

Paw Power Newsletter



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From the Principal's Desk

Can you believe it's May already and we have less than 35 days of school left? Where does the time go? As we approach the end of the school year, I would like to share some information with you. As you know, EPS elementary schools will look different for the 2011-2012 school year due to the reorganization plan that has been implemented. Many staff members and students will be attending new schools in the fall. To help ease the transition process, two June Open Houses have been planned.

The primary (grades PK – 2) Open House will be held on Monday, June 13th from 6:30 – 7:30 at the 4 primary schools which are Enfield Street, Hazardville Memorial, Nathan Hale, and Henry Barnard. The intermediate (grades 3- 5) Open House will be on Wednesday, June 15th

from 6:30 – 7:30. The intermediate schools are E.H. Parkman, Eli Whitney and Prudence Crandall. The program will run basically the same at each school. All that attend will convene in the cafeteria at 6:30 to meet the Principal where he/she will introduce the staff. Staff will then go to their assigned classrooms. Parents and students will be invited to tour the school and visit the classrooms. Class lists are still in the process of being compiled; therefore they will not be available at Open House. Everyone is welcome to attend Parkman's Open House. This will give returning parents and students a chance to meet the many new families and staff that will be joining our Parkman family next year.

Bus routes and school hours are also in the process of being finalized. Smyth Bus Company and select EPS administrators are working together to

finalize the bus routes.

With so many staff members moving due to the reorganization, the last day of school for elementary students has been changed. The last day of school will now be **June 23rd**. June 22nd and June 23rd will be 1:00 dismissals with **NO LUNCH** served. Staff will work on June 24th to complete the necessary packing of their rooms.

The library will be closing for this school year within the next few weeks. Mrs. Nadeau will be doing an inventory of all books. Since she is only here 3 days per week, this process will take longer to complete. In order to help expedite this task, please continue to be sure your child returns their library books on time. If your child has lost a book, Mrs. Nadeau will send you an invoice with the book title and the amount owed. All books should

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<p>be paid for by June 3rd. If you pay by check, please make checks payable to Parkman Library. If the book is found at a later date, please return the book to Parkman and you will be reimbursed.</p> <p>Lastly, the PTO has a wonderful end of year picnic planned for 6:00 PM on June 10th at the Enfield fire station on Weymouth Road. All</p>	<p>Parkman families are invited to attend. Numerous activities are being planned for your children. Everything is free! More information will be sent out soon from the PTO. Field Day is scheduled for June 8th (rain date June 9th). Many volunteers are needed! Please consider coming to help out on this fun filled day. The PTO will also be sending out</p>	<p>more information regarding volunteering for this great event.</p> <p>As always, please call me or stop in if you have any questions or concerns about anything.</p> <p><i>Maureen Sampl</i></p>
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Event Information



MAY

5/4

PTO Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the library. A proposed budget for the 2011-2012 school year was discussed. A copy is attached to this newsletter.

5/12

6th grade committee meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the library

5/18

Red Robin Night - 5pm - 9pm
Remember to bring your Parkman coupon!

JUNE

6/1

PTO Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the library. The proposed budget will be voted on at this meeting.

6/8

Field Day! - To volunteer please call or email Kim Bryson at 860-698-9576, batesbryson@hotmail.com or call Amy Perry at 860-698-9461. Rain date is June 9th.

6/10

End of the Year Picnic at Weymouth Rd. fire station. Tickets required for this event. Forms to be sent home next week. Rain date is June 17th.



From the Library

As the school year is winding down, it is again time for all students to make sure they don't have any overdue books. Overdue notices were handed out on Monday, so students who have anything outstanding should be aware of it. Students also get weekly reminders as they check out their books at the checkout desk, so all students know what they have out.

As always, I will be closing the library a few weeks early to complete inventory. If you have any spare time and would like to help out, I will be conducting inventory on Mondays, Tuesdays and

Wednesdays at Parkman and Thursdays and Fridays at Barnard.

If you have any questions about your child's account, please call me at 253-6459 (Mon.-Wed.)

Linda Nadeau
Library Aide

6th Grade Committge

The 6th grade picnic is less than a month away and there's a lot to plan! The picnic will be held at the Weymouth Rd. Firehouse on June 3rd from 9am-2:30pm. On Thursday, May 12th at 6:30 pm in the Parkman Library, we need parents to come and share their

ideas for this special event. Decisions on food, games, decorations and other recreation will be made at this meeting. One main goal is to break key tasks out to several individuals and recruit volunteers for general help for the day.

We will also discuss plans for the distribution of the yearbooks.

If you cannot make the meeting but would like to sign-up to help at the picnic, please contact Kerri Malcolm at artsy71@aol.com, 860-324-8351 or Robyn Radziewicz at radziewicz409@cox.net, 860-741-9088.



Spring Box Tops Contest!

It's time to send in all of those Box Tops you've been collecting! Please send them in during the week of May 9th through the 13th. The **family** who collects the most Box Tops will be rewarded to an ice cream treat at Collin's Creamery. Please clip the Box Top on the dotted line and submit non-expired ones in a Ziploc bag in quantities of 50 with your full family name and the room number of your child/children on the bags. You can go to www.BoxTops4Education.com to download collection sheets and a list of participating Box Top brands. If submitted on a collection sheet, glue or tape the Box Top. Remember you can forward Box Tops at any time during the school year. This special collection always generates excitement amongst the students. Our school community has collected \$1,639.20 for the 2010-2011 school year. Remember to ask family, friends and neighbors to support this free fundraising event. Please contact Carolyn Kita at Carolynkita@yahoo.com with questions.

REWARDS PROGRAMS – EASY PTO FUNDRAISING!

Ask your families, friends, and neighbors if they'll support Parkman & Parkman PTO by doing the following:



Box Tops for Education:

Look for this logo on specially marked packages. Go to www.orgsites.com/ct/parkmanpto/ and click on 'Rewards Programs' to download a Box Top collection sheet. All attached Box Tops must have a valid expiration date. Place your name and room number on the sheet and deposit it in the collection container in the Visitor's Room. **We earned \$1,639 this year!**



Earn 5% for our school online or in Foot Locker stores, using code **FNLT**. This code also works for 1-800-Flowers, where you will earn 8% for our school!



Target Take Charge of Education:

Enroll your REDcard with Parkman's school code (#38661) online, or by calling 1-800-316-6142, and Parkman will receive a percentage from your everyday purchases!

We have 19 cardholders signed up and we earned \$188.63 this year!



Does your employer donate to charities, offer a matching gift program, or have local schools listed as a United Way beneficiary? You may be able to raise funds for Parkman utilizing your human resource department!



Campbell's Labels for Education:

Send in the UPC codes from specially marked products and we'll earn school products! A collection container is located in the Visitor's Room. To sign up for the eLabels for Education program, go here: www.softcoin.com/Sites/Campbells_eLabels
We have 21,810 points so far this year!



mycokerewards for schools

Enter codes from Coca-cola products at www.mycokerewards.com, and then select Edgar H. Parkman Elementary School to donate points. **We have 1,320 points so far this year!**



ShopRite for Education:

All you need to do is register your ShopRite Shopping Card for Parkman in order for our school to earn much needed educational equipment. Sign up here: www.shoprite.com/educatemain.aspx



Teach kids the importance of recycling while raising money for our school. Staples will donate \$3 to our school for every ink cartridge we collect. A collection box is located in the Visitor's Room.



Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards:

With A+ School Rewards, points accrue with each purchase made. Sign up with our school code (#08956) here: www.stopandshop.com/aplus



Bottle and Can Drive:

The 5th grade committee is collecting returnable bottles and cans. A collection bin is located between the front doors of the school. Call Sue Rivera (860-205-0098) if you have a large donation.



May 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.	5	6	7
8	9	10 Early Dismissal	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Red Robin Night	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Parkman Spirit Day	28
29	30 No School	31				

June 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Field Day & Vacation Shirt Day	9 Rain date for Field Day	10 End-of-Year Picnic 6 p.m.	11
12	13 Open House 6:30 p.m. (Gr. PK-2)	14	15 Open House 6:30 p.m. (Gr. 3-5)	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 1 p.m. dismissal	23 LAST DAY 1 p.m. dismissal	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



