



Henry Elementary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

How should we measure time? In Italy, during the seventeenth century, Galileo used a clock, which started at sundown and kept the hours from one to twenty-four. The advantage over the sundial was that it marked time through the dark hours and when it rained. It also sounded the hour for people to hear.

In contrast, the clock time in the book by J. K. Rowling, referred to people and where they were at a specific time (i.e., traveling home, at school learning, eating dinner, etc.). Perhaps that type of timekeeping would be more meaningful and more real.

At Henry, time is also measured by the good character seen, students' academic progress, and the stories or subtle happenings that show the growth of each child. It is time that reaches the heart:

At lunch, a student was quietly sitting by himself. All the other seats were taken at the other tables. Two students noticed. They picked up their lunches and joined him so he wouldn't feel left out.

A third-grade student shared that he had noticed that there were new students at our school. He asked if he could introduce himself to them and then help others get to know them. He knew what it felt like to be new.

A student approached a staff member and asked if she could show what the teacher wrote. She showed the recognition card that was posted on the wall. It reflected the 7 Habits of good character. The child said, "I didn't even know my teacher saw how I was working hard. I know I have matured this year. It's going to be a really good year!"

Good years, wonderful moments, caring and successes are what matters in a school and our world. Maybe it is time for a patent that really marks things that matter as we travel through life... Thanks for being at Henry and helping us "mark time."

In the best interest of your child.

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Dates to Remember:

September 20: Picture Day

*September 25: Late Start Day (11:05)



October 5: Book Fair Breakfast

October 7 - 11: Book Fair

October 7 & 10: Conferences

October 16: Flu Clinic

*October 18 & 21: No School/Fall Break

October 24: KDG Pumpkin Carving Night
(6 pm - 7 pm)

*October 30: Late Start (11:05)

October 31: Fall Parties

· KDG and 1st: 12:45 - 1:45

· 2nd - 5th: 2:15 - 3:15



DO YOU WANT HENRY OR PARKWAY NEWS NOW?

If you're on the go all the time, there are now many quick and easy options for connecting with Henry online!

Go to:

www.parkwayschools.net/news

--or--

www.parkwayschools.net/news/followus.cfm

to sign up for:

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Parkway Mobile App
- Video streaming of past and live Board of Education meetings
- Peachjar for all flyers on upcoming events

CELL PHONES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Students are not to use or have cell phones during school hours. If students bring them to school, they must be kept in the child's backpack, or they may be kept by the teacher and returned to the student at the end of the day.

There is a telephone in each classroom that can be used for emergencies.

EMERGENCY DISMISSAL

At some time during the school year it may become necessary for Parkway schools to have an early dismissal due to inclement weather conditions, or it may be necessary for only Henry School to be closed for the day or to have classes dismissed early due to some type of emergency. *You and your children are to develop a plan for these situations.* This is for the safety of your children.

- Parents should receive a recorded message in the case of a school closure or early dismissal.
- **When school is closed for the day or dismissed early, all after-school and evening activities are automatically canceled.** This will also include the Adventure Club.
- Please note that although school may be dismissed early, children may not arrive home early. Traffic tie-ups may prevent the buses from getting through their routes on time. Children may arrive home ahead of schedule or arrive home very late.
- **It is important that families have a plan and that children know exactly what to do when normal schedules are disrupted.**
- It is also important that children are dressed properly to guard against exposure to weather.



Congratulations Henry Elementary staff and students on our superior performance in earning the ENERGY STAR award! Buildings that earn EPA's ENERGY STAR AWARD use 35% less energy and generate 35% fewer greenhouse gas emissions than similar buildings across the nation.

VISITOR CHECK-IN SYSTEM

Who is visiting our schools?

We take our responsibility to keep students and staff safe seriously, which is why we must know who is in our school buildings during the school day.

In the interest of safety, Parkway's visitor check-in system is in all schools and buildings.

All parents, visitors, guests, contractors and volunteers will need to show photo identification when they check in at a school or building. Guests will receive a printed visitor badge with their name on it to wear while they are in a school during school hours. This also allows us to check visitors against the sex offender registry.

READER IN ME

On your mark, get set, READ!

Henry's reading recognition program, "**The Reader in Me**" is officially beginning its 23rd year!

All students received a detailed letter containing all the important information and dates, for the entire year, regarding **The Reader in Me Reading Recognition Program.**

Please review this information with your child and encourage your child to read **outside of school** every day. Don't forget to record those minutes and turn in their record sheets. Make sure your child's name is on their record sheet too!

Prizes earned for each grade level will be distributed every other Friday from (first day to turn in the record sheet to receive a prize is September 10, 2019), prize award day Friday, September 13, 2019 through (last day to turn in the record sheet to receive a prize is April 28, 2020), last prize award day Friday, May 1, 2020. All other dates are in the information packet that went home.

****Please keep the information packet that comes home. It has all the information for the entire year on it.**

This is an important program which helps instill a love of reading to students!

Thank You PTO

Thanks PTO for hosting the New Parent Welcome. It is a great way to help our new families feel comfortable and be part of our Henry community... and thanks to all the new parents who attended!

Henry Parents are the BEST! Thank you to all the parents who rode the bus on the first day of school. You helped make the kids feel more comfortable and secure!

The Scholastic Book Fair Is Coming Soon!

The Fall Book Fair supports the Henry School Library. It enables Henry to continue to add fantastic books and other items for students in all grades to enjoy. It will be held October 5th - October 11th.

*Students will do previews and make wish lists during the week of September 23rd. Look for wish lists and flyers sometime that week.

Schedule for Book Fair Week:

Saturday, October 5: During Book Fair Breakfast (8 to 11:30)

Monday, October 7: (4- 8) During Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, October 9: Student Shopping (12:30-4)

Thursday, October 10: (4-8) During Parent Teacher Conferences

Friday, October 11: (8:30-10) Last day to shop



Water bottle

library books

backpack

ruined library book

Many Henry library books are ruined every year by leaky water bottles in backpacks. Please help by reminding your child(ren) to not carry both on the inside of their backpacks. Please remember if a book does get ruined, it is the responsibility of the student/family to pay the replacement cost of the book.

Counselor's Corner

Welcome to the 2019/2020 school year! We are excited to be working together again as Henry's counseling team. We have enjoyed visiting classrooms to begin our guidance lessons. Our curriculum supports Henry's leadership/7 Habits theme. Please contact us if you have questions about our lessons or you may view our curriculum on Parkway's Online Curriculum Guide.

Our New Student lunch groups are underway for all new students in grades 1-5 . This is a great experience for new students to get to know each other and to become acclimated to Henry School.

We will offer additional small group experiences with a variety of topics ranging from but not limited to:

*** Friendship * Self - Esteem * Task Focus**

*** Coping Strategies for Stress**

Please know that here at Henry, we are not only invested in your child's academic success, but also in his or her personal growth and well-being. We care about each student and welcome you to call or email us with any questions, concerns or ideas you may have. Whether we are working with students in their classrooms, in small groups, or individually, our mission is the same: To nurture proactive problem solvers who are kind to themselves and others.

For KDG, 2nd, and 4th grades, please contact:

Mrs. Julie Herrmann
(314-415-6359)
jherrmann@parkwayschools.net

For 1st, 3rd, and 5th grades, please contact:

Mrs. Lauren Turner
(314-415-6358)
lturner@parkwayschools.net

*This semester, we have welcomed Meg Springer, school counseling intern from UMSL. She will be working with us Monday - Thursday until December helping to support the social, emotional and academic needs of students. Ms. Springer will be working with individuals, small groups and conducting classroom guidance lessons. We are so lucky to have her here this year!

NURSES NOTES

***The Flu Shot Clinic will be October 16**

***Hearing Screening will be October 23 for grades: KDG, 1st, 3rd, 5th, and new students in 2nd and 4th grades. You will only be notified if your child does NOT pass the hearing screening.**

***Vision Screening will be October 25 for grades: K, 3, 5 and new students in 1st, 2nd and 4th grades.**



More information to come...

PTO BOARD MEMBERS

2019 - 2020

The PTO executive board members are:

President:

Lisa Berdeaux-Webster

Interim President:

Kendi Cunningham

V.P. of Communication and Technology:

Amy Fox

V.P. of Fundraising:

Ryan Roth

V.P. of Community Activities:

Robyn Hayes

Katie Harris

Kristen Merriman

Secretary:

Michelle Swatzke

Treasurer:

Lisa Adams

We would also like to thank everyone who serves on all of the PTO committees. As a staff, we appreciate each of you for helping us and for giving your valuable time. The PTO's focus is to help parents learn what is happening in our school and support the education of each child. These caring volunteers are dedicated and have a huge impact on Henry.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

To ensure the safety of all students, we ask that you review the district discipline policy with your children. The policy can be found on the district website. Students are expected to be on their best behavior at the bus stop, on the bus, walking to and from school, and at school.

Please remember that no weapons, toy weapons, or scout knives are to be brought to school at any time.

Please review the discipline information which is sent to your home by the district. Safety is a priority in Parkway.

SCHOOL DRESS GUIDELINES

Children are encouraged to value neatness and cleanliness. Appropriate and comfortable clothing will help the students participate fully in all school activities. Children who are dressed inappropriately will be sent to the office and parents will be contacted.

- Children should not wear spaghetti straps, low cut shirts or tops, or those showing the midriff.
- Tight shorts or short shorts or other distracting clothing are also not permitted.
- Pants are to be worn on the waist and not slung low.
- Clothing advertising alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or logos and messages inappropriate for a school setting should not be worn.
- Tennis shoes and socks should be worn for physical education classes and for recess and playground activities. Flip-flops, open sandals, clogs, or high-heeled shoes should not be worn at school due to the nature of recess and PE activities.
- Outer clothing appropriate for the weather will be necessary since recess is outdoors whenever possible.
- Henry is an air-conditioned building.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance and punctuality are a **must** if a child is to gain the utmost from his/her educational experience. It establishes a lifelong pattern which is beneficial. We urge you to have your child attend school with as few absences and tardiness as possible.

If a student arrives at school after 9:05 a.m., a parent should accompany the child to the office.

A parent signature and reason for late arrival is required on the Student Sign-In Sheet.

Thank you for helping us take care of your children.

MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS

We ask that you make all after-school plans with your children before sending them to school. However, if you need to get a message to your child, or change the instructions for going home, ***please call the office before 3:00p.m.*** We will then have your child come to the office to pick up your important message.

RELEASING STUDENTS

It is sometimes necessary to release students for appointments and family emergencies.

A note explaining the reason and time for release should be signed by the parent and given to the classroom teacher.

Parents picking up children must come to the office and sign out their child.

For the safety of your child, students will be dismissed only through the office.

Teachers are instructed not to release students from the classroom or playground.

We can only release children to the parents/guardians listed on the ***Family Profile*** forms.

If someone who is not on the ***Family Profile List*** should need to pick up your child, you will need to contact the office **in advance and provide written permission.** They will then need to come into the office and show a valid photo ID (drivers license) so we can make sure the student is going with the person you sent to pick them up. They will also need to sign the student out.

NON-DISCRIMINATION/ ACCOMMODATION NOTICE

The Parkway School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, or disability in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs or activities. **If an otherwise qualified person with a disability needs accommodations to attend or participate in a school or District activity, please contact a staff member responsible for that event at least four (4) business days in advance.**

Questions, concerns, or requests for information/assistance can also be directed to the designated district coordinator for each applicable federal law.

ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

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The U.S. EPA Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) under the Federal Code of Regulations 40 CFR 763.93g(4) requires that building occupants be notified annually of the presence of asbestos in the building and the availability of the Asbestos Management Plan. A copy of the Management Plan is available for review in the school office or at the Parkway School District's Environmental Services Department located at 363 N. Woods Mill Road, Chesterfield, Missouri, 63017. The Management Plan identifies the types and locations of asbestos in the building, and identifies inspections, sampling data, and response actions taken by the District.

Questions regarding asbestos or the Management Plan can be directed to the principal, Dr. Lynn Pott, at 314-415-6350, or to Juliette Travous, Manager Environmental Services for Parkway School District, at 314-415-8294.