

Parkway Early Childhood

MARCH

Family Newsletter



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

This Month At Parkway Early Childhood:

March 5-8 | Tuesday - Friday Scholastic Book Fair @Parkway Early Childhood - West

March 5 | Tuesday 5:30-7 pm "MARCH into Reading" PAT Group Connection

March 13 | Wednesday Registration opens for Summer Programs. See below

March 14 | Thursday 9:30-10:30 am "Panda Playtime" PAT Group Connection

March 18-22 | NO SCHOOL Spring Break

March 28 | Thursday Half-day, no afternoon classes

March 28 | Thursday 9:30-10:30am "Songs, Stories & Sillies" PAT Group Connection

March 29 | Friday NO SCHOOL

From the Early Learning Director

Dear Early Childhood Families,

I hope this message finds you well and ready to welcome the energy that comes with the arrival of SPRING! As we transition into this beautiful season, I wanted to share a few thoughts and updates with you.

- **March is National Reading Month!** Join us in celebrating by visiting the Scholastic Book Fair being held at the Parkway Early Childhood Center-West on Clayton Rd. and "**MARCH into Reading**" Parkway Parents as Teachers group connection on March 5. Fun for all! Details below,
- This is also a great time to schedule a **3 -5-year-old Play-Based Developmental Screening** if your child has not had one this school year. We also encourage you to review our **Partners In Play** classes. These classes provide an opportunity for you or a grandparent and child to share time while also meeting with others in our community.

Lastly, we appreciate your cooperation and patience as we start to wrap up enrollment for next year. Please continue to monitor your email for important communications. We hope you and your family enjoy quality time together during spring break and return rejuvenated to finish this school year!

NEXT WEEK IS THE BOOKFAIR!

The Book Fair will be held **March 5-8 at PEC West (14605 Clayton Rd)** If you would like to contribute some time to make this event a success, we would be immensely grateful.

As a parent in the Early Childhood Community, you are a member of our Booster Club! So, it's an easy way to begin volunteering at your child's school. If you're available to help, even for a short time, please: [Click to find a convenient time to help.](#)



A colorful graphic for the book fair. On the left, a red speech bubble contains the text "IT'S BOOKFAIR TIME!". Below it, a small blue circle says "COME TO THE FAIR CHOOSE BOOKS YOU LOVE". In the center, a blue wavy-edged box contains the schedule: "Tuesday 3/5 8:45a-7p", "Wed 3/6 8:45a-4:15p", "Thurs 3/7 8:45a-4:15p", and "Friday 3/8 8:45a-12:45p". On the right, a cartoon dog wearing a blue cape and goggles is shown in a dynamic pose, with a small orange cat-like character nearby. The background includes light blue clouds and a blue starburst.

Can't Attend the Bookfair In Person?

If you can't stop by the fair in person you can **shop online from March 4-March 17 to support Early Childhood Programs!** bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/parkwayearlychildhoodctr
(FYI: Early Childhood does NOT utilize the eWallet service)

SPIRIT WEEK

MARCH 4 - 8

MON
03/04

SPORTS DAY

TUES
03/05

TIRED TUES (PAJAMA DAY)

WED
03/06

WALT DISNEY WEDNESDAY

THURS
03/07

SPIRIT WEAR/PANDA DAY

FRI
03/08

FAVORITE CHARACTER FRIDAY

Have Fun & Be Silly by dressing up during Spirit Week!

Preschool News



WAITING IS
HARD

THANK YOU

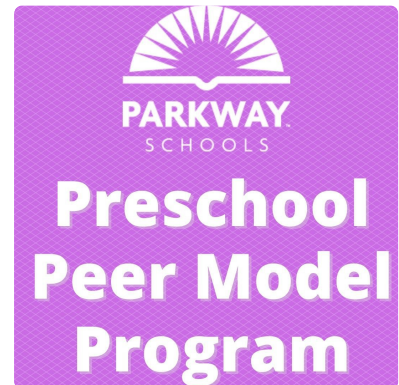
for your patience as we contact families who have entered the Preschool & KMO lottery. We are sending placement emails and will continue through March 6.

PARKWAY EARLY CHILDHOOD

Preschool Peer Model Program

WHAT IS THE PEER MODEL PROGRAM?

The **Peer Model Program** is a unique opportunity for preschool-aged children to model classroom behavior and skills for children who have developmental delays. A peer model enhances the education of our students with special needs by being a helper, a leader, and a friend. [Click for additional details](#)



Tax Statements for Preschool & KMO Families

If you pay tuition through the online system, you can access your tax/tuition statements by clicking on **Account Statement** in your account. If you pay by check, contact Natalie at nlichius@parkwayschools.net (Preschool) or Stephany at swren@parkwayschools.net (KMO) for assistance.

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 for the 2024-2025 School Year

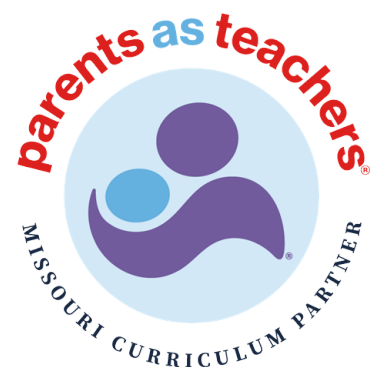
ENROLLMENT IS OPEN

Do you or someone you know have a student starting kindergarten next year? Kindergarten registration is open for the 2024-2025 school year. More information about registration can be found [here](#).

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:

Parents as Teachers Group Connections

MARCH Into Reading

Tuesday, March 5, 5:30-7:00 pm

Ages: Birth - 5 years

FREE PAT Group Connection!

Follow Parker's Path to Reading Fun as you and your child (birth-5 years) explore literacy activities such as a "Move Your Mood Dance Party", "Make It & Take It Books", and a "Book Walk".

Also enjoy:

- Stories and songs from our St. Louis County librarian
- Discover new books for your home library at our Scholastic Book fair

[Click to Register](#)



Panda Playtime

Thursday, March 14, 9:30-10:30 am

Ages: Birth - 36 months

Panda Playtime is a FREE Parkway Parents as Teachers event for Parkway families with children ages from birth to 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. Stay for as long as you choose. Because of safety concerns, enrollment is limited. [Click to Register](#)



Songs, Stories & Sillies

Thursday, March 28, 9:30-10:30am

Ages: Birth - 5 years

Songs, Stories & Sillies is a FREE Parkway Parents as Teachers event for Parkway families with children ages 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.

[Click to Register.](#)



Other Events

- March 12: Conscious Discipline- Connection Before Correction

Kids Morning Out

THANK YOU...

for your patience as we contact families who entered the KMO lottery for the 2024-2025 school year. We will post details about any openings after March 6th!

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.

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 March

- March 5 **Family Let's Sing** (13 months-5 years not in Kindergarten) 3 weeks
- March 26 **Family Celebrate Spring** (13 months-5 years not in Kindergarten)
- March 27 **WOW! Science** 3-5 years 4 weeks



Summer Programs

Registration for Early Childhood Summer 2024 offerings will be available on March 13th @ 10:00 am parkwayschools.ce.eleyo.com/

SUMMER @ PARKWAY EARLY CHILDHOOD



SUMMER FUN/FAMILY FUN

PARTNERS IN
PLAY CLASSES

Summer Fun/Family Fun classes are designed for children aged 6 months to 5 years, offering affordable and fun classes that create delightful memories for both children and caregivers. Check out the course catalog for details!



STEPPING INTO SUMMER PROGRAM



Stepping Into Summer is for 3 to 5-year-olds (not going to KDG in the Fall). This drop-off program runs June 10-27 from 8:30-11:30am at Parkway Early Childhood-West, 14605 Clayton Rd.

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



NOW IS THE **TIME** TO SCHEDULE A PLAY-BASED DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING

Appointments for 3 - 5 year olds are filling up for this school year. Schedule your child today. Screening will resume in September 2024

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](#)

MARCH Nature Learning Handout

Click here for a fun craft/activity and Spring book suggestions!

From the Nursing Staff

March Nurse's Newsletter

Spring Break Travel Safety with Kids,. Seasonal Allergies and more!

Counselor's Corner



March 2024

PARKER'S PROMISE

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

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monthly calendar
linking home and
school using
Character
Education
language and
activities*

Taking care of <u>ourselves</u> :		Make sure you are eating from every food group		Substitute your juice for water	1 	2
3 Taking care of <u>each other</u> :	4 	5 Go to the pet store and pet the animals	6	7 Teach your child a new game	8 	9
10 Taking care of <u>our home</u> :	11	12 Give your pet a bath	13 	14 Help bring the mail or newspaper in from outside	15 	16
17 Taking care of <u>our world</u> :	18 	19 Plant a tree	20	21 Begin biking or walking where you need to go when you can	22 	23
24 Taking care of <u>ourselves</u> :	25	26 Spend quiet time alone and listen to your favorite music	27 	28 Take a deep breath in and out every morning	29 	30
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Panda Families March 2024

Spring into March and Grow Your Child's Love of Reading!

[Download](#)

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Early Childhood Special Education

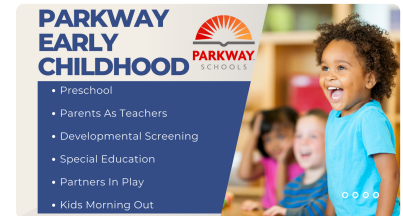


Parkway Early Childhood Website

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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