

Parkway Early Childhood

JANUARY Family Newsletter



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

This Month At Parkway Early Childhood:

- **Wed | Jan 3, 2024 Classes Resume - Welcome Back!!!**
- **Thurs | Jan 4** Kindergarten Registration begins - online
- **Tues | Jan 9, 6:00 pm** "The Wonderful World of Kindergarten" Webinar for Parents
- **Thurs | Jan 11** Early Release
- **Fri | Jan 12 NO SCHOOL**, Teacher Records Day
- **Mon | Jan 15 NO SCHOOL**, Dr. Martin Luther King Day
- **Thurs | Jan 18, 9:30 am** "Visit Your Elementary School"
- **Wed | Jan 31** Early Release
- **Tues | Feb 6, 6:00 pm** "Preschool on Parade"

*Please see the timeline below for important Registration Dates.

CONGRATULATIONS TEACHER OF THE YEAR



From the Early Learning Director

Dear Early Childhood Families,

Happy New Year! I hope this letter finds you and your little ones refreshed and ready for an exciting start to 2024. As we begin January, I want to share some updates, highlights, and upcoming events from our early childhood community.

It's been heartwarming to witness the growth, curiosity, and joy your children bring. We have seen so much growth since August! Our dedicated staff continues to create a nurturing environment where learning is educational and fun. Whether it's exploring new art projects, engaging in imaginative play, or learning foundational skills, your child is making meaningful progress.

This month, we have several events planned for the families of our **rising Kindergarteners**. If you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2024-2025, please review the information below:

- Kindergarten Registration
- "The Wonderful World of Kindergarten"
- "Visit Your Elementary"

We appreciate all the Group Connections Parents As Teachers has coordinated this year so far and look forward to "The Wonderful World of Kindergarten" and "Visit Your Elementary".

Registration:

We are excited about the prospect of welcoming your child to Kids Morning Out or Parkway Preschool for the 2024-2025 school year. Detailed information, timelines and forms for registration can be found on the [Parkway Early Childhood](#) website.

Warm regards,

Elena Amirault

Director Early Learning

Community Thank-Yous!

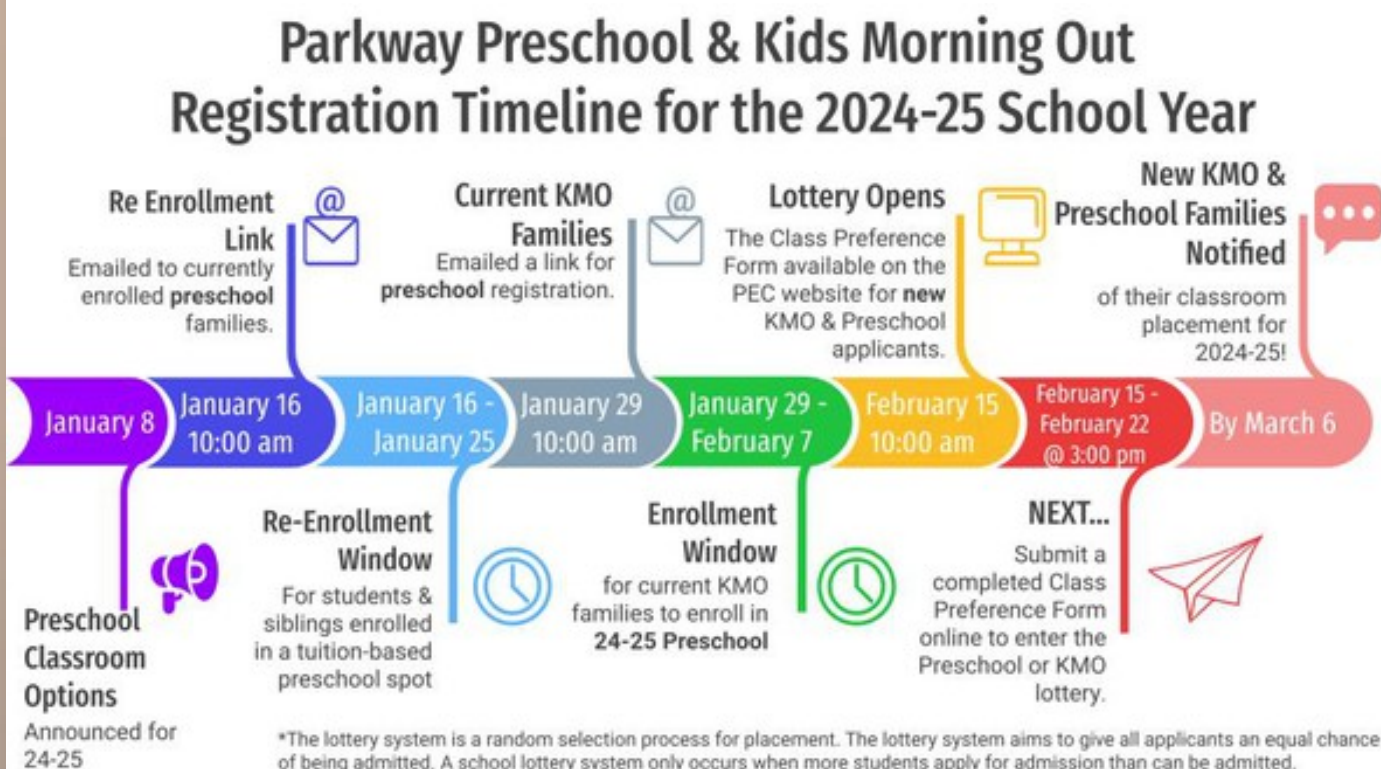
- Thank you to the 5th Grade Choir from Pierremont who entertained us with a holiday concert!
- Thank you Benjamin & Anna's grandpa who entertained us with music and songs!

Community Request

- Do you own or have access to an interesting vehicle to share at Parents As Teachers' **"ON THE GO" event May 4, 2024 from 10a-12p?** We would love your participation! For more details, please contact Holly Drainer at hdrainer@parkwayschools.net.

Preschool News

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

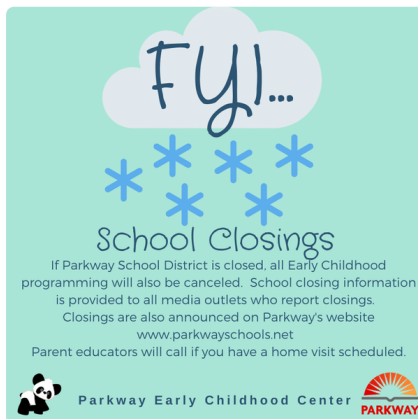


Preschool Classroom options for 24-25 have already been announced, via email and on the [PEC website](#).

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

Parkway Kindergarten is a full-day, tuition-free program for any child who is 5 years old before the first day of August. Student registration and enrollment are available for families to complete online. Registration does not take place at any elementary school or Parkway Early Childhood. Click here for [More information](#) and the steps to enroll.

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

Preschool & KMO Absences

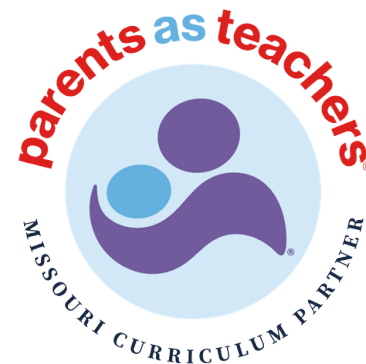
If your student is not going to be at school please call 314-415-9676. This number is for ALL locations. Thank you!



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](https://www.parkwayschools.net/domain/1164). 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

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



Connection Before Correction

Parents Zoom Presentation

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

1:00 pm

Life is full of choices—for both adults and children. Power comes from choice, not force. When we are internally motivated those choices are easy to make! Join us as we jump into Part 4 of our series and add to our parenting toolbox. We will talk about putting the focus on the “give” mode more than the “get” mode, and increasing that “I can” attitude with our kids. Come away with tips and strategies to get those helpful brain chemicals flowing that then stimulate compliance, decision-making, and attention. [Click to Register](#)

Preschool on Parade

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6:00 pm

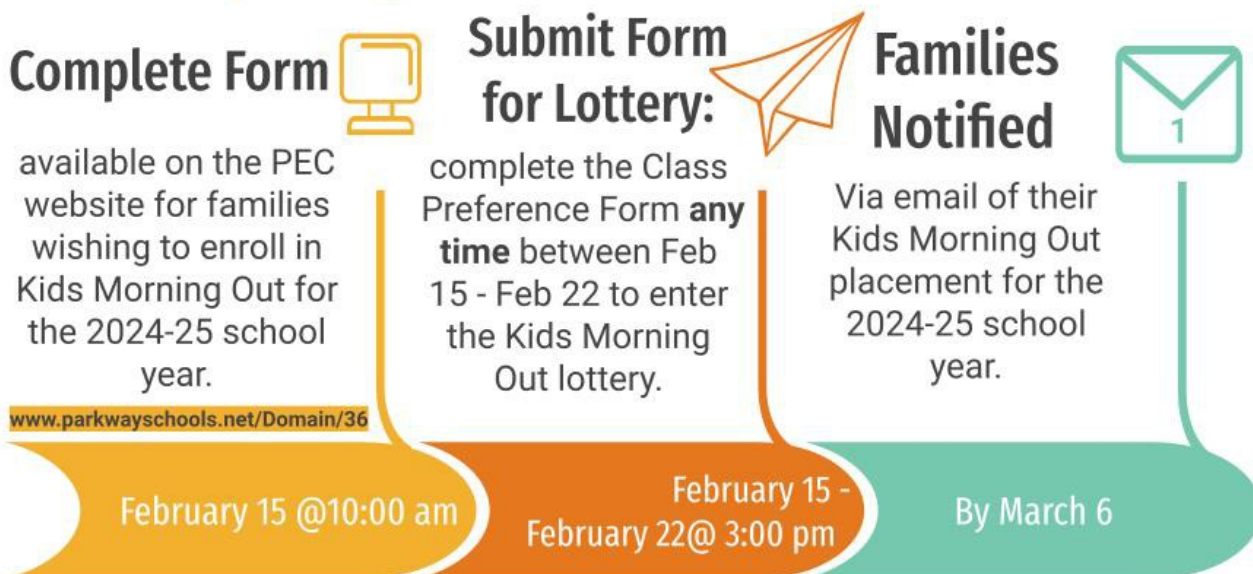
Adult Only Webinar

Are you considering the **Parkway Preschool** program? This session gives an overview of the Parkway Full & 1/2-day preschool programs for children 3, 4 & 5 by Aug 1. Preschool philosophy & curriculum is shared. Learn how the Parkway Preschool program provides a connection between Parents As Teachers & Parkway Kindergarten. [Click to Register](#)

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.

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



*The lottery system is a random selection process for placement. The lottery system aims to give all applicants an equal chance of being admitted. A school lottery system only occurs when more students apply for admission than can be admitted.

Partners in Play

WINTER IS THE PERFECT TIME FOR PARTNERS IN PLAY!

Partners in Play offers affordable fun classes, for children and caregivers. Our teachers plan meaningful play and activities to promote age-appropriate growth and social interaction. Avoid "cabin fever" and register today!

PIP Classes starting in January

- Jan 10 - Jan 24: Kids Play (3 - 5 years not in Kindergarten)
- Jan 11 - Feb 1: Little Tyke Twos (24 - 35 months)
- Jan 17: Family Winter Wonderland (13 months - 5 years not in Kindergarten)
- Jan 22 - Feb 12: Family Fun (13 months - 5 years not in Kindergarten)
- Jan 26 - Mar 8: Gym Time (18 - 32 months)



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!](#)

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](#)

Each Child is So Unique!

Schedule a FREE Play-Based Developmental Screening for your child ages 3-5 years old!

ALL Parkway residents are eligible.

Fine & Gross Motor Skills

Problem Solving

Social/Emotional

Self-Help Skills

Communication



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Counselor's Corner

Going Back to School After Winter Break

For many preschoolers this is the first time returning to school after a long break. To get back into your routine:

- Review your usual routine. "What do we do first before school? Then what is next?" etc.
- Make sure your child realizes that everyone in the family is going back to the routine & they won't be "missing out" on anything at home.
- Remind your child that they will be in the same room, with the same friends and the same teacher. Talk about their favorite areas of the classroom.
- Ask your child to tell you the rules of school that they remember & review together.
- Focus on the positives, but remember tomorrow is almost like the first day of school again.
- Let your child know....

...We are happy to see you again!
Parkway Early Childhood



From: kindergartenteacherclaire.wordpress.com/2010/01/03/the-day-after-winter-break-is-just-like-the-first-day-of-school-all-over-again/

Early Childhood Special Education

NEW! Nature Learning

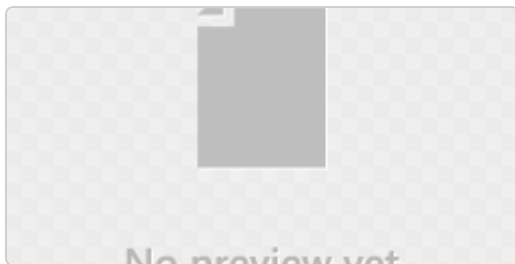
January Nature handout.pdf

Making Bird Treats!

[Download](#)

91.9 KB

From the Nursing Staff



January Nurse's Newsletter

How to Dress Adjust winter clothes for children's needs-dress in several thin layers Keep exposure to the cold at a minimum- limit time outside Don't forget winter accessories- warm boots, coat, gloves, hat, and a scarf Change out of wet clothes right away

[sites.google.com](#)



PAT'S SONGS STORIES & SILLIES



**PEC-NORTH
HIBERNATION DAY**



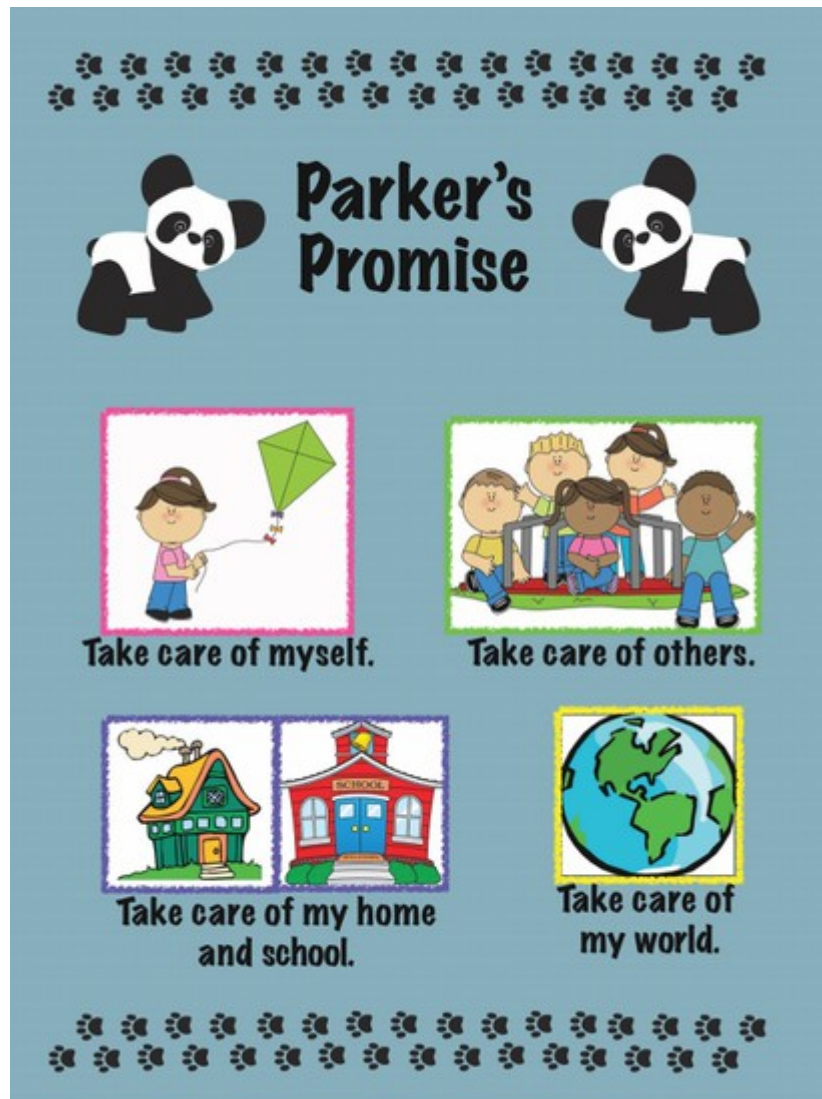
PIP = PARTNERS IN PLAY

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



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