weather wheel, a MarioKart Wii Tournament on March 23 for ages 7-11, Also, bring the entire family to our Friends' group's $4-a-bag book sale the weekend of March 14 during regular library hours. It's in our warehouse and features books, movies, CDs and more. Proceeds help the Friends fund special library projects/programs. Then there's our annual Easter program on April 3 for ages 3-6 with pictures with the Easter Bunny. We also have Mother/Daughter programs scheduled, and a program with the McHenry Garden Club. Plus programs just for boys. For teens, there's a Twilight Movie Screening on March 22 at 1 p.m., a Wii Bowling Tournament on March 27 at 2 p.m. and a Poetry Palooza contest starting March 30. For more information on these events or to register, stop by at 809 N. Front St., call 815-385-0036 or go to www.mchenrylibrary.org.

ISAT Raffle Donors

The people at Parkland School express their thanks to the many donors in our community who gave us gifts for our ISAT raffle. The following businesses made our testing week focused, fun, and rewarding. Thank you to:

Baskin Robbins, Mr. Tom Blake, Cardinal Fitness, Chili's, Jimmy John's, Jewel

Kentucky Fried Chicken, Pizza Hut, Wendy's

Class and Team Notes:

6 White—ISAT's are now completed and we CRUSHED the ISAT!!! Mrs. Hiatt's social studies will be finishing Greece and moving on to Rome after spring break. Mrs. Hiatt's, language arts class is continuing to read Tuck Everlasting. Miss Miller's language arts classes are finishing a creative writing project. After spring break we will be looking more closely at poetry. In math, we are finishing our geometry unit. Ms. Santeler's science classes are finishing their rock and mineral unit. Ms. Santeler's math class will be exploring area and perimeter of various shapes after break. Miss Lamb's language arts class is doing literature circles. Miss Lamb's math class is finishing their geometry unit. Everyone enjoy your spring break and see you 4th quarter!!!

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There were some errors on the honor roll listing in the last Parkland Scene. We would like to congratulate the following:

Riley Rehberg was 3.0 Honor Roll

Jimmy Vogt was 4.0 Honor Roll

Our annual **Parkland Spring Book Fair** will be here soon. The book fair will open to students on April 21 and will conclude with Family Night April 28. We look forward to seeing you there! If you would like to volunteer and did not get a chance to sign up, please contact book fair chairperson Susan Burch at 815-344-5018 or susan@theburchs.com.

Attention: 6th & 7th grade parents please watch for the 2009/2010 registration to come home with your student's report cards.

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