



The Northstar 1/26/17 Ross Elementary ~National School of Character

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences are on Thursday, February 23rd. Families can sign up for conferences Wednesday, February 1st on the Ross website. Sign-ups are located under the Parent drop down link.

New Parking Lot

During the January PTO meeting, parents had the opportunity to view the blueprints for the improvements to our parking lot. The blueprints will be available for parents to view during Parent-Teacher Conferences. The improvements will begin this summer.

Friendship Party

Students may bring Valentines for all students in their class for the party. We are also looking for parents to assist during the party. Please sign up through the website under PTO.

Parkway Science Fair

If your child wants to participate in the Parkway Science Fair, there is still time! Please see the time line included in this newsletter.

Jumpstart to Kindergarten

We hope that many of our incoming kindergarten students will participate in the class, *Jumpstart to Kindergarten* this summer.

Community Event

We hope that families can join us for our first Bingo Night on Friday, February 10th. PTO will be sending more information about this fun family evening!

UPCOMING DATES

- 2/01 Late Start Day School Begins@11:05am
Ross Color Club 4:10-4:45 pm
PTO Restaurant Night Pickleman's
- 2/02 Origami 8:10 am
- 2/03 STEM Club 8am
- 2/04 All Dist. Elementary Vocal Concert 7:00 pm
2/06/17 thru 2/10/17 National Counselors Week
- 2/06 Choir 8am
- 2/08 Ross Color Club 4:10-4:45 pm
Parkway Board Meeting
- 2/09 Origami 8:10 am
Candid Yearbook Photos
- 2/10 STEM 8-8:40 am
African-American Read-In
PTO Bingo Night
- 2/11 4th Grade Strings Concert (West High)
- 2/13 Choir 8am
Project Parkway (Central High)
- 2/14 Friendship Party 3:00- 3:45 pm
- 2/15 Ross Color Club 4:10-4:45 pm
- 2/16 End of Trimester
Origami 8:10 am
Spirit of Excellence 6:15 pm
- 2/17 RECORDS DAY-NO SCHOOL
- 2/20 Presidents Day-NO SCHOOL
- 2/21 Choir 8am
- 2/22 Ross Color Club 4:10-4:45 pm
- 2/23 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:15-9pm
- 2/24 STEM Club 8-8:40 am
- 2/27 Choir 8am
- 2/28 Ability Awareness Day
Regional Art Show (PNH) 6-8pm

Mark your Calendar- Our annual Heritage Fair is around the corner. (Friday, March 3rd)



Jumpstart to Kindergarten FOR STUDENTS ENTERING KINDERGARTEN IN FALL 2017

Children will have the opportunity to become familiar with the Kindergarten experience through activities that will promote the development of literacy, math, art and music abilities, as well as social and fine motor skills. Classroom and school routines will also be addressed in order to help students make a smooth transition to Kindergarten.

Children must be 5 years old before August 1, 2017 to participate. A copy of the child's birth certificate must be brought to registration. Register online at pkwy.edu/jumpstart2017 beginning January 24, 2017. Spaces fill quickly, so register early!

There is no fee for this program.

Bus transportation will be provided from your child's elementary school to the designated Summer School site.

Designated 2017 Summer School sites and partner schools are as follows:

River Bend (Green Trails & Shenandoah Valley)
Bellairve (Rose)
McKelvey (Craig)
Carmen Trails (Berretts & Hanna Woods)
Oak Brook (Sorrento Springs & Wren Hollow)
Claymont (Henry)
Massena Ridge (Highcroft & Pierronnet)

Jumpstart to Kindergarten runs Monday through Friday from June 5-June 23, 2017 from 8:00-12:05 p.m.

If your child is in an early childhood program, please consult with their teacher to see if this would be an appropriate experience for your child.

Parkway School District Science Fair & STEM Expo Important Dates

The Parkway Science Fair will be held at Southwest Middle School on February 24-25th, 2017

Digital Projects Due	Tuesday, Feb 21st	by 10:00 PM
Project Placement	Friday, Feb 24th	4:00-6:00 PM
STEM Expo	Friday, Feb 24th	4:00-7:00 PM
Exhibit Viewing	Friday, Feb 24th	6:00-7:00 PM
Judging	Friday, Feb 24th	4:00-10:00 PM
Judging	Saturday, Feb 25th	8:00 AM-Noon
Exhibit Viewing	Saturday, Feb 25th	4:00-6:00 PM

All participants who want to put their projects in the Parkway Fair must register their projects by **February 16, 2017**. Projects can be registered online on the Parkway Science Fair webpage.