



December 7-13 is the “Hour of Code”

The hour of code is a global event to encourage students to learn computer science.

Take a look at 4th Grade Mrs. Davis’ Engineering PREP Block...



Mrs. Davis shares...

“So far the kids have used K'NEX to build towers, a balance, motorcycles, cars, helicopter and more.”

(see more pictures below)

Upcoming Events at a Glance...

December 1 – 16 –

Angel Giving Tree

December 7- 11 –

Candy Gram Sales
\$1.00 each (cash only)

December 8 –

North Learning Zone
Spelling Bee

December 11-

Grades 3- 5 Progress
Reports Home

December 14 – Candy
Cane Day

December 15 – Grinch
Day

December 16 –

Ugly Sweater Day

December 16 –

Spirit Night at PDQ-
Concord 4 -8 PM

December 16 & 17 –

Winter Parties (see
schedule below)

December 17 –

Snowflake Day

December 17 – Winter
Concert/General PTA
Meeting 6:30

December 18 –

School Store Open
7:45 – 8:10 AM

December 18 -

Staff Cookie Walk

December 18 –

Jingle Bell Day

December 21 – January

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Winter Break – No
School



“While other students are working on creating coeds for games online.”



How awesome is that!?!

Parkside Elementary Spelling Bee...



Neha George, a 4th grader in Mrs. Burrus' homeroom, is our first ever Parkside Spelling Bee Winner!!



Congratulations Neha!!

We are proud of all of our spelling bee contestants!!



(from left to right) Allison Kim, Betty Nguy, Neha George, Zara Sydea, Bhavya Pateru, Kalicia Moss, Alanah Thompson and Shawn Tillman



Neha will represent Parkside at the North Learning Community Spelling Bee on December 8th.

Parkside Elementary Angel Tree is here!



If you would like to help, please stop by the front office, select an Angel from the tree, and give your name to our secretary.

Wrapped Gifts should be returned to the school no later than
**Wednesday,
December 16th.**

*please place the Angel on the outside of the wrapped gifts.



Thank you for loving our students as much as we do.

Candy Grams on sale December 7th – 11th



Fifth Grade is selling Candy Grams to raise money for their trip to Charleston, SC. They are \$1.00 each (cash only). This will run from Monday, December 7th to Friday, December 11th. Please consider sending one or sending money with your child so that they can send one to a friend or sibling here at Parkside.

Thank you for your support!



Congratulations to Mrs. Davis' 2nd grade class!!

They collected the most canned goods for our Thanksgiving Food Drive and received *extra* recess time for their hard work!



Thanks to all our students and parents for their contribution for this special event!



the Life of a Single Mom Meeting

Date: Thursday, December 10th

Time: 6:30-7:30 PM

Location: Mallard Creek Recreation Center

2530 Johnston Oehler Road

Charlotte, NC 28269

A new group to give single moms the opportunity to come together for encouragement and personal growth.

Monthly meetings will include time for socializing and gaining valuable resources, such as; Career Planning (interviews & resumes), Personal Finance and Couponing

Featuring: Kids Club where kids are engaged in fun activities while mom is having fellowship. Ages 2 – 12. (Children MUST be potty trained)

For More Information or to Reserve your spot today please Call: 980-314-1121

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Hope Church

GRADES 3-5 ONLY



Parkside Families,

Due to circumstances beyond our control, there will be a delay with our progress reports in grades 3-5.

Progress Reports were originally set to be distributed today, however, the state of NC has had many technical glitches with Powerschool.

Therefore, progress reports will be delayed until next Friday, Dec. 11th.

We apologize for any inconvenience. We encourage you to remain diligent about your child's progress by reviewing work materials that are sent home each Thursday.

It is always our goal to keep parents informed on a regular basis regarding grades and academic performance, however, communication through this platform is out of our control.

Thanks for being understanding and exercising patience as the State works through these issues.

Parkside Winter Parties and Winter Concert Schedule



Wednesday, December 16

8:30 - 9:30 - 1st Grade Party
9:45 - 10:45 - 3rd Grade Party
1:30 - 2:30 - 2nd Grade Party

Thursday, December 17

8:30 - 9:30 - Kindergarten Party
10:05 - 11:05 - 4/5 Party
1:45 - 2:45 - Winter Concert

Grade Level Party Themes

Kindergarten - Polar Express
1st - Holidays Around the World
2nd - Snowman
3rd - Grinch
4/5 - Winter and the Spirit of Giving - includes a community service project

All parties will be held in the multipurpose room and the cafeteria.

Theme Days ~ December 14 - 18

Mon., Dec. 14- Candy Cane Day
Example: (wear something red/white)
Tues., Dec. 15- Grinch Day
Example: (wear something green)
Wed., Dec. 16- Ugly Sweater Day
Thurs., Dec. 17- Snowflake Day
Fri., December 18 – Jingle Bell Day

Spirit Night @ PDQ Concord



When? – Wednesday, December 16th

Time? – 4 to 8 PM

Be sure to tell the staff that you are there for

“Parkside Elementary”



Our Career Exploration block at Parkside Elementary still needs your help! During this block, students will have the opportunity to learn and explore about careers from the experts --- **YOU!**

Please consider visiting our school from 8:15am - 9:00am on **one (1) day between November 16th and January 22nd** to share what you do as an occupation with our students! This will be so much fun!

Please Click [HERE](#) to sign up for the date that you are available.

Please contact Andrea Anzalone (School Counselor) directly for questions at (980) 343-9915.

Thank you so much for your support in this effort!



Looking to buy a Parkside T-shirt, Car Magnet & more?

Here are the upcoming dates for the School Store:
(Open from 7:45 – 8:10 AM)

December 18

January 8 & 22

February 5 & 19

March – 4 & 18

April – 8 & 22

May 6 & 20

Parkside Elementary Spirit Rocks



Front of the School Rock & Back Bus Lot Rock

Does your child have a birthday, graduation, or other special event coming up? Our School's Spirit Rocks are the perfect way to recognize them on their special day!

You can rent one or both to paint special messages for your child. One Spirit Rock is located in the front of the school and the other in the back bus lot.

Cost: \$6.00 to rent each rock and \$12.00 for both. There is an additional \$1.49 charge for reservations under \$10.00.

Just go to www.myspiritrock.com to rent either one or both of the rocks. After reservations are made online, parents may start painting at 5 PM the day before it's been rented so the rock will be ready for your child to see in the morning!

If you have questions please email Andrea O'Neill
andrea.oneill.7@gmail.com



The Wall Project

We are building a tile wall to decorate our school and to commemorate the first students to ever attend Parkside Elementary.

It is our goal for every Parkside student and/or family to purchase a brand new handprint tile with the students first and last name to place on the family wall.

The holiday season is the perfect time to get your student's tile. Ask a family member or friend to purchase a tile for your student as a holiday gift! You can also purchase extra handprint tiles to donate to other students as Angel Giving Tree gifts.

Ordering your tile helps to make sure that we are able to provide some great school-wide enhancements. Some of these include:

- ✚ PTA funded activities
- ✚ Funding for Electives Teachers – Art, Drama, iPad Lab, Technology, and Physical Education
- ✚ Leveled Book Libraries
- ✚ Parkside Readiness and Enrichment Program (PREP) as well as Life Application Block (LAB) activities

If you'd like to order your child's tile or purchase extra tiles as Angel Giving Tree gifts, simply fill out the blue order form that came home in your child's Thursday folder. (Additional forms are available in the front office).

Cost per tile: 1 = \$25.00; Additional Tiles =\$20.00 per tile

Download the CMS Mobile App

With winter weather approaching, now's a great time to download the CMS mobile app and stay connected with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. Access the latest news, updates, calendars and more anytime, anywhere. Visit bit.ly/Cmsapps from your mobile device, or scan the QR code to download.



Available for both Apple and Android devices.



[Click HERE](#) to follow Parkside Elementary on Facebook



[Click HERE](#) for the Parkside Elementary Website



**** coming soon – Parkside Elementary Twitter**

Updates from our PTA



Get Connected ... Stay in the Know!

"Like" the [Parkside PTA Facebook](#) page to receive helpful information, event updates, and see what our PTA is doing!

Tutoring and Mentoring

Would you like to tutor students or are you interested in spending time with students as a mentor? If you said "YES!" to this question, then Parkside needs you! We are looking for individuals who can be there for our students consistently, at least once per week. Please tell us which day(s) of the week that we can count on you to volunteer through the VolunteerSpot website. Click [HERE](#) for the Volunteer Spot Page.

Breakfast Buddies, Lunch Buddies and Reading Buddies

Would you be able to join a student during breakfast or lunch, just to show support? If you said "YES!" to this question, Parkside needs you! Again, we are looking for individuals who can be there for our students consistently, at least once per week. Please tell us which day(s) of the week that we can count on you to volunteer through the VolunteerSpot website. Click [HERE](#) for the VolunteerSpot Page.

If you haven't already there is one step that you must complete before you can volunteer.

You must register on the CMS website as a volunteer for Parkside Elementary. Registering on the CMS Volunteer Registration website will help to keep our students, staff and school safe. If you haven't already registered, the CMS Volunteer website is [here](#)

Any questions, please contact Alisha Johnson- parksideelempta@gmail.com