

Parkway Early Childhood

September 2023

Family Newsletter



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

This Month At Parkway Early Childhood:

- **Mon, Sept 4: Labor Day-No Classes**
- **Sat, Sept 9:** PAT Parker Panda's Birthday Bubble Bash (10:00 am-12:00 pm)
- **Wed, Sept 13:** Early Release Day (see below)
- **Thur, Sept 14:** PAT Playground Playdate Group Connection (5:30-6:30pm)
- **Wed, Sept 20:** PAT Panda Playtime Group Connection (9:30-10:30am)
- **Tue, Sept 26-Oct 17:** Discipline 101 4 week PAT class Parents-Only Group Connection
- **Sat, Sept 30:** Parkway Parents as Teachers @ The Safety House

From the Parkway Early Learning Director:

Dear Early Childhood Families,

It's been a great 2 weeks in Panda Town! We have loved seeing your smiling faces back in our buildings. Our teachers embraced the heat wave with lots of fun indoor motor games and a few water play activities! The weather is feeling perfect and our teachers are certainly making up for last week by scheduling many outdoor learning activities. When your little one comes home sweaty, muddy and covered in paint, that's a sign they had a great day making childhood memories! I've had many families say that when they ask their child what they did all day they say something to the tune of "I don't know." "Nothin" or "Played." We hope you are hearing detailed stories about all the fun your little one is having at school, but if not, here is a list of conversation starters to get your child talking about school activities. Our teachers will also send communication about projects and learning activities so you can stay connected to all the learning and fun happening each day.

SPARK A CONVERSATION...
Instead of "HOW WAS SCHOOL TODAY" TRY:

- What was the best part of your day?
- What did you make today?
- What made you laugh today?
- What did you have for lunch?
- What made you feel happy today?
- What would you like to do again at school?
- What book did you read today?
- Can you name a new friend?
- Was anything hard/tricky for you today?

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Preschool News

EARLY RELEASE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

The first District-wide early release day is Wednesday, September 13.



- **Full-day Preschool:** Dismissal at **12:00 pm**
- **Morning 1/2-day Preschool:** Attends with normal schedule
- **Afternoon 1/2-day Preschool:** Classes **DO NOT** meet

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Preschool Parent Handbook FULLDAY 2023-2024.pdf

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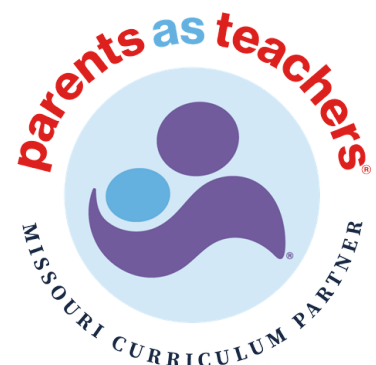
Preschool & KMO Absences

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

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. The program is designed to provide families with child development & parenting information and to support parents in their role as their child's first and most important teacher. 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>

Group Connections

Parker Panda's Birthday Bubble Bash Saturday, September 9, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Parker Panda's Birthday Bubble Bash is a FREE Parkway Parents as Teachers event & for Parkway residents with children Birth-5 yrs old. It is held at the Parkway Early Childhood Center, 14605 Clayton Rd Ballwin MO

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not have a rain date for this event. This event is FREE; registration is limited.

* Indicates required question

Email *

Your email

PAT Playground Playdate - Thursday, September 14 5:30-6:30pm @ Parkway Early Childhood Center: 14605 Clayton Rd

Come meet other parents & children and spend time playing at the Parkway Early Childhood Center playground. Enjoy the fresh air and make new friends! Rain, Rain stay away as we will not have a rain date for this event. This event is FREE; registration is limited.

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skills while playing with others. We set up the fun & the children decide how to play. Stay for as long as your chose. For safety concerns, enrollment is limited. Please contact 314.415.6952 or kmccormac@parkwayschools.net for questions or to cancel your registration so we may contact a family on the waitlist. THANK YOU!

* Indicates required question

Email *

Panda Playtime - Wednesday, September 20, 9:30-10:30 am

Panda Playtime is a FREE Parkway Parents as Teachers event for Parkway families with children ages birth-36 months. This is a great time for your child to learn and develop social skills while playing with others. We set up the fun & the children decide how to play.

	<p>presented by a Parkway Parents as Teachers parent educator at the Early Childhood Center 14605 Clayton Rd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each week new discipline strategies are introduced to help with your parenting style. Attending all 4 classes in the series is strongly encouraged. <p>4 weeks • Tuesdays, September 26–October 17 • 6:00-8:00pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Due to limited capacity and materials, pre-registration is required to attend this class. Walk-ins cannot be accommodated.	
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Discipline 101- Fall 2023 | 4 weeks * Tuesdays, September 26-October 17 * 6:00 - 7:30pm

Discipline 101 is a FREE 4-week series of classes for Parkway parents of 2-5-year-olds presented in-person by a Parkway Parents as Teachers parent educator at the Early Childhood Center 14605 Clayton Rd Each week new discipline strategies are introduced to help with your parenting style. Attending all 4 classes in the series is strongly encouraged.

	<p>registration is required and limited to 80 families. This Group Connection is most appropriate for children ages 18 months – 5 years.</p>	
	<p>* Indicates required question</p>	
	<p>Email *</p>	

Parkway PAT at The Safety House Saturday, September 30, 9:30am - 11:30am

Join us at The Safety House, a state-of-the-art learning center located behind West County EMS and Fire District Station 2 @ 13790 Manchester Rd, for hands-on activities that focus on safety in your home. Children will have the opportunity to climb on board a real ambulance and fire truck and meet a firefighter dressed in all his gear.

Toy Lending Library

What's a Toy Lending Library? The library has 65 toy bags for parents to check out & enjoy with their children. Different bags are available for birth to five years of age. Toy bags include:

- Age-appropriate toys
- Book
- Folder with information on how to use the activity.
- Journal to share your enjoyment of the activity with the next family who checks out the bag

Visit the Parents as Teachers page of the parkway Early Childhood website or use this link to review descriptions of the bags available and get started!

[Parkway Parents as Teachers Toy Lending Library Checkout](#)



Partners in Play offers affordable fun classes for parents/caregivers & children to enjoy together. Some classes are designed for specific ages and provide developmental information to parents. Other classes utilize a thematic approach (i.e. science, art, music and movement or motor development). These popular classes strengthen children's skills through exploration, discovery and creative experiences. Formal and informal discussions provide supportive developmental information.

PIP Classes starting in September:

- Sep 11 - Oct 2: Family Fun
- Sep 12 - Oct 3: Family Let's Sing
- Sep 14 - Oct 5: Little Tykes Two
- Sep 21 - Family Transportation Fun (Evening Class 6-7pm)
- Sep 27 - Oct 18: Family Once Upon a Time

Sign Up Now!



Kids Morning Out

The **Kids Morning Out** program is designed for children turning three after the Preschool cut-off date of 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.

Limited spots are still available at the McKelvey Primary location only. All spaces at the Early Childhood Center are full.

3-5 Developmental Screening



**PARKWAY
EARLY
CHILDHOOD**

PLAY-BASED DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING

Recommended for **ALL**
Parkway children ages 3, 4 &
5 (not in kindergarten).

See your child's development
in:

- Communication
- Social/emotional behavior
- Fine and Gross motor
- Cognition
- Hearing and vision
screening included

**This is a Free service
for all Parkway children**

**Call 314.415.6969
to schedule**



[3 - 5 Play-Based Screening](#)

Counselor's Corner



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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
Taking care of <u>Ourselves</u> 30			Sing your ABC's while washing your hands		1	2
3 Taking care of <u>each other</u> :	4 	5 Notice when a friend or family member does something nice.	6	7 Share a healthy snack with family or friends.	8 	9
10 Taking care of <u>our home</u> :	11 Help pick up sticks in the yard after a storm.	12 	13	14 Help to make dinner or clean up after dinner.	15 	16
17 Taking care of <u>our world</u> :	18 	19 Help your parents pick up trash when you see it outside.	20	21 Find something to recycle every day.	22 	23
24 Taking care of <u>Ourselves</u>	25	26 Get a good night's sleep	27	28 	29	30

The PECC Caring Connection

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

Panda Families September 2023.pdf

This month: Age appropriate chores for Preschoolers.

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From the Nurse....

Links to web page with access to information on Common Health Concerns, Health Forms, Health Screenings, Illness Guidelines, Immunization Requirements and Medication at School.

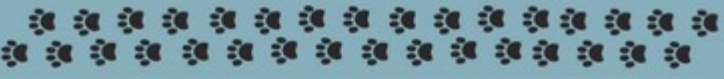


If you haven't already: Please send in your student's immunization records!
FAX: 314-415-6956






Partners In Play

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Parker's Promise




Take care of myself.




Take care of others.



Take care of my home and school.



Take care of my world.





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