

## GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Each and Every Child, Each and Every Day

# Parcells Newsletter

May June 2019

<http://gpschools.schoolwires.net/gpparcells>

## From the Principal's Desk

### End of Year Calendar Reminders

May 27th: No School, Memorial Day

May 29th : 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Night 6:30pm (We will be mailing out invitations for all students who qualify for awards)

May 30th: Spring Choir Concert

June 4th: Instrumental Pops Concert & Ice Cream Social

June 11th:

- Promotion Ceremony 6:30 pm (1 hour, followed by outdoor reception)
- Locker Cleanout – Don't bring anything the rest of the week (NO BACKPACKS)
- Promotion Practice – 1<sup>st</sup> Hour

June 12th: Field Trips

- Field Trip permission slips due back by May 21st
  - o 6<sup>th</sup> Red Oaks Park
  - o 7<sup>th</sup> CJ Barrymore's
  - o 8<sup>th</sup> Cedar Point

June 13th: Half Day, 11:34 Dismissal; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Party 11:30 – 1:30

June 14th: Last Day of School

- Half Day, 11:00 Dismissal
- Talent Show at 9:30am

End of year Report Cards will be available the week of June 24th

**Online Registration Process for 2019-20**: A letter will be sent to your home in early August, explaining the mandatory online pre-registration. Pre-registration must be completed before coming to Parcells registration on the following days and times:

Grade 8: Monday, August 19 from 9:00-11:30 am

Grade 7: Tuesday, August 20 from 9:00-11:30 am

Grade 6: Wednesday, August 21 from 9:00-11:30 am

6th Grade WEB Orientation - Monday, August 27

Make-up registration for all grades will be Tuesday and Wednesday, August 27 & 28 from 9:00-11:00 am. The first day of school for students is Tuesday, September 3.

### Have a Great Summer!

I can hardly believe that our school year is coming to an end. While the time seems short, the accomplishments of our students are many. In addition to maintaining the highest academic standards, our students have achieved numerous awards at the state and national levels in all areas from Spelling, Social Studies, Chemistry, Robotics, Music, Art and many more. It has been my pleasure to share this year's successes with our students, parents, and staff. Parcells continues to exemplify what it means to be a community school, as we work together to provide the highest standard of education for our students.

As summer is approaching, I look forward to serving this community in the future and sharing in next year's accomplishments. On behalf of the entire Parcells staff, I want to say "Congratulations and Thank You" to everyone for a year full of hard work in supporting the success of Parcells students.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Hartley, Principal

## **Social Studies Olympiad**

On Saturday May 4, 2019 eight social studies enthusiasts participated in the 33rd annual Social Studies Olympiad quiz bowl held at Grosse Pointe North. This year our outstanding students placed third overall. Congratulations go to Nathan Jochum, Emmett Cho, Jack Russell, Rylee Nugent, Meredith Bayus, Niko Truza, Hyab Gebregziabher and Sa'ad Alrazzi.

## **6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Social Studies**

In 6th grade, students explored the culture and history of many South American countries by working on their South America project. This week we are wrapping it up with a fiesta, South American style! Next, onto Medieval times in Europe! Then summer break! Hazaa!

7th graders are studying the Cold War and Soviet Union. They are loving learning this piece of history. If they are able to attend the Washington, DC trip students will see a piece of the Berlin Wall at the Newseum.

8th graders are learning about Westward Expansion and the country's belief in Manifest Destiny. All classes are continuing to improve their writing skills during this unit. Students are either writing an argumentative essay on whether or not the Mexican American was justified or taking on a persona of a person travelling to California for the Gold Rush and writing journal entries that would reflect the experiences of the time. Next, we will be learning about the Civil War - always one of the favorite units of the year.

## **ENGLISH DEPARTMENT**

As another installment of standardized testing winds to a close, I am struck by how well our students handled it. Students dealt with changed schedules and hours of working in silence. They came through it all with poise and composure. Although testing can cause stress and anxiety, it is so fantastic to know that our students are mature enough to handle it.

I am also pleased that students have the Grosse Pointe Writing Assessment at the end of the year and that this assessment measures their writing abilities. I am grateful that GP teachers are the ones who score our student's work and not someone in another state or, even worse, a computer program. The teachers who score the GPWA are trained and each assessment is read and reviewed by 2 different teachers before a score is awarded. The writing samples reflect what is taught in the classroom and is indicative of educational standards. In short, this assessment is something that I can trust. Its scores are something I can rely upon in terms of planning and implementing specialized curriculum.

It is clear that not all assessments are created equal. However, I am reassured by 2 things: the maturity of our students and the expertise of our teachers.

Greetings Panther Families-

Our annual end of the year **PBIS Reward Auction** will be here before we know it. Last year we had over 70 baskets to auction off to students who demonstrated positive behavior throughout the year. Our students have been working hard all year to bank their bucks in anticipation of this exciting event!

As spring cleaning begins and you go through your closets and basements and throw out things that do not give you joy, please consider the Parcels Auction. We will accept any new or gently used item that would bring joy to a middle school student. Last year most of the basket items came from parent and staff donations (purses, sports stuff, beach towels, yoga mats, gift cards, etc).

Any donation you can make towards the auction will go a **long way** in our efforts to promote positive behavior! Please send items to the main office labeled 'PBIS Rewards'.

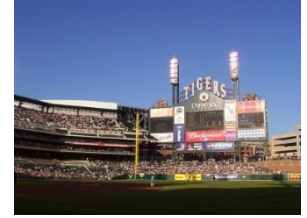
Thank you so much for your support and consideration. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to one of us.

Kim Radant, Andrea Gruenwald, Brian McDonald, Jeff Nyenhuis, and Steve Chevalier



**Student Council News**  
**Upcoming meeting: 5/9 - Tigers Game Field Trip 5/23**

I am so proud of all of the Student Council's accomplishments this year and am looking forward to celebrating with a day of sun, fun, and baseball!



This year students have also asked to tour the new Little Caesars Arena. We will spend a full day in our wonderful city exploring the new arena and watching the Tigers take on the Marlins!

We will have just one final event for this school year, the 2019 Talent Show! Parents are welcome to join us on the last day of school as we celebrate a great year and enjoy our talented students.

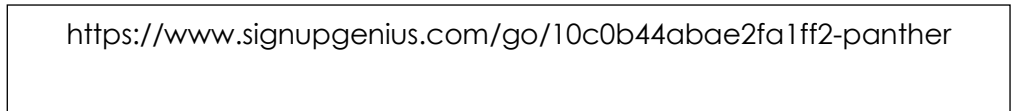


**PBIS Panther Auction**

We are in need of parent chaperones to assist on the day of the event (Friday June 7) during the school day! Please scan the QR code to go to our Sign-Up Genius page if you have the time to help. The students are eagerly anticipating this exciting celebration!



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b44abae2fa1ff2-panther>



**Life Skills News**

**7/8 Foods-** We are in the beginning stages of our annual culinary cook-off! This year we will be competing in a pasta challenge. Students continually shock me with their skills, and creativity during this fun competition. Staple ingredients will be provided for each group, and additional items will need to be brought in from home. Thank you for your support!



**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Life Skills-**

Sixth grade students are preparing to start cooking too! After studying healthy eating and the importance of exercise we will be making several homemade dishes ranging from breakfast to dessert! It's my hope that these students will all be able to help out more at home. Feel free to email me when they do



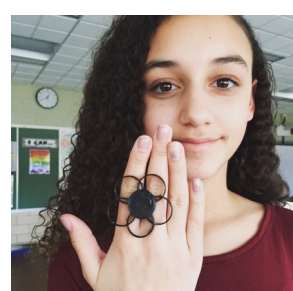
The Science Department continues to work towards adopting an NGSS-aligned curriculum by the end of the school year.

At this time, teachers have unanimously agreed to adopt Mi-STAR (Michigan Science Teaching and Assessment Reform) [www.mi-star.mtu.edu](http://www.mi-star.mtu.edu), which is produced by researchers, educators, and engineers at Michigan Tech with grant funding from the Dow Foundation.

Look for a BOE presentation and request for approval in May!

### From the Art Department:

This year I've had the pleasure of having many advanced art students take my classes for the second, third or fourth time. When students take Graphic Design or Exploring Art again they are able to work independently in the medium of their choice under my guidance. This is when the cool stuff starts to happen. 3D printing in Graphic Design has built creative key chains and jewelry. Throwing on the pottery wheel has created bowls and cups. Casting with plaster has evolved a hand sculpture. Painting and drawing have vastly improved! I've loved seeing the progression of these young artist and hope that more students continue to come back for more innovative designs of their own.



## **Mathematics**

**Algebra I:** The final exam is June 5 and June 6. Students should already have a study plan in place. Good Luck!

**Pre-Algebra:** Students are working on Geometry, the first part of this unit, the focus will be on angles, their relationships and triangles and the second part will focus on 3-dimensional shapes. Students will finish the year with Probability.

**Math 7:** Students are working on Geometry. The first part of this unit, the focus will be on angles and area of two-dimensional shapes. The second part will focus on volume of 3-dimensional shapes. Students will finish the year with Probability.

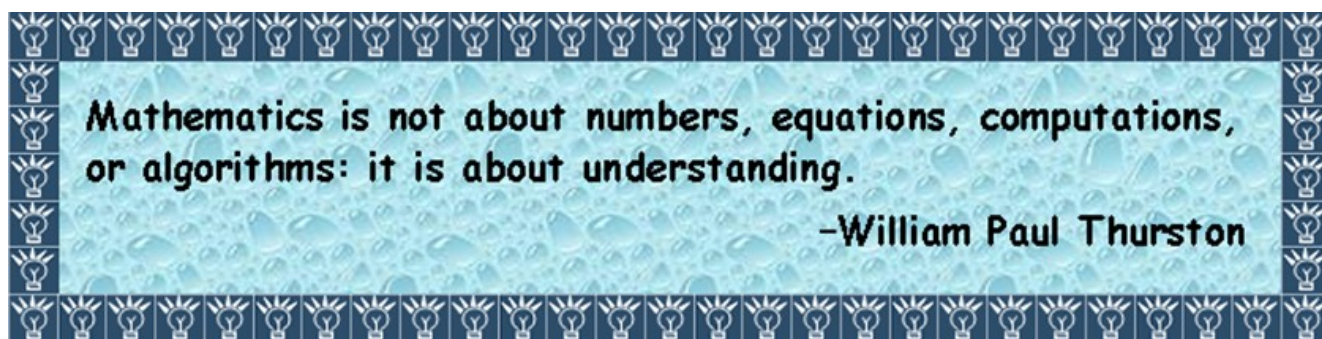
**Math 6:** Students will begin working on perimeter, area and volume.

**M-Step:** Sixth and Seventh grade students will take the Math M-Step April 29-May 3. Please make sure they get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast so they will perform at their best.

**NWEA:** All Students will take the Math NWEA during the week of May 13-17. Please make sure they get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast so they will perform at their best.

**Summer Learning:** All students now have access to Imagine Math: [math.imaginelearning.com](http://math.imaginelearning.com). They should work on this program for about an hour a week during the summer. This will keep their math skills fresh and prevent the summer slide.

**You can help children finish the school year with strong academic performance by checking Schoology regularly.**



## **FROM OUR SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

The ASD and the MoCi programs have had many fun yet educational Community Based Instructional trips this year! We have focused on a lot of money skills, socializing, acting appropriately in public and applying what we have learned in the classroom. We have often walked to our local Kroger to learn how to navigate a grocery store as well as plan a grocery list, look for the items and purchase them! We have partnered up with Sunrise Senior Living to walk over there to work on our socializing skills as well as help pass things out and clean up. Earlier this school year, we took a bus over to Macomb Mall to do some holiday shopping for our families and ordered and paid for our own lunch. We also took a trip to show off our bowling skills at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. We will continue our adventures for the remainder of the year by going to the Detroit Zoo, a Kroger trip, Sunrise, Friendship Circle and TCBY. We would like to extend a very big thank you to the community for always welcoming us and encouraging us to be our very best!





Grosse Pointe Public School System  
**27TH ANNUAL SUMMER SELECT CHOIR**  
**AUGUST 12-16, 2019**

**Brownell Middle School**

Monday – Thursday 8:30AM – 12:30PM

Friday 8:30AM – 2:30PM

**Final Performances**

Friday August 16, 6PM and 8PM

*High School Guest Conductor*

**MARK STOVER**

*from the University of Michigan*

*Open to GPPSS students entering grades 4-12*  
*Register online at [gpschools.schoolwires.net/choir](https://gpschools.schoolwires.net/choir)*  
*Questions? Contact [carolyn.gross@gpschools.org](mailto:carolyn.gross@gpschools.org)*

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## GROSSE POINTE SUMMER CHOIR

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You are invited to register for the **Grosse Pointe Public Schools' 27th Annual Summer Select Choir Workshop.** This exciting program is open by invitation to GPPSS vocal music students grades 4-12 and provides an opportunity for students to maintain and further develop their singing skills.

<b>PLACE:</b>	Brownell Middle School
<b>DATES:</b>	August 12-16, 2019
<b>TIMES:</b>	Monday –Thursday 8:30am-12:30pm Friday 8:30am-2:30pm, 6pm & 8pm Performances
<b>WORKSHOP FEE:</b>	\$95.00 (non-refundable) includes T-shirt and pizza lunch on Friday
<b>REGISTRATION GUIDELINES:</b>	The workshop is open by invitation to Grosse Pointe Public School students going into grades 4-12. The workshop is intended for students who are enrolled in their home school's choir program. Teacher approval is required prior to registration.

Register online at [gpschools.schoolwires.net/choir](https://gpschools.schoolwires.net/choir) or by following the Summer Select Choir link from your school's website. Please register prior to June 30. Questions? . . . contact [carolyn.gross@gpschools.org](mailto:carolyn.gross@gpschools.org)

Please return the bottom portion of this sheet to your school music teacher after registering online.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*I understand that to be a participating member of a Select Choir, I must attend ALL of the scheduled rehearsals during the week of August 12-16, and the final performances on Friday August 16th.*

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_



# The Counselors' Corner

## May/June 2019

- ♦ **Elementary School Visits-**
  - Ferry May 20<sup>th</sup> 9:30-11:30 AM
  - Monteith May 21<sup>st</sup> 9:30-11:30AM
  - Mason May 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:30-11:30AM
  - Poupard May 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:30-11:30AM
- ♦ **2018-2019 WEB Leader Celebration-** May 14<sup>th</sup> during 1P
- ♦ **Honors Night for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders:** May 29<sup>th</sup> 6:30PM
- ♦ **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion:** June 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30PM

## SUMMER DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ♦ **MANDATORY August Dates for WEB Leaders:**
  - WEB Training: August 22<sup>nd</sup> 8:30am -1:30pm AND August 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:30am-1:30-pm
  - WEB Orientation August 26<sup>th</sup> 7:45am -12:30pm
  - First Day of School: September 3<sup>rd</sup> all day
- ♦ **Parcells Summer Testing: NWEA/Math Placement:**
  - ♦ New Students to Grosse Pointe Public Schools:
    - Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup> @ 9-11am
    - Thursday August 15<sup>th</sup> @ 9-11am
  - ♦ Math Placement Test
    - Thursday August 15<sup>th</sup> @ 9-11am (only for students who receive Math packets for summer study)

To find out more, check out the Counseling website and join us on Facebook (Parcells Middle School Counseling Office) and Twitter (@ParcellsCounsel) to be the first to hear what's new in the counseling offices.

Please feel free to contact your student's counselor with any questions or concerns!

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Dear 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents,

Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students just returned from their Washington DC trip and had the time of their lives! I hope your 7<sup>th</sup> grader is already registered for their trip next spring, but if they are not, I have great news for you! **Worldstrides has reopened the registration window! You can still get your child on the trip AND receive the early registration discount! But hurry, time is running out!**

**Parents who register on or before June 10 will still receive a \$75 discount and \$50 off the deposit price. This special pricing will go away, so please do not miss out on your opportunity to save money now!!!**

To register your child for the trip, go to: [www.worldstrides.com/signup](http://www.worldstrides.com/signup) or call WorldStrides Customer Service at 1-800-468-5899. Please reference Trip ID #171970.

**Our trip dates are April 29 – May 1, 2020.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at: [duffeyd@gpschools.org](mailto:duffeyd@gpschools.org)

Sincerely,

Mrs. Debra Duffey

# Important Dates to Remember

**LATE START EVERY MONDAY - SCHOOL STARTS AT 9:05 AM**

May 20-21	Band/Orchestra/Choir Trip to Mackinac Island
May 27	<b>No School: Memorial Day</b>
May 29	6 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Night 6:30 pm Parcels Auditorium, Reception Following
May 30	Spring Vocal Concert 7 pm
May 30	Mr. Hartley Camps Out - come join the campfire after the concert.
June 11	Promotion Ceremony Practice 2 <sup>nd</sup> hr.-Locker Clean Out 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion/Honors Ceremony 6:30 pm Parcels Auditorium, Reception Following
June 12	All School Field Trips
June 13	<b>A.M. Classes ONLY 11:34 am Dismissal</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Party 11:34 am till 1:30 pm
June 14	<b>A.M. Classes ONLY 11:00 am Dismissal</b> (last day for teachers) Talent Show 9:00 am till 11:00 am

The GPEA teacher's union and GPPSS partnered to be able to release the major breaks for the 2019-20 school calendar.

1. The first day of student instruction will be Tuesday, September 3, 2019.
  2. The following days will be holiday breaks for both students and teachers:
  3. November 27 - 29 (Thanksgiving)
  4. December 23 - January 1 (Christmas) - note this is one school day longer than the 2018-19 school year (returning 1/2/20)
  5. January 20 (MLK Day)
  6. February 17-21 (midwinter break)
  7. April 6 - April 10 - (spring break)
  8. May 25 - (Memorial Day)
- Due to Election Day, November 5, 2019 will be a teacher work day, but not a student day.



# Bandwidth Focused on Academics



The District is working with our internet filter options to ensure appropriate bandwidth for instruction and testing. **Please be aware that as the District limits access, social media like Snapchat and Instagram will be using your family data uses and charges could increase.** Make sure to review with your student the cell phone policy that is on pages 11 and 12 in their student planner passed out the 1st day of school. Thank you for supporting our focus on academics.

## THE HOMEWORK STATION

The Homework Station is open after school Monday through Thursday from 3:25 to 4:25 in room 108. It's a great place to do homework, ask for help and work on projects. We have textbooks, calculators and other school supplies. Students may also use computers and a color printer for class projects. No sign up is necessary, and students may attend as often as they like.

### **HOMEWORK STATION**

**3:25-4:25**

**Monday-Thursday**

**ROOM 108**

- **Do you want to get your homework done before you get home?**
- **Are you having trouble understanding your homework?**
- **Do you need a computer/printer to complete your homework?**

**Come to the Homework Station! We have everything you need to help you understand and finish your homework. No sign up. Just drop in.**



## PTO Corner

**PTO Membership at Registration:** Please be sure to sign up for PTO Membership when you register your child online for the new school year. This will make the school directory available to you and your membership will also go toward numerous programs at the school that benefit our children. Please also consider volunteering for the various events held by the PTO. Your help is always appreciated!

**PTO Meetings:** PTO Meetings are open to all parents and are a great way to get involved in your child's school. They are generally held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00, but some meetings are different due to holiday schedules or conflicts. Please check the school calendar for dates, or send an email to [paul@paulabke.com](mailto:paul@paulabke.com) for a schedule of meetings.

**Kroger Cards:** Please register your Kroger Card to benefit the Parcels PTO. (see instructions) Even if you signed up last year, the enrollment period ended in April and it is necessary to re-register. This is an easy source of income for the PTO and it doesn't cost you anything!

**School Clinic:** The Clinic is in need of volunteers. Even if it's only for a few hours, every bit helps. If you are interested, please contact Juli Mott Bastien.

**Kroger Plus Card Support Parcels – Enroll or Renew**  
**[www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com) school id # 91050**



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