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The Brush Files

A wise man once said, "Give a man a fish, you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, you feed him for a lifetime". Teaching may look easy, but it is not. Good teachers make it look easy, simple, but like an iceberg, you do not see everything that is under the surface. To teach something, you have to have a desire to obtain knowledge.

Teaching is about giving one skills to be able to look up and acquire knowledge. To use those skills to continue pursuing more knowledge throughout life. It is not about giving answers so one can make a grade. Life is a constant classroom. Whether any of us like it or not, we never stop learning. This holds true in the classroom, the field, the court, or later in life when you are completely done with school. We never stop learning; and even though we do not think we will ever use some of the skills you have been taught, you will. You may have kids one day who come home with homework and need help on certain problems. Guess what? You will have to call up some of those skills you learned years ago to help.

The past five to seven years of your life you have been taught to fish, and for the next five or more years, you will be taught even more techniques. Embrace it. You may not see some of the importance of it right now, but you will eventually. Like I said earlier, "Give a man a fish, you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, you feed him for a lifetime."

~Jeremy Brush, principal

September Students of the Month



Students of the Month
6th grader Grace Hunt
7th grader Erin Harris
8th grader Jasiah Hernandez

Congratulations!!! Great behavior, excellent character, and hard workers! So proud of these students!

Twenty Seventh Graders Enter The National Student Poetry Contest



Dakota Sanders wrote the following beautiful poem and entered it with the other nineteen students. The winner will be announced in the spring. There are hundreds of dollars in prizes to be given. Do you think this one will win?

A Place to Go

That red old arch stands before the ocean
The kind of arch every couple wants to stand under
The kind that you would think would be in a movie

A girl with strawberry blonde hair wonders along the shore
Noticing the old arch that stands before her
Noticing every feature with her glimmering green eyes
She starts prancing around the arch peacefully

She comes back almost every day
She reads there, cries there
She goes there to think
To do homework
But to come back one day to learn that the arch she's loved
Is knocked down

But another is made
She still comes back though
Knowing it's not as beautiful as the old one
But knowing she still has a place to go
A place to read, a place to cry, to think, to do work

Students who went the extra mile and entered the contest were:

Alivea Chisolm
Marcus Hyre
Ryan Coy
Aiden Stephens
Abby Taylor
Olivia Mullins
Mackenzey Newlin
Rhiannon Leydet
Illizalynn Jones
Dan Turner

Eli Vennard
Beth Ruppel
Dakota Sanders
Heyleigh Cooper
Addison Powell
MaKenna Thacker
Kyra Budds
Brilyn Siegle
Matia Stoltz
Madison Kelly

Congratulations on your hard work!

The Thrill of Playing Junior High Basketball

Do you want to play on the Parkview 7th grade basketball team this winter? If you are interested in playing, talk to Mr. Shelton about where to sign up. There are also sign-ups in the office. All seventh grade boys are invited to play! Ask your friends to play and have even more fun. You better sign up soon because the opportunity to be on the team won't be there forever.

This year we will have a new coach. His name is Bob Ghery. He has coached several teams before, such as the Parkview baseball team, the high school baseball team, and the 8th grade basketball team too. The season last year went from October to January. There are around fourteen or fifteen games a season. On top of that, there is the conference tournament and the state tournament. If you think that you can help the team, join them!

Basketball is a way to get away from school. It keeps you active and gives you something to be excited about. There is one thing you need to worry about though. To stay on the team you need to make good grades. Also, after so many referrals, you're off of the team. So, if you want to stay eligible throughout the year, keep track of your grades and act well in school.

Playing basketball could also make you proud to be a Brave. In addition, it gives you a reason to act well and get good grades. Many people show up to the games, and even more show up to conference. In close games everybody gets into it and it's really exciting. It is also really enjoyable to ride the bus. From the opening tip-off to the fourth quarter buzzer, it is always thrilling to be playing basketball.

~Maddox Pargin

Parkview Braves Advance to Regionals

On September 16, 2019, the Parkview Braves baseball team played hard to achieve their last home game victory, and then advance to the regionals. They advanced to play in Casey, IL along with many other teams. In their first game of regionals, they would have to face Newton. They had already played Newton this year and lost by two runs. Last time that Parkview played them, it was a home game, and now they are playing them on the road.

The boys on the team are: Luke Hatfield, Bryant Jenkins, A.J Lawson, Wade Miller, Landon Sanders, Jack Patterson, Maddox Pargin, Eli Vennard, Dalton Bobbit, Boston Gray, Hunter Gray, Jaden Goff, Emmeri Ivers, Aiden Decker, Nelian Bickers, Aiden Crawford, and Noah Wilson. The Parkview Braves baseball team is made up of sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. Compared to last year, there are a lot more sixth graders this year. The Parkview Braves suffered from a tough loss going 0-1 in regionals. Better luck to the Parkview Braves next year!

~Boston Gray

Will the Lady Braves Play Successfully?

The Parkview Lady Braves have their first game on September 26 and will travel to Robinson, Illinois to come home with a win. The Lady Braves have been practicing for three weeks. They have done lots of conditioning and drills. The Lady Braves also have brand new uniforms. They have been working to improve their skills from the first open



gym. After asking the Lady Braves coach, Coach Bunten, who is also

Parkview's physical education teacher, a few questions about the 2019 season, he answered with, "Continuing to grow as a team and progressing will be considered a success." We also asked him if he thinks that they have improved. He said, "We have improved greatly from last year, but still have a long way to go." Wondering if he liked being a coach, we asked him and he responded with, "I don't like it, I love it. The best part about it is watching the girls enjoy the success from all of their hard work." Also being curious about how he got his job at Parkview, we asked, and he told us, "I went to college with Mrs. Ellison, who teaches at the high school, and she let me know about the opening at Parkview. I made the decision to leave behind my previous job at Robinson Correctional Center and come back to coaching."

The last question we asked him was if he thought the Lady Braves' future in basketball was promising. He said, "Our future is very bright as long as we continue to grow as a team and learn to play together." Hopefully on their first game day, they will bring home a win, to start off their season. Successful or not, they will be rewarded with their hard work later on in their basketball season."

~Addy Brush, Erin Harris

Traveling Home To School To Home

I get to school and back home on the bus. It's very hot in the afternoon. I sweat more on the bus than in P.E. In the mornings, I sleep on the bus. All I hear in the mornings is Landon screaming my name. It's boring in the morning, so I sleep.

In the afternoon, I play with Pokemon cards. I usually just trade; I don't battle. I don't really do anything else but talk. The bus is pretty boring for the most part. In my opinion, there isn't much to do unless you have a lot of friends on the bus.

~Joshua Fitch

Beta Inducts New Members

Mrs. Holmes had the first Beta Club meeting in her room on Wednesday, Sept. 18 during lunch, and she explained what Beta Club is all about, so that students would understand what a privilege it is to be chosen to be in Beta Club. Beta is for kids that had a grade point average of 3.75 and were good students the year before. Students have to keep that 3.75 grade point average and they cannot have a referral; if they drop below 3.75 or get a referral, their membership is revoked. Beta students will have to volunteer four times each school year to do community service. This year Beta has many new and old students as you can see across the page. →

There was a Beta Induction at the school gym on Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 4:00 p.m. Betas had to dress up for the special occasion. Family and friends were allowed to go to the induction which lasted about thirty minutes. On Tuesday, thirty-eight new members were inducted, bringing the total to fifty-seven Betas for this school year at PJHS.

Beta Club will attend the state convention in February in Springfield. Students have to pay \$50 to attend the convention. There will be many fun competitions there like arts, crafts, and academic areas. Beta students will miss two school days to go to the convention. Beta Club is going to be extraordinary this year!

~Madison Kelly



This year, the Betas have been very proactive in keeping our school clean by helping out when the custodians are not able to be here. They also help with the Roaming Cart on Fridays. Thank you Betas for helping Parkview be the best school around!

2019-20 Beta Club Officers

- President: Kourtney Kasinger
- Vice President: Jack Patterson
- Co-Secretaries: Jake Hendricks & Kourtney Sholders

Current Members 2019-20

- Reid Barnes Maya Mullins
- Kasen Ochs Emily Bellville
- Jack Patterson Serena Buchanan
- Landon Sanders Rylee Dohoney
- Bella Sapp Jake Hendricks
- Kaytlin Thompson Bryant Jenkins
- Kourtney Kasinger Tessa Tislow
- Kourtney Sholders A. J. Lawson
- Reese Tracy Molly Lyle

Inductees for the 2019-20 school year

8th Grade

- Jasiah Hernandez Ranen Stoltz
- Danica Morris Josie Stork

7th Grade

- Wyalan Bice Olivia Mullins
- Dalton Bobbit-Burns Mackenzey Newlin
- Keely Breen Maddox Pargin
- Addyson Brush Chloe Potts
- Cole Campbell Addison Powell
- Katie Cook Bethany Ruppel
- Simon Crawford Dakota Sanders
- Dillon Darnell Hope Senger
- Boston Gray Jaylee Shick
- Alyssa Griggs Brilynn Siegle
- Wyatt Halter Natalie Siegle
- Erin Harris Emma Stork
- Gracie Hughes Abigail Taylor
- Madison Kelly MaKenna Thacker
- Rhiannon Leydet Eli Vennard
- Conor Lill Rosalia Wirth
- Mallory Lockhart Brilyn Yarber

Parkview Cheerleaders Train Hard

PJHS school cheerleaders practice for



competitions in November at Johanna Thompson's farm. They have four competitions a year and travel no farther than three hours for them.

The cheerleaders cheer at boys and girls basketball games. The cheerleaders don't cheer at football games. Johanna Thompson said, "The cheerleaders work very hard to improve their skills, and that is very important to them. They love working at the farm and enjoy their coaches and the other teammates."

Johanna Thompson coaches the high school and the middle school cheerleaders, and she also works at the high school. The middle school cheerleaders practice two hours every Tuesday and Thursday. The cheerleaders are currently working on their routine for competitions. In their routine, they do stunts, tumbling, jumps, chants, and dance. They have twelve cheerleaders and two coaches which are Johanna and Sandy Thompson. PJHS coaches allow students with disabilities to cheer if they want to. "Cheerleading is something I will always love and have passion for," said one of the PJHS cheerleaders.

Hope Senger, Emmah Frye, Delaney Bach

Giuseppe Wirth

Making Memories at the Fall Festival

The annual Fall Festival, which began in 1962, was open in Lawrenceville September 11-14. There were performances, rides, games, food, and much more. There were so many sights to see and things to hear. It was fun for people of all ages.

The performances were cheerleaders, dancers, band, and color guard. The Lawrenceville cheerleaders performed some of their cheers. On Thursday, Lawrence County Tumbling and Turning Point Dance showed off their skills. The next day, the high school, junior high band, and color guard



amazed the crowd. You could tell all these performers worked really hard on their routines!

The Fall Festival had all kinds of rides: thrill rides, kid rides, you

name it! Some of the rides were the Scrambler, the Tempest, the Hurricane, the Round Up, and lots more! There were also rides for little kids like the Ladybugs, the Strawberries, the Cars, and the Trucks. There was even a fun house for children to go through!

They even had some fun games and delicious food. Some games were ring toss and a fishing game. You could win stuffed animals, blow up toys, or a fish. Some foods at the Fall Festival were funnel cakes, corn dogs, nachos, and tacos. You could also get drinks like tea, lemonade, and soda. The Lawrence County Fall Festival is an event you should never miss!

~Jaylee Shick, Brilynn Siegle

Candy Grows Wheels

The new Rolling Cart is run by Beta members this year at Parkview by rolling to each class for children to purchase fun and rewards. You don't have to go to Mrs. Hank's office anymore. It comes straight to you and your class. You can purchase items with tickets or money. They have candy such as Skittles, Twix, and much more. You can also buy things consisting of scented pencils, electronic passes, and pencil erasers. There is a much larger variety in the cart.

This gives our students the ability to control their purchases in the real world. They also can complete their homework and focus. Then they can make a quick trip to the outside of their classrooms to spend their tickets. Way-To-Go tickets is Parkview's currency that can be spent on numerous things throughout the school year. This is another way of giving kids more advantages in the real world. The Roaming Cart is a new way to bring Parkview's rewards to students, and students can continue their daily routine.

~Simon Crawford, Conor Lill

The Disappearing Niagara Falls

Niagara Falls is a great tourist attraction, at the height of 614 feet! It's at the southern edge of Niagara Gorge, between the Canadian province of Ontario and the state of New York. It is free to enter the park. Niagara Gorge has several different falls; the biggest one being Horseshoe. Every year it freezes. Yes freezes! It is possible for it to freeze.



Every year Niagara Falls can freeze. Not all of the water freezes, and there is moving water underneath the frozen part. This makes it possible for people to climb it. Fourteen people have climbed it. The last person to climb it was Will Gladd.

Is Niagara Falls disappearing? Scientists say yes, it's disappearing. In the past 12,000 years the falls have moved about seven miles upstream. At this rate, they will disappear into Lake Erie in under 23,000 years. They are moving because they are eroding, which is where wind, dust, or water wear away at the softer rock. Take a trip! Visit Niagara Falls while you still can.

~Dalton Burns

Chromebooks Confined To Classrooms

Parkview is trying something new this year; every classroom has a set of computers instead of every student carrying a computer. All the students who dropped them last year contributed to this decision. We have some opinions from students in the seventh grade about this issue.



In the words of Natalie Smallwood, "I broke my computer last year, and I believe they were a safety hazard." Mackenzey Newlin has a negative opinion on the computers staying in the room, "I don't like the computers in class because I like to have the computer on me. I don't want to walk over to them, it takes longer, and is unnecessary."

These are both valid reasons to dislike or like Chromebooks staying in the classrooms. Some hope we will be able to take the Chromebooks to every class and be able to take them home next year. Others think the computers should stay in the classrooms. What's your opinion as a parent or as a student? As long as students have Chromebooks, they can still do their work.

~Nyah Davis, Landon Jackson

Mrs. Shaffer Puts a Smile On Student’s Faces

Mrs. Shaffer is a new teacher’s aid at Parkview Junior High School this year. She moved to Lawrenceville, and she wanted a job closer to home. She used to be a sign language interpreter at Robinson, Illinois, but the student she was with graduated from high school.



Mrs. Shaffer likes to do a lot of different things with her family. They like camping and riding four wheelers. She has been married for twenty-one years. She also said that her whole family likes to

travel. Her oldest son Colton is 19 and a sophomore at Vincennes University. He is studying to become a mechanical engineer. Carson is 16 and a junior at LHS. Camryn, her youngest child, is a fifth grader at Parkside Elementary School, and she loves kids and animals. Mr. Shelton is also Mr. Shaffer’s cousin. Mrs. Shaffer’s family likes to do a lot of different things together.

~Addie Powell, Hayleigh Cooper, Dawson Pinkstaff

Mrs. Goodwin Coaches College Volleyball Team

Mrs. Goodwin is a teacher at Parkview Junior High School as well as a girls volleyball coach at Lincoln Trail College. She is a very kind social studies teacher for seventh grade. I have gathered information by interviewing her about the team. They began their volleyball season recently but have still played quite a few games. Her team even has a few high school students.



First, I asked what the name of the college’s team was. Mrs. Goodwin replied that they were the Lincoln Trail Lady Statesmen, Then she told us that her team mascot was, of course, a little statesman. They

have reportedly won six games so far this season, with seven losses. Dana Goodwin has coached volleyball at three different places for eight years total. Let us wish them a happy game season.

~Kaeden Laslie, Daniel Turner

Ms. Hoke is Chosen to be the School Counselor

We interviewed Mrs. Hoke, our school Counselor, and we have some questions and answers. One of the questions was, “Do you enjoy working here?” Her answer was, “Yes!” We



also asked her if she had any other jobs, and she does. It is an “Outpatient Therapist.” We also asked her if she liked helping kids with their problems, and her comment was, “Yes”.

Where did you work before you came here? She said, “Lawrence County Behavioral Health.” Do you like being a counselor? “Yes!” How did you hear about this job? “ Mrs. Hanks from the Parkside School.” Why did you choose this job? “ She felt like she could reach out to more kids.”

We also asked her how would your “boss and co-workers describe you?” She said “Kind, nice, and sweet.” Is this your first time working at a school. “Yes!” What do you believe helps students get through rough situations? “Being positive, finding hope, and listening to others.”

~ Ricki Harrington, Haven Shick

New Teacher Arrives at Parkview

Ms. Borden is a new teacher’s aid beginning this year at Parkview Junior High School. One



reason she decided to become a teacher was because she wanted to give the help that she never had. When she was in seventh grade, she decided she wanted to become a teacher. She went to college at VU (Vincennes University) for a couple of years, but now she is taking an online class at WGU (Western Governors University). She decided to work at Parkview because she already knew most of the kids that were going to be here at Parkview. Also, she enjoys working with older kids rather than younger kids.

~Bethany Ruppel, Maggie Reese

Math Teachers Move In-House

This year, seventh grade students attending Parkview Junior High School in Lawrenceville, Illinois, have a new math teacher, Mrs. Keepes! Last

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year, she was an eighth grade teacher, but she and Mr. Jeorgans switched this year. They stayed in their same rooms; that was probably easier for them.

Most kids that had her in class before our class has told me that she was a great teacher!

Most kids in her class get jobs; if they don't get a job, they get paid for paying attention in class. They can also do their work and be a good student in general to get money. If you have a job, you get paid \$20 a week. If you don't have a job, you get \$1 a day, if you are not good one day, she won't give you the dollar. You can buy prizes with the money you earn.

In Landon Jackson's words, "I think Mrs. Keepes will be a great seventh grade teacher." Other students such as Erin Harris and Simon Crawford also agree with Landon's statement. Most of us will have a fun seventh grade year!

~Wyatt Halter, Owen Buchanan

The Water is Rising

Global warming has been destroying the earth and all of its creatures, then finally, it hit the news about thirty years ago that the weather is warming up, and the ice caps were melting, mostly because of greenhouse gases. The gases water vapour, carbon dioxide, methane, and ozone are in the atmosphere and are creating new weather patterns. Within the last ten years, the global temperature on earth has increased by about 0.8 Celsius, or 1.4 Fahrenheit. With this happening, there is more frequent and severe weather. As well as higher death rates.

States, and other countries, forecasts a temperature rise of 2.5 to 10 degrees Fahrenheit over the next century. Global sea level has risen by about 8 inches since reliable record keeping began in 1880. It is projected to rise another one to four feet by 2100. This is the result of added water from melting land ice, and the expansion of seawater as it warms. Ocean waters will therefore continue to warm and sea levels will continue to rise for many centuries at rates equal to or higher than those of the current century.

Even though global warming can cause many problems, there are things we can do to stop it. We can avoid products with a lot of packaging, as well as recycling more, planting trees, and using less hot water. There are other things we can do also. Let's help stop global warming.

Information taken from www.nrdc.org and www.my.hrw.com. ~Elexis Wolf, Haylee Potts

Chorus Class Makes Improvements

The Parkview Junior High school choir classroom is mostly new and improved this year! Over the summer, the school decided to switch some rooms around. There have been a lot of new sixth graders who have joined as well as a few others. The chorus students are separated by their vocal range: Soprano, Alto, and Baritone. The chorus class's teacher is Mrs. Lakin, a writing teacher for the seventh grade.

The chorus has been introduced to specialized T-shirts! Although the folders have the same design as last year, they are now sorted alphabetically. Chorus has a wide selection of songs that they can sing at their concerts as well. The choir will sing the National Anthem during their first performance along with other pieces of music as well. Many of the chorus students enjoy the modifications that have been made to the class.

~Chloe Potts

The Amazing Roaming Cart Travels Weekly

The roaming cart is pushed by Mrs. Hoke from class- to - class on Fridays at Parkview Jr. High School. It has cool items like school supplies and fun toys. Many items are mechanical pencils that are five tickets for kids who have tickets and need new supplies. The cart has smencils which are different smelling pencils that smell delicious. They also have different color fidget spinners in blue, purple, and red. At the office, for ten tickets, you can buy electronic passes.

She also has many different candies that go around on the roaming cart. The sour candies include: Sour Punch Straws, Rainbow Airhead Strips, and Sour Skittles. Many of the small candies consist of: Werther's Original caramels, Jolly Ranchers, Blow Pops, and Mini Push Pops. Also, they have original Skittles and Berry Skittles on the cart.

We can get the tickets from the staff and teachers. They will give us the tickets for good behavior, being responsible, being safe, and respectful. Most items from the store are one to ten tickets; most kids pay money for candy, toys, and electronic passes. Also, beta students help Mrs. Hoke with the roaming cart to get beta hours. We are lucky to have a roaming cart and a teacher that will take her afternoon to push around the roaming cart.

~Olivia Mullins, Abby Taylor

Who Writes The Articles?

Every seventh grader wrote an article in writing class. The articles were chosen themselves or assigned if they could not think of something that was newsworthy.

When the articles were submitted, the best of the best were chosen to go into this month's Parkview Pride. These students have things to say, and they have said it well! Bravo! 7th grade writers for a job well done!