



# Parkviewer

Parkview Elementary School

November, 2011

## Principally Speaking...

Did you know that the amount of time students spend in independent reading is the best predictor of reading achievement according to Anderson, Wilson, and Fielding (1988)? While reading achievement makes a difference on tests, did you know it also prepares students for college and careers, leading to higher incomes? Parkview staff is working hard to encourage students to read more. You can help! Please listen to your child read at home. If you have the time, please consider coming in to school to listen to other children read. We would love to have all students read to an adult daily at school, but that requires volunteers willing to listen. No special talents are needed, just a little patience. If you can do this, please contact the office at 530-7572, or let your child's teacher know. Thank you for taking the time to help build readers!

Katie Jobson, Principal

If your children walk to school, please take a moment to talk with them about watching for cars backing out from driveways. There is a lot of traffic near school, and we want to keep kids safe. Also, if you drop your children off at school, please have them get out on the side where the sidewalk is. Again, safety is the reason.

## Holiday Concert Time!



Parkview Elementary students will present two holiday music concerts at the Wyoming Park High School Heinzlemann Fine Arts Center. Students in Grades 1st and 2nd will perform on Thursday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m. Students in grades 3 and 4 will perform the following Thursday, December 15th, also at 7:00 p.m. Both concerts will last approximately 30 minutes and will feature traditional Christmas music, seasonal music and poetry.



## Martin Luther King Day January 16, 2012

Wyoming Public Schools will be **OPEN on Monday, January 16, 2012.** We feel it is important for our students to learn about Martin Luther King, Jr. and all of his accomplishments.



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## Pajama Day!



**Pajama Day** will be on Friday, December 16, 2011 for *all* students and staff. Slippers are okay to wear, however, students will be going outside for recess so please make sure your child brings shoes or boots to school. Also, if your child has gym on Friday, he or she should have tennis shoes, as well (Padding, Townshend, Moog, Mead, Huizen, Durr (pm) and Rhoades all have gym on Fridays).



## What's Up?

**Thursday, Dec. 8th:** Music Concert—Grades 1 & 2 @7:00p.m.

**Tuesday, Dec. 13th, Wednesday, Dec. 14th, & Thursday, Dec. 15:** Santa's Secret Shop.

**Thursday, Dec. 15th:** Music Concert—Grades 3 & 4 @7:00p.m.

**Friday, Dec. 16th:** Pajama Day!

**Monday, Dec. 19: Monday, Jan. 2nd:** NO SCHOOL—HOLIDAY VACATIONS

# Parent Information

## KSSN Corner

Thanks to ALL who were able to participate in our Big Boy Fundraiser! We raised just over \$100 to help support families in need. There will be another opportunity to support our school by dining at Applebees on 28<sup>th</sup> Street on Monday, December 12 from 11:00-9:00pm. Flyers will be sent home before the event with more information. Special thanks go out to *Grand Rapids First Church* and *TransCorr Logistics* for their generosity to our students! A very special holiday season is in store for all Parkview students thanks to their kindness.

### Holiday Break

There will be **NO SCHOOL** starting on Monday, January 19th through Monday, January 2nd. **Our first day back is on TUESDAY, January 3, 2012.** Please make a note that we *do not* return on a Monday. This is the first year that we have the Monday after New Year's off.

\*\*\*There will not be a POPS meeting in December\*\*\*



### Safeties of the

Congratulations to **Hailey Brown** and **Francisco Zuniga** for being great leaders as safeties here at Parkview!

### Kid's Food

Parkview Elementary will be partnering with **Kids' Food Basket** to provide sack dinners for students who are nutritionally at-risk. A note will be coming home inviting qualifying students in grades K-2 to participate in the program. Participating students will receive a sack dinner to bring home each day that school is in session (based on the Grand Rapids Public Schools calendar). Please keep your eyes open for this note and be sure to respond if you are interested. Any questions can be directed to Jodi West or Katie Jobson.

## P.O.P.S.

### Parents of Parkview Students

**Santa's Secret Shop** will be held December 13, 14 & 15th this year. Each class will be assigned a time to shop. Please check with your child's teacher to find out what day their class will shop. The Santa Shop is intended to help students shop for family and friends at a low, affordable cost. All items range from \$.25 to \$5.00. No tax will be charged.




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POPS will host a skating party on Saturday, January 14th from 4:30-6:30 at Terry Hall Skating Rink, 3330 Fairlanes Ave., Grandville, MI. (534-8235). Admission is \$5.00 per person, which includes one regular skate rental. In-line skates are also available for an extra \$2.00.

### Changes in the Weather

As the weather turns colder, please be sure your child is dressed for outdoor recess. It is much more enjoyable if they are warm. We plan to be outside *everyday* unless the weather is below zero, or it is raining. Also, labels on your child's clothing help to avoid lost snow pants and boots. Many pairs of snow pants look the same. If you are in need of winter clothing, please contact our KSSN staff by calling the office or stopping by. We can help.

## Parkview Elementary Calendar / December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5	6	7	8 Music Program Grades 1 & 2- 7:00pm 	9	10
11	12	13 Santa's Secret Shop 	14 Santa's Secret Shop 	15 Santa's Secret Shop Music Program Grades 3 & 4- 7:00pm	16 Pajama Day! Last day of school	17
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