

Parkway Early Childhood

DECEMBER Family Newsletter



Preschool - Partners In Play - Screening
Parents As Teachers - Kids Morning Out - ECSE

This Month At Parkway Early Childhood:

- **Tues, Dec 5:** PAT Songs, Stories & Sillies 6:00-7pm (Evening Group Connection)
- **Wed, Dec 6:** Fundraiser order pick-up 4-6:00 pm @ECC-West
- **Tues, Dec 12:** PAT Attention! All Parents of Picky Eaters, Parents Only Group Connection 6:30 pm
- **Wed, Dec 13:** Early Release
- **Dec 18 - 21:** Spirit Week (see schedule below)
- **Thurs, Dec 21:** Half Day of School
- **Fri, Dec 22 - Tues, Jan 2:** NO SCHOOL, WINTER BREAK
- **Wed, Jan 3, 2024:** Classes Resume
- **Thurs, Jan 4:** Kindergarten Registration begins

Parkway Early Childhood Website

Make sure you bookmark the **Parkway Early Childhood** website! All of our program information is available including:

- Preschool information, dates and forms
- Parents As Teachers Group Connection sign-ups
- Partners in Play course catalog
- and much more!

www.parkwayschools.net/Page/65



From the Early Learning Director

Dear Early Childhood Families,

What a great time of the year...Changing weather, holidays, and winter break!

Due to the busy nature of the season, sometimes schedules and added responsibilities can cause stress. Parties, family visits, and so many other events seem packed into a limited amount of time. Scheduling becomes an issue and we always are looking for ways to complete our to-do list! As the holiday season approaches, please give your child the gift of extra time. In January when students are asked to tell us about their break, it isn't a special gift they usually choose to talk about, but a particular activity or experience they have had with someone special. It is easy to get caught up in trying to make things "perfect" when it is YOU who is perfect for your child! You could try:

- Make bird feeders and observe your visitors
- Outdoor s'mores
- Snow painting (if we get any)
- Find a cozy, new spot to read and snuggle
- Or just follow your child's lead!

As this calendar year comes to an end, we are so grateful for you and how much our community gives during this time. This is particularly evident in the Parker's Paws donations. We also appreciate the gift of your time. We see moms, dads, siblings, caregivers and grandparents all participating in your little one's care. From attending conferences, providing transportation, participating in events and home visits to sharing talents and "Mystery Readers" we see all of you!

On behalf of the staff of Parkway Early Childhood, we wish you a joyous holiday season and a healthy, prosperous New Year!

Warm Regards,
Elena Amirault
Director Early Learning

Parker's Paws



During this season of giving, we remember Parker's Promise to "Take Care of Others". Our early childhood staff are joining hands to help some of our families during the upcoming holiday season. If you can help, please visit this link before December 11th. Parker's Paws Amazon Wishlist: [Parker's Paws Amazon Wishlist](#)
Thank you!!!

Community Thank-Yous!

- Thank you for taking the time to meet with us during Parent Teacher Conferences. We enjoy the opportunity to collaborate with you!

- Everyone who participated in the Fall Fundraiser and those who donated as well!
- The volunteers who counted the money and those helping at the fundraiser pick-up.
- Everyone in our community who is participating in Parker's Paws.

Preschool News

Fundraiser Pick-up

Orders must be picked up on Wednesday, December 6 between 4:00-6:00 pm from the Parkway Early Childhood - West, 14605 Clayton Rd. Sorry, orders cannot be stored for later pickup. Thank you for your participation!!



SPIRIT WEEK

December 18 - 21

MON
12/18

SPIRIT WEAR/PANDA DAY

TUES
12/19

FESTIVE OUTFIT DAY

WED
12/20

PAJAMA DAY

THURS
12/21

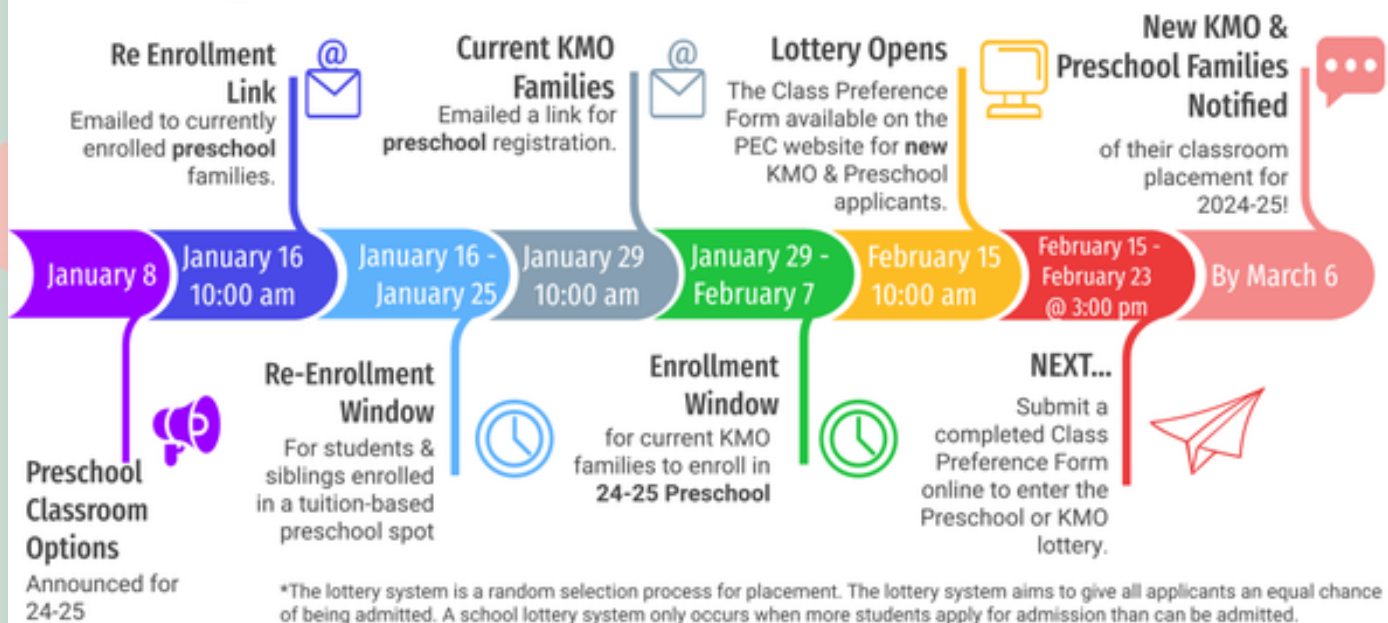
SILLY HAIR/HAT DAY

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12/22

NO SCHOOL

**Parkway Preschool & KMO Registration Timeline
for the 24-25 School Year**

Parkway Preschool & Kids Morning Out Registration Timeline for the 2024-25 School Year

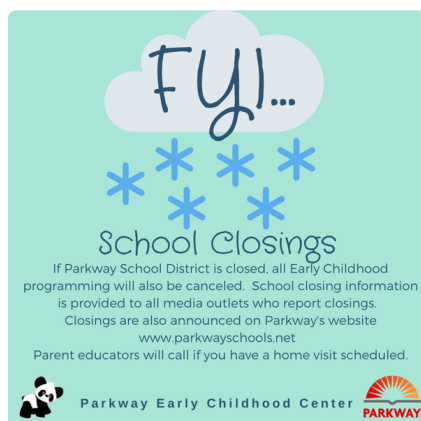


More registration information will be available after Winter Break.

School and Weather Changes

1. As the weather gets cooler, please dress your child for daily outdoor play! This time of year that usually means layers. Also, jackets, water bottles and hats have already been placed in Lost & Found. **Please LABEL** anything your child brings to school.
2. Please make sure your child's extra clothes in the classroom are seasonally appropriate.

THANK YOU!



Weather-Related School Closings



Preparing for Unpredictable Missouri Weather!



Kindergarten Registration for the 2024-2025 School Year

ENROLLMENT BEGINS JANUARY 4, 2024

Missouri law states that students must be 5 years old before the first day of August to enroll in Kindergarten

Our Kindergarten is a full-day, tuition-free program.

Student registration and enrollment are available for families to complete online. If you do not have access to the internet, a device to use, or need assistance completing the online application, please call the Parkway Enrollment Hotline at (314) 415-9900.

One of our District Registrars would be happy to answer any of your questions or help you complete the registration application in person if needed. Registrars are at the Parkway Welcome Center - 760 Woods Mill Road - Ballwin, MO, 63011 - (314) 415-9000. [More](#)

[information](#)

Sign up for "The Wonderful World of Kindergarten". The link is in the Parents As Teachers section below.

Preschool & KMO Absences

If your student is not going to be at school please call **314-415-9676**. This number is for **ALL locations**. Thank you!

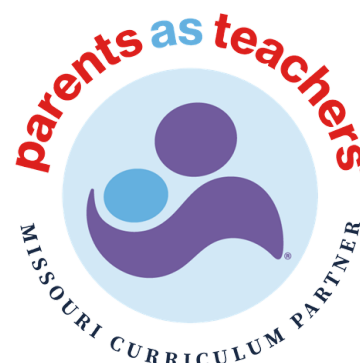


Kindergarten Registration

Parkway Parents as Teachers

All Parkway Residents with a Child Under 5 Are Eligible!

Parkway Parents as Teachers is a home visiting program offered at no charge for Parkway residents serving families prenatally to Kindergarten entry. To enroll in Parents as Teachers call (314) 415-6973 or [start the process to enroll online](#). A representative will call you to complete enrollment.



Group Connections are FREE activity sessions presented by PAT.

Some are for children and parents and some are for parents only.

Group Connections are listed on the Parents as Teachers webpage with registration links:

<https://www.parkwayschools.net/domain/1164>

Parents as Teachers Group Connections

Songs, Stories & Sillies

Birth - 5 years

Tuesday, December 5

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm - *Evening Event

Parkway Early Childhood, West - 14605 Clayton Rd

Songs, Stories & Sillies is a FREE Parkway Parents as Teachers event for Parkway families with children from birth-5 years. Come join our talented Parent Educators as you and your child participate in fun singing/movement, active stories and lots of silly moments.

Stay for as long as you choose. Because of safety concerns, enrollment is limited. [Click to](#)

[Register](#)



Attention! All Parents of Picky Eaters

Adults Only

Tuesday, December 12

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - *Evening Event

Virtual Presentation

We will talk about why kids are picky, strategies for overcoming stressful mealtimes, and when to seek extra help. This group connection is for parents only and is offered with Rockwood Parents as Teachers. *Presented by Aley Babb-Keeble, MS, OTR/L, Occupational Therapist and Co-Owner of Acorn Children's Therapy LLC* [Click to register](#)



The Wonderful World of Kindergarten

Adult Only Webinar

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm - *Evening Event

The "Wonderful World of Kindergarten" webinar is an excellent opportunity for Parkway parents to learn more about Kindergarten and:

- What is REALLY expected of children entering Kindergarten?
- What happens on a typical day?
- How to help prepare your child
- How and when to register.

Presented by staff members of Parkway Early Childhood and Parkway Kindergarten teachers.

Registration in advance is required for the webinar - [CLICK HERE](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.



Visit Your Elementary School

For: Rising 2024-25 Kindergarteners and Parents

Thursday, January 18, 2024 9:30-10:30 am

Location: Your Parkway Elementary School of Kindergarten attendance.

- FREE event for 2024-25 Parkway Kindergartners & their parents/guardians at their Parkway elementary school of Kindergarten attendance
- Tour your Parkway elementary school and learn more about it.
- Help your child become acquainted with their new school.
- Parents as Teachers Parent Educators will be present to greet you & your child
- [Parkway Schools Attendance Boundaries](#)

Registration Required



Partners in Play

NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE: REGISTRATION FOR SECOND SEMESTER CLASSES!

Partners in Play offers affordable fun classes, for children and caregivers, that provide fun and meaningful activities to promote growth in all areas - social, emotional, physical and cognitive. Expose your child to a classroom setting to have fun while taking turns and playing with others. Parents have opportunities to talk about childhood development in a supportive environment.

PIP Classes starting in December

- Dec 4 - December Fun (12 - 23 months) 3 sessions
- Dec 5 - December Fun (24 - 35 months) 3 sessions
- Dec 6 - FAMILY December Fun (13 months- 5 yrs not in Kindergarten) 1 session **5:30 - 6:30 pm**
- Jan 10 - Kids Play (3 - 5 years not in Kindergarten) 3 sessions
- Jan 11 - Little Tykes Two (24 - 35 months) 4 sessions
- [Sign Up Now!](#)



DECEMBER FUN!



LITTLE TYKES TWO



FAMILY DECEMBER FUN!



Do you have a family member or caregiver for your child who would benefit from receiving this newsletter in their inbox each month?

The newsletter provides academic dates, event & class information and general Early Childhood reminders. Just complete this form to keep grandparents, caregivers and nannies informed!!! [SIGN UP HERE!](#)

Kids Morning Out

The Kids Morning Out program is designed for children **turning three after July 31st**. Parents drop off their children for this two hour fifteen minute program that blends developmentally appropriate

curriculum with wonderful opportunities for social growth. All classes are taught by a certified teacher with a low teacher-to-child ratio.

The registration timeline for the 2024-25 school year is posted above. More registration information will be available after Winter Break.

Play-Based Developmental Screening

FREE Play-Based Developmental Screenings are available for children 3-5 years old living in the Parkway Schools District. To get started: [3 - 5 Play-Based Screening](#)

Counselor's Corner



The PECC Caring Connection

The PECC Caring Connection is a monthly calendar linking home and school using Character Education language and activities

December 2023

PARKER'S PROMISE

*Take care of myself * I take care of others * I take care of my home * I take care of my world*

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				Help keep driveways and sidewalks clean and safe	1 	2
3 Taking care of <u>ourselves</u> :	4 	5 Help your parents make dinner	6 	7 Cough into your elbow to prevent the spread of germs	8	9
10 Taking care of <u>each other</u> :	11	12 Wipe your feet before going inside your home	13 	14 Collect old winter coats from family and donate to charity	15 	16
17 Taking care of <u>our home</u> :	18 	19 Choose paper instead of Styrofoam	20	21 Clean and reuse a container for a craft project	22 	23
24 Taking care of <u>our world</u> :	25 Wear mittens instead of gloves so that fingers are bunched for warmth	26	27 	28	29 	30 Give a BIG hug to your family members each night before bedtime
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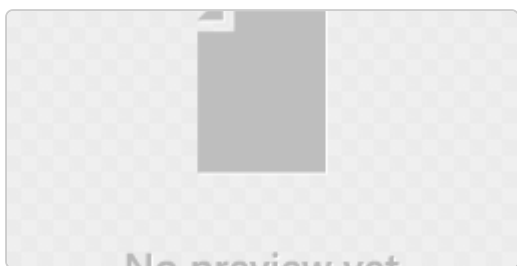
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December Nature Learning

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From the Nursing Staff



December Nurse's Newsletter

For more information please visit U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission:

[sites.google.com](https://www.cpsc.gov/)



Parents as Teachers



Parkway Preschool



Partners in Play



Parker's Promise



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and school.**



**Take care of
my world.**



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