



PANDA PRESS

A Message from Mr. Eric Siegel, Principal

We're off to a wonderful start at Parkview School and we are looking forward to a fun filled and academically rich year! The students and staff have adjusted well and are now well into their studies.

Please remember, during the drop off loop, wait for an adult to open your car door. That will ensure your child gets out safely. If you are parking, the Borough parking lot across the street is available, as the staff parking lot on school grounds is closed. For extra safety, remind your child to cross with the crossing guard only.

Come join us for the annual **Halloween Parade!** All are invited to come and watch us on **Tuesday, October 31 at 1:30pm** in the Parkview parking lot. Our children are very excited and are looking forward to wearing their Halloween costumes and seeing many familiar faces during this festive event. Please be sure to reference the Halloween information memo that will be eblasted for further details.

I anticipate a positive and productive school year for our children. If I can assist in any capacity, please call or email anytime: 732-214-2360 or esiegel@milltownps.org

Have a happy and safe Halloween!
Mr. Siegel

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NJEA Convention SCHOOL CLOSED	Nov 9-10
Parent/Teacher Conferences	Nov 20-21
Early Dismissal Days	Nov 20-22
Thanksgiving Break SCHOOL CLOSED	Nov 23-24



MILLTOWN MEF NEWS

November 7th- Clothing Drive- at the Boro gazebo

MILLTOWN PT&A NEWS

November 30th- Harlem Wizards at PV

A few reminders from the nurse's office:



FLU SEASON: If your child is in our pre-school program, and is less than five years old by December 31st, your child must get the flu shot. The flu vaccine is highly recommended for all children, but it is **MANDATORY** for those children ages 6 months to 59 months who are in preschool or childcare. **Your child will be excluded from school for non-compliance in January if he/she has not received it by then.** Please get the vaccine as soon as possible while supplies are still plentiful.

ALLERGIES & SNACKS: Please remember that most of our classrooms are nut free. Please be sure that you check the ingredients on the snacks you send into school and pay particular attention to granola bars and cookies which may contain nuts or peanut oils. Your child may eat peanut butter in the cafeteria, but not in the classroom. Thank you for your cooperation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at 732-214-2362 or email me at epagliuco@milltownps.org. Thank you!

Library and Technology

Our Parkview Pandas are very enthusiastic about our Library and Technology classes. First and second grades are learning and practicing their log-ins and some typing, and the third grade classes have begun a collaborative writing project interviewing and writing a digital article on a classmate.

Book borrowing is a highlight of the school week for many of our students, and I hope that your children are always happy with our Library collection, and reading their selections! In first grade, we send home a "Ready to Read" book each week that you should take the time to read with your child. Share the reading duties and let them show you all the sight words they know. Before long, they will want to read these books to you.

Mrs. Wright

LLI

The Fountas & Pinnell Leveled Literacy Intervention is a powerful, short-term intervention that provides daily, intensive, small- group instruction, which supplements classroom literacy teaching. LLI turns struggling readers into successful readers with engaging leveled books and fast-paced, systematically designed lessons. The goal of LLI is to lift literacy achievement of students in reading.

Mrs. Lawless

Music

Did you know that pandas are very musical? They can use their paws to pat hand held instruments such as drums and tambourines when they keep the beat in their music class. Pandas are learning about rhythms such as ta, ti-ti and rest. Pandas are so smart, they can use the Curwin hand signs to sing and read music, like so, mi and la. Pandas have very acute ears, which are also very cute, and can distinguish between high and low pitches. And best of all, pandas have wonderful singing voices that sing songs which make them feel happy. They sometimes use these singing voices while playing circle games. It should be common knowledge that pandas love music!

Mrs. Pinnella

Third Grade Expectations:

- * Homework every night
- * Reading to learn vs. learning to read
- * Study habits with study guides
- * More in depth writing with lots of details (5 paragraph essays)
- * Timed Fact tests in addition, multiplication, subtraction, division

What is BSIP?

What is BSIP? Welcome to Parkview School for the 2017-2018 school year!

The Basic Skills Improvement Program (BSIP) at Parkview is a push-in model. We provide in-class support during reading, writing and math to allow for more one-on-one and small group instruction to students when needed. Both math and reading can be stressful for children who don't feel confident with their skills in those subject areas. Sometimes it is a good idea to "take a step back" at home to build a student's confidence level. Games that emphasize basic math facts can be a fun way to learn those facts. Having your child read a book to you that they can read without your assistance is a great confidence builder. Get excited about playing those games or listening to your child read. You may find them asking to do more!

Mrs. Kotyuk & Mrs. DeStefano

I'LL STAND UP FOR YOU

The "I'll Stand Up For You" program is an initiative which promotes upstander behavior in Parkview School. When a student is heard using upstanding words such as, "That wasn't very nice," they are presented with an I'll Stand Up For You t-shirt. They can then wear their I'll Stand Up For U t-shirt proudly on the last Tuesday of the month.

Mrs. Sobota-Art Teacher

Welcome to our new school year! In Art, the students are getting ready for lots of exciting projects ahead. The third graders will be working on their profiles in preparation for their self-portrait drawings. This will be formed into a tile to be placed in the school building if you decided to purchase. Second graders will be designing drawings entirely out of shapes. First graders will be learning about line and shape and how to connect the two together to create animals. Last year we sponsored an Art Fair that was very successful. Thank you to all the families who purchased artwork and volunteered their time to make the event a success.

GYM

We are off to a great start in the gymnasium this year and the children are loving every minute! The year began with team building games to give the children a chance to get to know everyone in their class. I am so proud of the way they worked together and showed great sportsmanship towards each other. We have moved on to the sport of soccer and everyone is practicing skills such as dribbling and passing. Appropriate age levels games will follow when all the skills have been practiced. The gym is a fun place with activities changing all the time so be sure to check out my website to see what is going on! The sky is the limit. Don't forget your sneakers and remember, for safety, they must have laces or velcro.

Mrs. Giglio

Bully Prevention

All students in 1st through 3rd grade receive Bully Prevention lessons once per week in their classroom from Mrs. Pinnella. Students learn about how to identify a bully situation and how to respond when they see a bully situation. Mrs. Pinnella is available each day in the lunchroom if a student has a concern. Incident forms are available on the Parkview website and can be downloaded and given to the classroom teacher, Mrs. Ferlazzo or Mrs. Pinnella. All pandas need to feel safe and accepted here at Parkview School.

Mrs. Pinnella

FUNDATIONS

Fundations is part of the Wilson Reading approach, providing support in reading and spelling. Fundations is a multisensory, interactive program, and focuses on phonemic awareness, phonics-word study, fluency, vocabulary, handwriting as well as spelling. Identified students in grades 2 and 3 will receive daily Fundations lessons.

Mrs. Johnson & Mrs. DeAngelis

READING RECOVERY

Reading Recovery is a literacy intervention designed for first grade students. A Reading Recovery teacher meets with her students, one-on-one, for a half-hour every day. The program is designed to support and build on the individual strengths of each child. The average intervention lasts between 12 and 20 weeks. The goal is to bring the student up to an average first grade reading level by the end of his or her program.

Mrs. Johnson & Mrs. DeAngelis