

Phenomenal Parkway ~ November 2021



Scholars, Teachers and Families

As we enter this time of thankfulness, I am grateful for each of you and for how you have welcomed me into this school community.

We must remember to be mindful of one another, continue to reflect on those things most important to us and focus on the many blessings bestowed upon us each day.

At Parkway, we are one family, so we are inviting you to share a meal with us during our annual drive through Thanksgiving feast on November 18th from 5:30 - 8 p.m. Again, I would like to express my endearing gratitude for each and everyone of you and wish you the best as we enter this joyous season.

~Ms. Angeline Flowers, Principal

Important November Reminders

November 11 –	No School
November 12 –	Report Cards Issued
November 18 -	Thanksgiving Feast
November 18 -	Honor Roll Assembly
November 19 –	Interim Reports
November	22-26 No School

A Message from our Math Coach

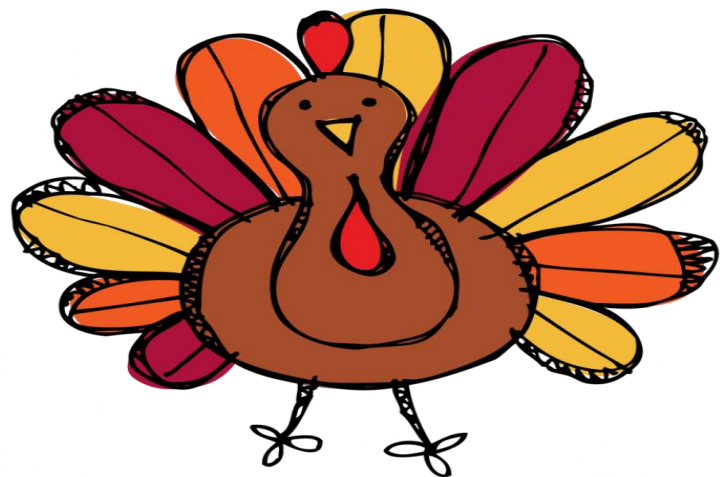
The Math Department is THANKFUL to have our students back for in person instruction. We have collaborated as a team to prepare our students for the challenges that eLearning presented to our scholars. I want to assure you that we have developed a plan to face those challenges head on!

Our staff has worked diligently to identify the prerequisite knowledge necessary for our students to successfully master their respective new grade level standards. Instructors will use remediation and scaffolding strategies to help bridge any gap that was created over the past year. Our department will disaggregate data from several different progress monitoring tools. That data will be utilized to drive instruction and focus on key areas of weakness.

Along with summative exams, the iReady Diagnostic will be administered three times throughout the year and Common Formative Assessments (CFA's) using the MasteryConnect platform twice monthly to allow our teachers to closely monitor student progress. We believe this extra learning opportunity for our scholars to increase their fundamental knowledge will benefit them greatly in tackling the standards going forward.

Keep your eyes and ears open for additional tutoring opportunities after school in the very near future. The Math Department is looking forward to taking our scholars to the NEXT LEVEL!!

~Michael Dembin



Mentorship Matters

Middle school children are at an important period in their development. They are vulnerable for taking the wrong step or making a poor decision that could negatively impact their entire middle school experience. That is why Mentors Matter! Students who have mentors demonstrate better academic performance, attendance, increased mood and attitude. Above all, mentors are motivators and role models who believe in their mentees and help them to see their greatest potential.

We are very proud to have one of the best mentor programs in Broward County. Parkway Students of Tomorrow Mentorship Program has over 125 volunteers and there is still room for more. Last month, we kicked off our 5th year with a breakfast that included Interim Superintendent Dr. Vickie Cartwright, the Mayor of Lauderdale and Chief of Police, City Commissioners, Judges, Lawyers, Business owners and so many more wonderful guests and friends. If you are interested in being a mentor of a Parkway student for the 21-22 school year, please contact Ms. Veronne McMain our School Social Worker and founder at 754-322-4000.

Parkway Pillar – Prepared: Key to Student Success

Being prepared is one of the ways to achieve student success. Students should always stay on top of class assignments by planning ahead. Students can stay prepared by knowing when assignments are due and by reading ahead in their textbooks. Reading ahead of the assigned chapters will not only keep students up to date but will also allow them to make connections among concepts. Concepts in middle school often build on each other so reading ahead will allow students to make connections more quickly. Being prepared also means bringing the essential materials each day like a bookbag, notebook, laptop, pen and paper. Let's continue to build upon our Parkway Pillars by being prepared for school each day.

Awesome Gifted Academy

Our Awesome Academy is available to students with gifted classification in grades 3rd – 8th. The gifted cluster brings students from all across Broward County to our remarkable specialized instruction for gifted students who require a differentiated approach to education. Our Gifted Academy's educational environment values and enhances the student's ability, passion, creativity and task commitment. Students in the gifted program move through the curriculum at a faster pace providing more time for enrichment and acceleration. Enrichment clusters meet weekly to apply relevant knowledge and thinking skills to solve real-world problems. All students in the academy keep portfolios that reflect student academic goals, work samples and reflections. Students of the academy take both in and out of county field trips and participate in specialized clubs like SECME, Math Club, Debate and Chess. If you are interested in finding out more information about our Gifted Academy, you may contact our Coordinator Laurie Mallis at 754-322-4000.

Attitude of Gratitude

Teaching kids gratitude can sometimes feel like an uphill battle, so here are a few reminders to help your child as we enter the Thanksgiving season. Encourage your child to say the words "Thank you" on a regular basis. This is a verbal acknowledgement that others have given them something tangible or intangible. Start having conversations with your child about what it means to be thankful and specifically what they are thankful for-taking their gratitude to a whole new level. Begin to identify ways your child can show appreciation for other people. Gratitude is not only for those we know personally but can involve an act of service for someone in the community. Ms. Flowers, Administrative Team, Teachers and Support staff all wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. We are truly THANKFUL for you!



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