

THE PARKVIEW VOICE

A Quarterly Newsletter by The Parkview School District



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State Assessments Even More Important in 2021



Steve Lutzke | District Administrator

With the exception of the 2019-20 school year (canceled due to COVID-19 school closure), Parkview students in grades 3-11 annually complete a series of state mandated assessments to determine the effectiveness of Parkview's curriculum and instruction on raising student achievement.

Students in grades 3-8 and 10 take the WI Forward exam. Grade 10 also takes the ACT Aspire exam. Grade 9 takes the ACT Aspire exam and grade 11 takes the ACT with writing exam. These exams provide students, staff and parents with important information about how effective Parkview is with raising the level of student achievement. Annually, the staff reviews and analyzes the test results to identify areas of improvement, and revisions are made to improve student achievement the following year. I firmly believe that Parkview's steady improvement in student achievement is a result of improvements made based on these assessments.

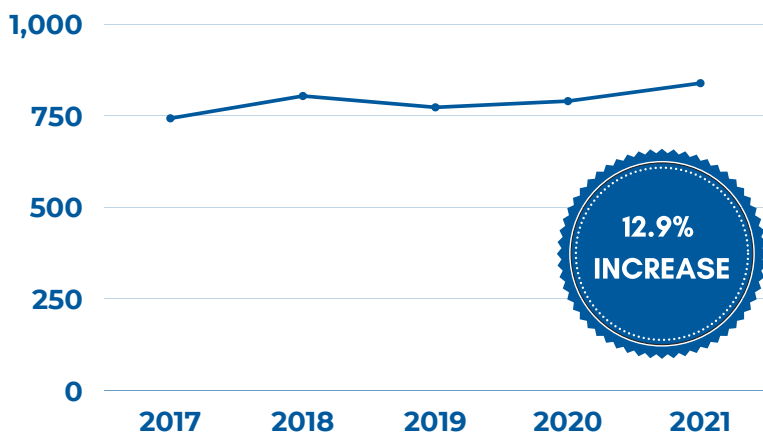
Parkview students didn't take these tests during the 2019-20 school year and Parkview's instructional delivery during the last year has included a large amount of virtual instruction so the 2020-21 assessment data is even more important than during a non-pandemic year.

Within the next month, Parkview will be communicating the assessment dates for each grade. I ask that parents do their best to ensure their kids, if healthy, are at school for each of these assessments. Getting accurate assessment scores from all students ensures that Parkview staff will be able to continue improving and increasing the quality of learning for all students.

Enrollment Increase

Positive trend for Parkview's enrollment

We are incredibly thankful that the Parkview School district has been able to keep its doors open to its students and staff through these trying times. We are one of the only districts in the state-line area that have been engaging in face to face instruction full time for the 2020-21 school year. With that said, our enrollment has increased 8.5% since last school year, and 12.9% since 2017. Impressively, we have gained 31 new resident students since September. The efforts of our staff and district families are no doubt the reason for this success!



PES Tech Tuesdays



Coordinated by Nikki Lutzke, Jessica Siebert & Martyna Stelter

Tech Tuesdays provide an opportunity for students to bring their devices home and work with their parent/guardian on an activity together, giving our families the chance to familiarize themselves with the iPad or Chromebook.

We learned so much about HOW we wanted to connect with our families based on our virtual experience during the 2019-2020 school year. Eliminating some of the stress and confusion of virtual learning was key in our decision to roll out Tech Tuesdays at PES.

The biggest obstacle that we continue to encounter is the lack of quality internet services throughout the school district. There are pockets of excellent internet service sprinkled in amongst areas where internet access is spotty.

Since we started Tech Tuesdays, we've found that the greatest impact is on our families and how they are better managing the now familiar devices with their students. Parents and caregivers are much more confident in assisting their child and we have had very few families reach out with major issues. In fact, the feedback we've received this year has been positive.



Want to attend Parkview schools, but don't live in the district?

OPEN ENROLLMENT

*Window is open
February 1 - April 30 at
4pm*

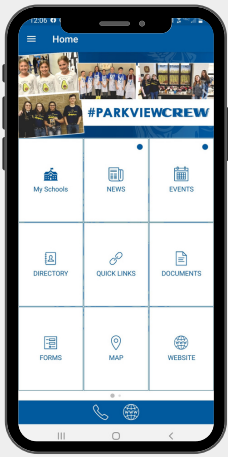
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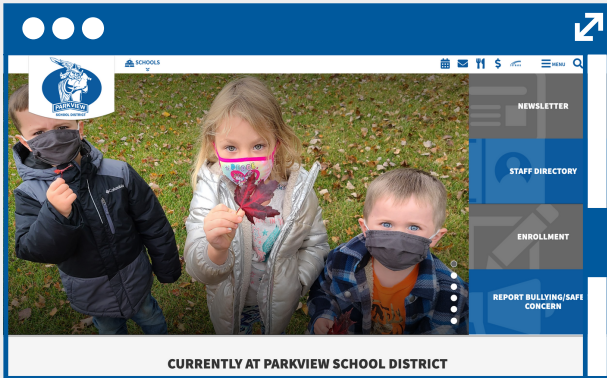
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New Website & App Launch

www.parkview.k12.wi.us

Beginning February 1st, 2021 the Parkview School district's website will look a little different. Using the same website domain, this new website will allow for easier navigation, as well as better display of Parkview's stories and resources. The general layout of the website will mirror our previous design, however we have made efforts to better organize our webpages for the convenience of our families.

In addition to a new look for the District's website, we will now have a more accessible version on mobile devices in the form of an app. The new app will allow students and parents to easily view upcoming events, announcements, assignments, as well as provide a direct link to our staff phone numbers and district website.

The Parkview School District app is free to download on the App Store or Google Play. Search or scan the code above to download today!

The Sunny Peace Prairie Donation

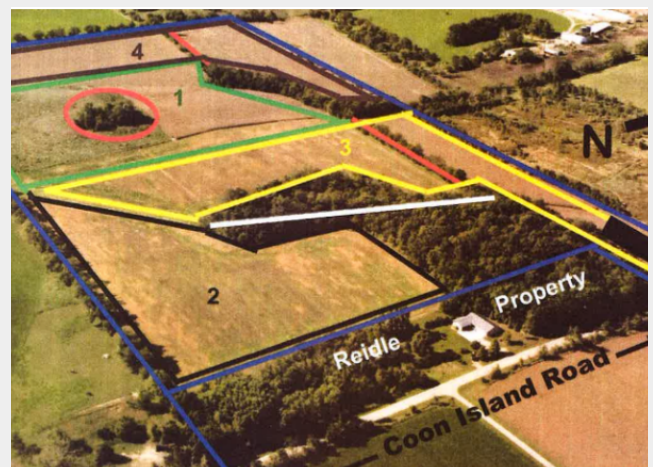
Donated by Norm & Carol Aulabaugh

Through the generosity of Parkview residents, Norm & Carol Aulabaugh, Parkview has received a 75 acre nature area known as the Sunny Peace Prairie. This beautiful nature area is located just a mile from the school district and offers the opportunity for Parkview students and community to enjoy a beautiful prairie and Oak Savannah.

The district recently completed the closing to transfer the land so that it is officially Parkview's property. Plans are in place to make opportunities yet this school year to get our Parkview students out to the Sunny Peace Prairie. There will be a variety of learning experiences beginning this school year ranging from science, agriculture, physical education and art, to name a few. Walking trails will also be added to the property and it is anticipated that the cross-country team will be able to use the area for training and to host meets. The district also plans to facilitate quarterly community events at the Sunny Peace Prairie so the community can benefit from Norm & Carol Aulabaugh's very generous donation.

"Like music and art, love of nature is a common language that can transcend political or social boundaries."

-- Jimmy Carter





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Upcoming Events

6th Grade Transition Parent Meetings January 28th

Spring Break March 29th - April 2nd

Homecoming April 17th

Graduation May 28th

Visit our District Calendar at www.parkview.k12.wi.us for up-to date information on upcoming events.

6th Grade to Transition to the Junior/Senior High School

The 6th grade class will find their new home at the Parkview Junior/Senior High School beginning in the 2021-22 school year.

There are multiple reasons this transition is beneficial to the future 6th grade classes at Parkview. The facilities at PJHS are more tailored to a middle school experience. The 6th grade classes will also have greater access to Academic Career Plan trained staff and a large number of extracurricular activities.

The space at Parkview Elementary will be utilized by our 1st and 2nd grade classes that are growing!